

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL APPROVING  
TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR SHOPPING FOR USED FARM  
EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a key element of the City's wastewater treatment operation is the final disposal of a portion of the effluent by irrigating alfalfa. The reclamation site harvests more than 3,000 bales of hay per year. When the reclamation effort began in 1990 the staff found old equipment to get the operation underway. The hay wagon and hay baler are old and deteriorated from more than 20 years of use and need to be replaced. New equipment would be more expensive than our volume of hay production would justify. A budget of \$35,000 for a bale wagon, and \$25,000 for a hay baler has been approved for purchasing used replacement equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, purchase of replacement equipment has been approved for the past two budget years. In 1998 staff tried to buy suitable used equipment through our normal bid processes without success. A new, more flexible, procurement approach is required to fill this unusual need. Staff recommends that the City Administrator be authorized to supplement the normal request for proposal process with a process that allows the Wastewater Staff to shop for the equipment and locate the best value available and make a suitable deposit to hold the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, out of state travel may be required to find the best value.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to approve one or more shopping trips, including out of state if necessary, for the Wastewater Staff to attempt to purchase suitable equipment. A deposit may be made for items selected in order to hold the items until the Council can approve the final purchase.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of February, 1999, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Mayor Darnell, Council Member Carter, Holloway, Morgan, and Rollins

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

  
Donna Darnell, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
John I. Sterling  
City Clerk