

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Resolution authorizing Public Works to award the bid for herbicide spraying to the lowest responsible bidder and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute a contract.

This recommendation will continue the one-time application in the spring on 456 miles (912 lane miles) of County-maintained roads and rights-of-way. This will allow the program to continue and enable the Road Division to treat the destructive weeds that encroach on the pave road surface.

The most recent contract was completed on June 30, 2000.

With the cooperation of the Farm Advisor and the California Noxious Weed Alliance under SB 1740, we have entered into a 3-year agreement with matching funds. The Weed Alliance's portion is \$10,000 annually; this will cover starthistle control. The County's obligation is also \$10,000 annually. The remainder of the contract is budgeted this fiscal year and next fiscal year.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On March 26, 2001 Public Works advertised in the local paper for two weeks requesting bids for the annual herbicide contract. The bids were opened on April 16, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.; two bids were received. The lowest responsible bidder was Custom Weed Control at a price of \$35.50 per lane mile.

On September 10, 1996 the Board authorized the Public Works to advertise for bids and to execute a contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the roadside herbicide spraying.

On October 7, 1997 the Board authorized a one-year extension of the contract with Custom Weed Control for roadside herbicide spraying and approved increasing the lane-mile rate.

On October 21, 1999 a contract was executed with Custom Weed Control, terminating effective June 30, 2000.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. No action; rebid contract for services which will involve additional staff costs, time and the results will likely produce a higher per-lane-mile cost.
2. Eliminate the roadside herbicide spraying. This would allow the harmful weeds to proliferate, causing safety concerns and considerable damage to the existing road system, eventually necessitating a greater expense to mitigate.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY> \$ _____
B. Total anticipated Costs> \$ _____
C. Required additional funding> \$ _____
D. Internal transfers> \$ _____

SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues> \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies> \$ _____
C. Source description: > _____
Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
\$ _____

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Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Approved Denied

Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office

Date: _____

ATTEST: _____

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

By: _____

Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

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

Comment: _____

C.A.O. Initials: _____