# City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** July 17, 2018

**TO:** Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

**FROM:** Nils Bentsen, City Manager

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Contract-Badger Meter, Inc. dba National Meter and Automation

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Chair and Board Members of the Hesperia Water District authorize the City Manager to approve a contract for Fiscal Year 2018-19 with Badger Meter, Inc. doing business as National Meter and Automation in the not-to exceed amount of \$250,000 for the purchase of Badger water meters and related Badger water meter parts.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Hesperia Water District has standardized various services and repair products in order to minimize the need to stock multiple products and to simplify installation processes. National Meter and Automation was acquired by Badger Meter Inc. in 2014, and is now the direct distributor in Southern California for Badger water meters. Badger water meters are one of the products the District has standardized.

# **ISSUES/ANALYSIS**

Badger water meters interface with the cellular end points that will be deployed over the next four years for the automated metering infrastructure, and with Badger's Beacon automated metering analytics software. This contract to purchase Badger water meters will allow the Customer Service/Meter division to continue the meter rotation program, with an estimated 1,000 meters to be replaced in FY 18-19, and by converting the remaining drive-by automated meter reading system and manual read meters to the advanced automated metering system. It will also allow for the purchase of Badger water meters and miscellaneous replacement Badger meter parts for the purpose of new service installs and the maintenance of existing services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding has been identified within the FY 18-19 budgets for Water District divisions, Customer Service/Meters and Distribution under account numbers 700-29-400-4050-7400 and 700-29-400-4030-7400 respectively.

## **ALTERNATIVE(S)**

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

## ATTACHMENT(S)

None.

