



MEMORANDUM

TO: SLDMWA Finance & Administration Committee Members, Alternates
SLDMWA Board of Directors, Alternates

FROM: Pablo Arroyave, Chief Operating Officer

DATE: April 3, 2023

RE: Ratification of Purchase of Front End Loader and Related Expenditure of \$217,662 from the FY24 EO&M Budget

BACKGROUND

The Fiscal Year 2024 EO&M Budget adopted by the Water Authority Board of Directors in January 2023 includes funds (\$231,750) for the purchase of a front end loader.

SLDMWA staff utilized cooperative purchasing agreement procurement through Sourcewell to obtain quotes from John Deere (\$217,662) and Caterpillar (\$247,336). All Sourcewell contracts have been previously competitively solicited. The John Deere product was chosen because it met all of the requirements of the Water Authority and was priced lower than the Caterpillar option.

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether the Finance & Administration Committee should recommend, and the Board of Directors should ratify the purchase of a front end loader and related expenditure of \$217,662 from the FY24 EO&M budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends ratification.

ANALYSIS

Articles 1.1(b) and 4.5 of the Water Authority's Consolidated Procurement Policy govern the execution of contracts, and require Board authorization for purchases over \$200,000. In this instance, staff is seeking ratification of the purchase, as it was necessary to act quickly to take advantage of pricing and availability.

BUDGET

The required funds are included in the FY24 EO&M budget for the heavy equipment purchase.