

Environment Committee

Meeting date: April 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 25, 2018

Subject: Land Application Spreaders for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant

District(s), Member(s): Districts 15, Steven Chavez; District 16, Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the sole source procurement of two land application spreaders for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant from UFC Farm Supply in the amount of \$760,773.00.

Background

Two land application spreaders are needed to support the land application program and the new recommended biosolids pad management strategy at the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant. The two existing spreaders are 17- and 18-years-old and parts are obsolete. UFC Farm Supply is the only vendor who can commercially provide the specific equipment needed for this application without having to re-engineer and manufacture.

Two land application spreaders have been approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Public Facilities Authority funding under the 2013 Facility Plan for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements. Compared to current operations, the new biosolids pad management strategy has a total net present value savings of \$2,900,000.

Rationale

Procurements exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This procurement supports the Thrive Outcomes for stewardship and sustainability as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system as well as invest in it so that it can be operated in an effective and efficient way.

Funding

Funds are provided in the 2018 Capital Program, Project No. 807400

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this procurement.