



**Item:** Water Meter Equipment Purchases for FY13  
**From:** Utilities Division  
**Initiated By:** Public Works Department  
**Presented By:** Jim Rearden, Public Works Director  
**Action Requested:** Approve Purchase

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission approve the purchase of water meter equipment for the 2013 Fiscal Year from Dana Kepner Co. of Billings in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls for the vote.

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**Staff Recommendation:** Approve purchase.

**Background:**

Significant Impacts

Over the last 10 years, the City Water Distribution Division has been converting old TTR water meters, which are now obsolete, to ECR meters. Currently, there are 19,807 ECR meters in the system. There are 1,218 TTR meters left to replace. The ECR meters are compatible with our new radio read equipment, which makes reading meters easier and less time consuming. Currently, there are 4,883 MXUs (radio reads) installed in the city.

Purpose

To approve purchase of water meter equipment for FY13.

Project Work Scope

In Fiscal Year 2012, staff purchased \$282,780 worth of radio read equipment, new meters and meter parts and installation equipment from Dana Kepner Co. In Fiscal Year 2013, staff proposes to purchase radio read equipment, new meters and meter parts and installation equipment from Dana Kepner Co. totaling approximately \$270,000.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Dana Kepner Co. of Billings is the sole source distributor for compatible parts and equipment for the City's metering system. Due to compatibility issues with different equipment, supplies, and suppliers, staff proposes to continue to purchase equipment from Dana Kepner Co.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Water meter equipment and supply purchases are budgeted for on a yearly basis by the Public Works Water Distribution Division.

**Alternatives:**

The City Commission could vote to deny purchases.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

None.