



Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of City Manager Ed Shikada, please find below the staff responses to questions made by Councilmember Tanaka regarding the [Monday, February 13 Council Meeting](#) consent agenda items:

**ITEM 6:** Approval of a 6-year Contract with Manesco Corporation in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$697,326 to Conduct Annual Walking and Mobile Gas Leak Surveys and Annual Resurveys of Existing Gas Leaks to Begin March 2023 (\$633,932) and Authorization of Contract Contingency (\$63,393); CEQA status—exempt under CEQA Guidelines sections 15301(c) and 15308

Staff responses are below:

**1. What was the annual pricing per walking and mobile gas survey agreed upon in the previous gas surveying contract?**

The last leak surveying contract was a 5 year contract. The first year of the contract was \$85,750, with annual increases of 1% each year.

**2. What was missing from Health Consultants Inc's bid that caused it to be designated as nonresponsive?**

Heath Consultants submitted a bid and completed the City's bid table. The evaluation, however, found problems with their bid numbers. Purchasing and the project team met with Heath Consultants and provided an opportunity for them to explain the numbers, but they could not and Heath Consultants requested to be dropped out of the bid opportunity and deemed non-responsive.

**3. The numbers in the table on the last page of the staff report under Health Consultants Inc do not add up. What are the correct values of this table?**

See response to question #2.

**4. How was the number of needed walking gas surveys, 9000, derived?**

The 9,000 gas services to be leak surveyed annually is an estimate and is used for bidding purposes. The City divides the gas system walking leak survey evenly, each year, to complete the leak survey of the entire City in two years. We query out the number of gas services based on the City's grid/mapping.

**5. Why are 120 identified non-hazardous gas leaks allowed to persist throughout the city annually without being fixed when we are aware of them?**

The 120 "Grade 3 Leaks" these leaks are recognized as non-hazardous to persons or property at the time of detection and can be reasonably expected to remain non-hazardous. The City is required by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to grade all leaks that are found within the gas system. The City focuses on repairing "Grade 1" gas leaks immediately, "Grade 2" gas leaks within 1 year and "Grade 3" gas leaks can be repaired or will be monitored the following year. This is an acceptable minimum safety standard allowed by the Department of Transportation (DOT). The department has plans in place to address these "Grade 3" gas leaks and try's to address as many as possible within the year. Due to other critical tasks, staffing can impact the amount that can be done in a years' time.