

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** November 5, 2012

### **Title of Item:**

Authorize Issuance of Purchase Orders to Sprint Solutions, Inc. for Cellular Services, Radio Services, Equipment, and Repairs

### **Background and Analysis:**

The District's wireless usage is estimated at \$130,000 per year for access charges, airtime, and equipment. Equipment represents approximately ten percent of this amount.

Public Contract Code 20652 provides that the District may utilize contracts that have been awarded by other public entities. At the June 6, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board authorized the award of purchase orders to Sprint Solutions, Inc. based upon Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) Agreement No.1523 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$130,000 per fiscal year while the contract remains in affect. The agreement expired on October 31, 2012.

WSCA is a contracting consortium for state government departments, institutions, agencies and political subdivisions in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

WSCA entered into a new agreement for cellular services, radio services, equipment, and repair, which was publicly bid and awarded by the State of Nevada. WSCA Agreement No. 1907 supersedes Agreement No. 1523. The new WSCA Agreement No.1907 is valid through October 31, 2016. The state contract pricing is posted at <http://www.aboutwsca.org/contract.cfm/contract/w4-2001>.

WSCA Agreement No. 1907 allows for the District to contract with one of six cellular providers: AT &T Mobility, Discount Cell Inc., Sprint Solutions, Inc., T-Mobile USA, TESSCO Inc., and Verizon Wireless. District staff is currently evaluating the services and rates offered for each of the local providers to determine whether there is a cost and/or services benefit in switching providers from Sprint Solutions, Inc. to another provider. Staff will present the outcome of the evaluation to the Board of Trustees and recommend that the Board authorize award of a purchase order to another provider if it is determined that it is advantageous for the District to switch cellular services. Meanwhile, the District will continue to contract with Sprint Solutions, Inc. as its cellular services provider beginning November 1, 2012 through no later than the end of the fiscal year. The District may opt to terminate the contract earlier than June 30, 2013 depending on the outcome of the evaluation process. WSCA Agreement No. 1907 allows the District to cancel its services with Sprint Solutions, Inc. after a written sixty (60) day notice with no cancellation or termination charges.

### **Recommendation:**

Authorize the Interim Director of Purchasing Services, Gina Bailey, to issue a purchase order to Sprint Solutions, Inc. for cellular services, radio services, equipment, and repair based upon the terms and conditions of WSCA Agreement No. 1907 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$130,000 through no later than June 30, 2013.

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Is backup provided?	No