

SEMSWA BOARD COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: May 16, 2007	1 st Reading _____ 2 nd Reading _____	Legal Review:	Agenda Location:	Agenda Item:
Subject: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$7,200 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 14,000 GVWR GOOSE-NECK DUMP TRAILER				
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KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- This resolution approves the expenditure of SEMSWA funds for the purchase of a small dump trailer for use by maintenance program personnel.
- The equipment will allow SEMSWA employees to haul equipment and materials to and from job sites.
- Employees currently rent trailers for the above purposes at \$70 to \$100 per day.
- The use of a trailer is anticipated to be needed for 60 to 90 days for the remainder of 2007.
- It is expected that the cost of the equipment will be offset by the cost to rent this type of equipment for the remainder of the year.
- The life expectancy of the new trailer is 6-8 years.
- This represents 5 to 7 years without the need to expend funds for the rental of a trailer.
- The amount requested includes bed-lining protection not part of the original quote, which is \$6,984.

BUDGET / STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

- Funding for this is available in the 2007 Budget.
- \$700 would need to be set aside for replacement of this equipment at the end of its useful life.
- SEMSWA Maintenance staff would gain considerable efficiency by eliminating the time it takes to travel to and from a vendor's place of business.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the purchase of the 14,000 GVWR goose-neck dump trailer because it significantly reduces overall costs of operation in the future and increases worker efficiency.

HISTORY:

- SEMSWA is committed to providing maintenance services effectively and efficiently with in-house resources. This recommendation supports this goal.