




**City of Yuba City  
Public Safety and Administrative Services Departments  
Staff Report**

**Date:** November 7, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Richard Doscher, Chief of Police   
Marc Boomgaarden, Fire Chief   
Jack Smith, General Services Manager 

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**Summary**

**Subject:** Motorola Radio Purchase

**Recommendation:** In the best interest of the City, authorize the sole source purchase of Motorola radios, radio equipment and servicing, for use in all City safety operations - Fiscal Years of 06/07 and 07/08. Includes individual item purchases as well as accumulated item totals in excess of \$25,000 in the years indicated.

**Alternative:** 1) Do not purchase  
2) Instruct staff to complete a formal bid

**Fiscal Impact:** The funding for purchasing of this equipment comes from many sources. Some of the sources include grant funding, the Vehicle Replacement Fund and the General Fund. All funds to be expended will be properly budgeted/appropriated.

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**Details**

**Purpose:** To provide a radio network used by safety personnel in support of our community that will be interoperable with other local agencies along with the State and Federal governments.

**Background:** The City has been purchasing Motorola radio equipment for many years. The main infrastructure backbone of the City's radio system is based on Motorola products. Motorola radios, their related accessories and service, have provided excellent reliability to the City.

Motorola has set the standard in the area of radios for government use. They are the radio of choice for the US Armed Forces and other federal agencies such as Homeland Security. The State Office of Emergency Services and California Department of Forestry also use Motorola radio equipment.

While your Council has authorized current major sole source contact purchases with these vendors in relation to grant fund expenditures, our policy requires we also seek your approval for general fund expenditures for these types of items, especially when we reach the \$25,000 level as we often do with accessories for new vehicle purchases etc.

**Purchase Method:** Currently all Motorola radio equipment is purchased from Sutter Buttes Communication of Yuba City or directly from Motorola. Purchases have been made using a combination of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) contracts, Federal General Services Administration (GSA) contracts, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) contracts, and other bid or negotiated pricing.

Prior to any major purchase, staff evaluates which contract provides the best available pricing to making the purchase.

Sutter Buttes Communication is currently the only authorized service center for Motorola equipment in our area. They provide services to all other local agencies in our area.

Staff will re-evaluate in fiscal year FY09.

**Conclusion:** Staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to sole source Motorola radios, radio equipment and service for use in all safety operations for the City.