

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Justin Koster, Supervising Operator
Keane Sommers, P.E., Director of Power Systems

DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Purchase of Sno-Cat (Consent)

HYDROELECTRIC

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the sole-source purchase of one new 2024 2000BXL-26-5 Tucker-Terra Sno-Cat from Tucker Sno-Cat of Medford Oregon, approving a Budget Amendment to Fund 55 increasing budgeted expenditures by \$10,000, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

This Sno-Cat will be utilized to access the South Yuba Canal and Deer Creek Powerhouse in extreme weather conditions. The purchase of this Sno-Cat will improve employee safety by reducing the need to drive a Sno-Cat on Highway 20, reduce the wear and tear on the equipment associated with driving the Sno-Cat from one area of the canal to another, and increase the efficiency of patrolling the canal, cleaning trash racks, making emergency repairs, and completing routine inspections of the canal, forebay, penstock, and powerhouse.

The District and most neighboring agencies, uses Tucker Sno-Cats for work in the mountains. The Tucker Sno-Cat Corporation is headquartered in Medford Oregon meaning parts and factory service are readily available. The District currently has three Tucker Sno-Cats that have proven reliable and are well built. Staff recommends a sole source purchase of a 2024 2000BXL-26-5 Tucker-Terra Sno-Cat in order to match the other equipment that is currently in use.

When the 2024 budget was created in mid-2023, staff reached out to the Tucker Sno-Cat Corporation. At that time the budget recommendation was \$250,000. Since that time the costs of labor, materials, and equipment necessary to fabricate

the Sno-Cat has increased and the purchase is approximately \$6,800 over budget. Staff is requesting a Budget Amendment of \$10,000 to cover the increase cost of the equipment and any additional minor cost changes that may occur between the purchase and delivery of the equipment.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The 2024 Hydroelectric Maintenance Budget was approved to include \$250,000 in the Hydroelectric Capital Fund 55 account number 55167-52904 specifically designated for this purchase. The addition of \$10,000 in appropriations would bring the total budget to \$260,000.

Approval of the proposed amendment would increase the total Hydroelectric Capital Fund Budget by \$10,000 to \$4,575,000, with a projected ending spendable fund balance of \$48,815,996 at year end.

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Attachment (1)

- Resolution 2024-3 (2024 Fund 55 Capital Budget Amendment and Purchase of Sno-Cat)



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

2024 Fund 55 Capital Budget Amendment and Purchase of Sno-Cat

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (District) budget for the 2024 fiscal year reflects resources to meet the essential needs of the District and the District's customers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted the 2024 Annual Budget on November 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Annual Budget included \$250,000.00 for the purchase of a new Sno-Cat; and

WHEREAS, the cost to produce and deliver the Sno-Cat increased between the time the budget was generated and the purchase could be executed

WHEREAS, the current cost of the equipment is \$256,741.54

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Nevada Irrigation District:

1. The Board of Directors hereby approves increasing the 2024 Annual Budget to include an additional \$10,000 for the purchase of the Sno-Cat for a total amount not to exceed \$260,000 and bringing total 2024 Hydroelectric Capital Fund 55 total appropriations to \$4,575,000 for FY 2024.
2. The Board of Directors hereby approves the authorization of a sole purchase from the Tucker Sno-Cat Corporation for a 2024 2000BXL-26-5 TUCKER-TERRA.
3. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the documents necessary to cause the actions contemplated by this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of January 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors:
NOES:	Directors:
ABSENT:	Directors:
ABSTAINS:	Directors:

President of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary to the Board of Directors