



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-03 UA, Authorizing the Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-550 Regular Cab Chassis with a Wach's Valve Skid for a Total Cost of \$232,257.01

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-03 UA.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works – Water Division maintains a fleet that includes various work trucks, heavy equipment (e.g., backhoes, loaders), and miscellaneous tools (e.g., air compressors, welders). Among these is a 2005 Ford F550 Flatbed Valve Truck (Unit 834), which is used for critical tasks such as vacuum cleaning valve cans, exercising mainline and fire hydrant valves, and inspecting and maintaining fire hydrants throughout the City's water distribution system.

In addition, the Water Division currently operates a 1990 Ford F350 Flatbed (Unit 806), which has accumulated 99,942 miles and has reached the end of its useful life. Unit 806 is no longer compliant with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1196, which regulates public fleets operating heavy-duty vehicles. As a result, the City is required to decommission and replace this vehicle.

To maintain reliable and efficient water operations, staff recommends decommissioning Unit 806 and repurposing Unit 834 as a flatbed truck, following the removal of its outdated valve-turning equipment and broken toolboxes.

Staff has identified a 2026 Ford F550 Custom Flatbed Valve Truck available for purchase through Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing program the City is a member of. Utilizing Sourcewell enables the City to secure a competitively priced vehicle while avoiding the time and resource burden of developing and managing a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

JUSTIFICATION:

Unit 806, a 1990 Ford F350 Flatbed truck, is in need of replacement due to being at the end of its useful life and for not being in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1196.

Unit 834, originally retrofitted as a valve truck, lacks adequate tool space and is no longer suitable for its current use. After repurposing, it will serve as a replacement flatbed truck for Unit 806.

The new valve truck is essential for ongoing maintenance of the City's water distribution infrastructure and provides for many operating efficiencies such as, but not limited to: combining multiple valve

maintenance functions (i.e. vacuum, water jetting, valve turning and data collection); eliminates the need for multiple vehicle trips; reduction in crew time; improves valve maintenance leading to a reduced risk of failure during emergency events; reduces water loss due to quick response time for leak or repair work; and provides for a safer work environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$232,257.01 for the new valve truck was included in the adopted FY 2024/2025 budget under Account No. 660-6300-471.90-51 (Capital Expenditures – Automotive Equipment). A budget transfer will be made within the Water Operations Fund (Fund 660) to cover any shortfall in the specified account.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not adopt Resolution 2025-03 UA and provide alternative direction to staff. Without replacing the existing valve truck, the City will remain in non-compliance with SCAQMD Rule 1196. Additionally, Water Division operations may be jeopardized due to the unreliability of aging Unit 839.

BUDGETED?:

Yes

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [CC_RESOLUTION_2025-03 UA_Valve_Truck.docx](#)
2. [12636R2_CITY OF BANNING_11' FLATBED WITH WACHS SKID_SW_PASS THRU \(002\).pdf](#)
3. [Wachs Valve Skid.pdf](#)
4. [WATER DISTRICT BODY#4 \(002\).pdf](#)
5. [Unit 834 Valve Truck.jpeg](#)
6. [Unit 806.jpeg](#)