

**FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD APRIL 17, 2018**

Fresno Irrigation District's Equipment Committee met at the District office located at 2907 South Maple Avenue – Fresno, California, on April 17, 2018. The meeting began at 3:00 P.M.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Director George Porter
Director Chris Woolf

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Operations Manager Adam Claes
Construction and Maintenance Superintendent Mike Prestridge
Shop Foreman Tim Pritchard

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S EQUIPMENT REPORT

Staff met with the Equipment Committee to review and discuss the purchase of a replacement chipper.

a. Discussion / Recommendation of Chipper Replacement Bids

Staff met with the Equipment Committee to review and discuss the submitted bids for the proposed chipper replacement purchase. Staff previously discussed the purchase of this item at the March 20, 2018, Equipment Committee meeting, and received direction at the March 20, 2018, Board meeting to obtain bids for an upsized (15-inch versus FID's existing 12-inch) replacement chipper. Staff reviewed each of the bids received, the differences between the brands and models of the bids received, the available safety system options that can be added, and the recommended award. Staff also contacted several large local tree-trimming companies and each one recommended the Morbark over the Vermeer brand. The Morbark includes some significant advantages that should provide better performance and longevity (larger diameter chipper drum, twice the number of cutting knives, hydraulic feed rollers instead of mechanical springs, height adjustable discharge boom, and better wheels/tires). Both the Morbark and Vermeer chippers come standard with safety bar shutoff systems at the entrance to the feeder but the Morbark also offers an optional Chipsafe safety system, which utilizes special bands worn around the user's wrist and ankles along with a sensor in the feeder inlet. If the bands enter the feeder, the chipper shuts off immediately. The Chipsafe system is an additional \$3,800 and includes enough bands for four workers.

The recommended bid is shown in the attached table (row highlighted in gray). Staff will present the committee's recommendation to the Board of Directors at the regular meeting held immediately after the committee meeting on April 17, 2018.

Equipment Committee Recommendation

The Committee agreed to present to the full Board during April's regular Board meeting (later that day as a walk-in item) the recommendation to purchase the proposed replacement 15-inch (upsized) chipper.

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Staff's recommendation is to purchase the Morbark chipper with the Chipsafe system at the bid quote of approximately \$76,500 for the reasons stated above.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted By,



Adam Claes
Operations Manager