



# RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES

## Board Memorandum

**BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**DATE: APRIL 13, 2026**

**SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATORS UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 020923-GNR FROM AVIATE ENTERPRISES INC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$996,500**

**ISSUE:**

Consider authorizing the purchase of emergency backup generators under Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 020923-GNR from Aviate Enterprises Inc., in the estimated amount of \$996,500.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approve purchase of emergency backup generators under Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement No. 020923-GNR from Aviate Enterprises Inc. for the Water Operations division for an estimated amount of \$996,500; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the individual purchase agreements, purchase orders, and all necessary documents as needed for these individual purchases with all authority for such, including approval of non-substantial changes.

**BACKGROUND:**

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) operates and maintains portable emergency backup generators to support critical water infrastructure, including wells and booster stations, during power outages. These units can be rapidly deployed and connected to RPU's essential facilities to minimize disruptions to water delivery during unplanned electrical outages within the Cities of San Bernardino and Riverside.

Portable generators must comply with emissions standards established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). RPU's existing generators will not meet regulatory compliance requirements in the future. Replacement of these generators is therefore necessary to maintain compliance and ensure continued operational reliability during emergency power outages.

RPU's water facilities are in Riverside and San Bernardino, with some facilities receiving electrical service from Southern California Edison (SCE). SCE's service territory is subject to both planned and unplanned outages, including Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events due to high winds,

wildfire mitigation, grid reliability actions, often occurring with limited advance notice. While some events, such as PSPS, are intended to protect the public from wildfire or other harm caused by electrical equipment, the outages pose operational risks to water delivery.

Approval is requested to purchase five portable generators ranging from 175 kW to 570 kW to support continued operation of critical water facilities during emergency conditions and to ensure operational continuity and regulatory compliance. These units will maintain local water production and distribution during power outages. Acquisition of this equipment will enhance water system reliability, strengthen emergency preparedness, and support the protection of public health during emergencies and post-incident recovery.

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Riverside utilizes a Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement, which provides competitive municipal vehicle and equipment pricing. Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government (Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3). Sourcewell uses cooperative contract purchasing to leverage more than 50,000 member agencies' national purchasing power while streamlining the required purchasing process. As a municipal, national contracting agency, Sourcewell establishes and provides nationally leveraged and competitively solicited purchasing contracts under the guidance of the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. Joint Powers laws enable members to purchase through their awarded contracts.

If approved, five portable emergency generators and automatic transfer switches will be procured. Reliable backup power is essential to maintaining uninterrupted water production and distribution, particularly during extended or unplanned outages. These outages, especially during high-risk summer months when wildfire risk is elevated, pose significant operational challenges, and the limited advance notice often provided further constrains the utility's ability to implement timely mitigation measures. Table A lists the 5 proposed generators and related equipment to be replaced.

**Table A – Proposed Generators and Fiscal Breakdown**

<b>GENERATOR TYPE</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST PER GENERATOR</b>	<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL COST</b>
Generac Mobile Generator - MGE570 Sourcewell # 2410 (Generac Sourcewell 020923-GNR)	3	\$248,000	\$744,000
Generac Mobile Generator - MDG175DF4 Sourcewell # 2410 (Generac Sourcewell 020923-GNR)	2	\$115,000	\$230,000
Automatic Transfer Switch - 400A Sourcewell # 2410 (Generac Sourcewell 020923-GNR)	5	\$4,500	\$22,500
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$996,500</b>

Generac Power Systems Inc. holds a cooperative agreement with Sourcewell, a national service cooperative that provides government procurement resources and solutions to members in the government, education, and nonprofit sectors. Aviate Enterprise Inc. is an authorized dealer of Generac Power Systems Inc. and offers pricing per the Sourcewell cooperative agreement. Because the City of Riverside is a Sourcewell member, Generac Power Systems Inc. and Aviate Enterprises Inc. are eligible to offer the City competitively awarded, best-value government pricing in accordance with Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 020923.

This cooperative purchasing program allows the City to access pricing established through a competitive procurement process conducted on behalf of public agencies nationwide.

RFP No. 020923, for portable construction equipment with related accessories and attachments, was posted on the Sourcwell website on December 20, 2022. A total of 34 prospective bidders downloaded the proposal documents. Prior to the proposal due date, Sourcwell issued two (2) addenda.

On February 9, 2023, Sourcwell received 18 proposals. A four-member evaluation committee reviewed and scored the proposals based on the criteria established in the RFP. As a result of this evaluation, Generac Power Systems Inc. ranked no. 1 and was subsequently awarded a contract.

Purchasing Resolution 24101, Section 602 states, “Competitive Procurement through the Informal Procurement and Formal Procurement process shall not be required in any of the following circumstances.... (f) When Cooperative Purchasing is available and undertaken or when Goods can be obtained through Federal, State and/or other public entity pricing contracts or price agreements.”

The Purchasing Manager concurs that the recommended actions comply with Purchasing Resolution No. 24101.

The Fleet Services Manager concurs with the recommendations in this report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total fiscal impact is \$996,500. Sufficient funds are available in the RPU's Facility Rehabilitation Account No. 6230000-470803.

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Attachments:

1. Sourcwell Contract No. 020923-GNR
2. Aviate Enterprises Quote No. Q25282-09RAS1
3. Presentation