Resolution authorizing Public Works to advertise for formal bids for an annual roadside herbicide spraying contract on 200 miles of County-maintained paved roads.

Contracting to spray the right-of-ways instead of using County crews and equipment would eliminate the County's responsibility and costs for employee training, certification of all employees, potential liability for employee handling of herbicides, tort liability, etc. It would also ensure the spray program being carried out twice a year without fail due to lack of equipment, equipment downtime, or lack of manpower (which has occurred in the past).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the past, the County Road Division has performed the herbicide spraying along County roads at an annual cost of approximately $38,000. This included the cost of materials, supplies, equipment, training, and personnel. On occasion, the spraying has not been accomplished on many roads due to more pressing maintenance requirements. In the spring of 1993, the Board authorized the Road Division to contract with a weed control contractor to spray 200 miles of roadside right-of-way. The contractor accomplished the program in a shorter time period at a cost savings to the County.

County Counsel has found that prevailing wage rates are not required for maintenance contracts.

In March, 1993, per Resolution No. 93-161, the Board requested that the formal bid process be pursued for the future, that prevailing wage requirements be reviewed, and specifications be written to allow for one or two sprayings per year, depending on the type of program.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Not go out for bid and continue to spray using County equipment and personnel. Savings in costs, liability and use of Road maintenance personnel would not be realized. Weed control would continue to be inconsistent, depending on other priorities.

2. Discontinue the spraying program. The weeds would continue to encroach on the pavement causing traffic safety hazards, and pavement damage and drainage problems.
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: ____________________________

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: [Signature]

Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

____ Recommended
____ Not Recommended
____ For Policy Determination
____ Submitted with Comment
____ Returned for Further Action

Comment: ____________________________________________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________

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ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

INVITATION TO BID
FOR
MARIPOSA COUNTY ANNUAL ROADSIDE HERBICIDE SPRAYING CONTRACT

Mariposa County Department of Public Works invites qualified, experienced and licensed contractors to submit sealed bids for an Annual Roadside Herbicide Spraying Contract.

Sealed bids will be received at the Department of Public Works, 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA 95338 until 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 27, 1993. Bids must be in a sealed envelope and marked "Annual Roadside Herbicide Spraying Contract" on the outside.

The sealed bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 27, 1993.

Contract specifications and bid documents for the herbicide spraying contract are available to qualified bidders at the Department of Public Works, 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA 95338, (209) 966-5356 at NO CHARGE.

The scope of work to be performed consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation and incidentals necessary to spray 200 miles (400 lane-miles) of County-maintained roads and right-of-ways.

This maintenance contract is not subject to prevailing wage rate determinations.

Contract award will be at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors based on work experience, references, contractor availability and rates.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject all bids or extend the annual contract as they deem necessary.

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