



**Item:** Water Meter Equipment Purchases for FY10  
**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 the City Commission approve the purchase of water meter equipment for the 2010 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. The ECR meters are used with our new radio read equipment, which makes reading meters easier and less time consuming.

Citizen Participation

N/A

Workload Impacts

N/A

Purpose

To approve purchase of water meter equipment for FY10.

Project Work Scope

In Fiscal Year 2009, staff purchased \$265,593 worth of radio read equipment and new meters from Dana Kepner Co. Additionally, staff also purchased \$21,290 worth of meter parts and installation equipment, including meter horns in Fiscal Year 2009. In Fiscal Year 2010, staff proposes to purchase radio read equipment and new meters totaling approximately \$240,000.

Staff also proposes to purchase \$30,000 worth of meter parts and installation equipment, including meter horns in FY10.

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.

**Concurrences:**

N/A

**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.