

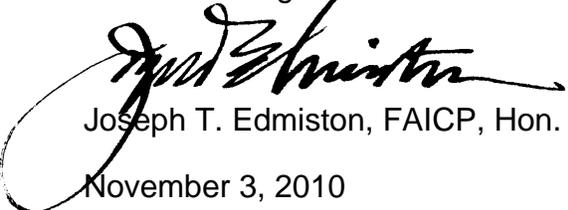


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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: November 3, 2010

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VIII: Consideration of resolution authorizing the purchase of electric assisted ranger patrol bicycles from Currie Technologies.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of electric assisted ranger patrol bicycles from Currie Technologies.

Background: The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has worked with Currie Technologies regarding the development of an electric assist bicycle for patrol use. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has also provided suggestion regarding the design and features for this project. Currie Technologies is the leader in this field, and has developed a unique product which combines an intuitive drive system, long battery life, and excellent response.

Electric assist bicycles provided additional power during hard pedal inputs. The electric assist is provided automatically. There are no throttles or controls, and the bike rider must pedal in order for an electric assist to be provided.

Field testing by MRCA bike rangers has yielded favorable results. It is our belief that these bikes will provide for increased efficiency during certain specialized patrol assignments, filling the transportation gap between four wheel vehicles and "human only" power.

The MRCA will be allowed to use the LAPD pricing schedule for this purchase. The purchase price of three units and the maintenance contract is \$10,250.00. Currie Technologies will donate one bike for public relation purposes. This yields a per unit price (including the maintenance contract and donation bike value) of \$2,562.50..

The Eastern End contract will purchase one of the bicycles from their budget (external funding), with the remainder amount of \$7,687.50 paid for from the special public safety fund. Delivery is expected in the first quarter of next year.