

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: January 13, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Award of Bid No. 534-09 2009 Sewer Maintenance Services**

Recommendation:

Award a one (1) year contract, with annual extensions subject to City Council approval, with an annual cost of \$176,422.19 to Houston and Harris PCS, Inc. for Sewer Maintenance Services. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

\$176,422.19 annually; sufficient funds are available in account number 480-4755-402.

Background:

The County, through its Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer system. The City Council authorized moving the sewer operations and maintenance in house, which the City did effective July 1, 2008. As the City prepared to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of its sewers from the County of Los Angeles, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 876, establishing a Sewer Service Charge to pay for the operation and maintenance of the sewers and for future replacement of the main lines.

Operations and maintenance of the sewer system, by the City staff, began on July 1, 2008. The operations budget for the Utility Services Division budget included funds to contract a portion of the sewer cleaning to assist staff.

The sewers to be cleaned are those currently on a 120 day and longer maintenance cycle. The use of the contractor services allows city crews to concentrate on the sewers that are on a 30 to 90 day maintenance period and to respond to any sewer emergency callouts.

City staff solicited bids for sewer maintenance services. On December 22, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., the City conducted a bid opening for Bid No. 534-09. Six (6) sealed bids were received, opened, and read aloud. The bids were as follows:

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| 1. Houston and Harris PCS, Inc. | \$176,422.19 |
| 2. Huffman Southwest Corp. dba Pro Pipe | \$194,013.05 |
| 3. National Plant Services | \$263,552.00 |
| 4. United Storm Water | \$290,494.78 |
| 5. Pacific Liners | \$297,538.78 |
| 6. Tejon Constructor's | \$789,235.75 |