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**Board of Water Commissioners**  
March 12, 2020 Board Meeting

CHRISTOPHER J. GARNER, General Manager

**Subject:**

Authorization to join the following public sector cooperative purchasing organizations: OMNIA Partners, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, and California Department of General Services, which will allow Long Beach Water Department access to the portfolios of competitively solicited and publicly-awarded contracts with national vendors.

**Executive Summary:**

A "purchasing cooperative" is a type of cooperative arrangement to aggregate demand from various government agencies, municipalities, schools, colleges and universities to get lower prices from suppliers and service providers. When a government agency joins a cooperative purchasing organization, the agency is then given access to the portfolios of competitively solicited and publicly-awarded contracts by other government agencies that are part of that cooperative purchasing organization. Once a contract is identified as a favorable option to "piggyback" for the desired goods or service, The Department can then "piggyback" on the contracts when authorized by a separate Resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners for that specific contract.

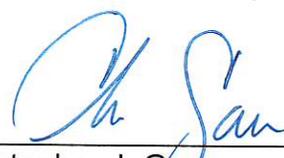
OMNIA Partners, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, and California Department of General Services are various cooperative purchasing organizations that offers contracts that are of interest to the Department. These cooperative purchasing organizations offer a wide array of contracts for goods and services, such as office supplies, building materials, vehicles and equipment, and maintenance and repair services that the Department already contract for. Joining these cooperative purchasing organizations can reduce the cost of goods and services by aggregating purchasing power and streamlining the purchasing process.

**Staff Recommendation:**

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**Fiscal Impact:** There is no cost to join the various cooperative purchasing organizations.

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Assistant General Manager – Operations

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Christopher J. Garner Date  
General Manager

