

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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

Resolution waiving the formal bid process and authorizing a one-year extension of the contract with Custom Weed Control for the roadside herbicide spraying program and approving increase in lane-mile rate and authorizing the Public Works Director to negotiate a subsequent contract change order (not to exceed \$20,000 extra) for yellow star thistle abatement within County road rights-of-way.

The present contractor has proven to be very knowledgeable and reliable and his rates have been consistently lower than most in the business. We have communicated our concerns of problem areas that will require extra attention and will need both a fall and spring application. We have also requested the use of Transline, a product that is very effective on noxious weeds such as yellow star thistle, vetch and wild peach. Due to these changes and substantial increases in fuel costs, the contractor has requested that the lane-mile rate be increased to \$45.50 (it was \$35.50 last year). It is estimated that \$45,000 for herbicide spraying will be required this fiscal year. Public Works recommends approval of this increase as it is reasonable due to the necessary change in formula to be used and the higher fuel costs. The amount of \$45,000 has been included in the approved FY 97/98 budget for Roads programs.

Also, the Board approved an amount of \$20,000 for additional yellow star thistle abatement which will be performed as a negotiated contract change order. Staff will report back to the Board on a recommended program in conjunction with the Farm Advisor.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

In September, 1996, the Board authorized Public Works to advertise for bids for the roadside herbicide spraying and a contract was awarded to Custom Weed Control in October, 1996. In 1995, the Board awarded an annual contract to another contractor with a provision for annual extensions. This contractor did not perform satisfactorily, thus necessitating another bid process in 1996. Prior to 1995, Custom Weed Control had been the successful bidder since 1993 when the roadside spray program was initially contracted out (in place of using County forces).

**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. Do not extend the contract nor rebid and use County forces. This is not cost effective and Road and Facilities' crews do not have adequate time available to perform this task.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY> \$ 65,000

B. Total anticipated Costs> \$ 65,000

C. Required additional funding> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. Internal transfers> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COSTS: ( ) 4/5th Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Reserve for contingencies> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Source description: > Roads/Professional Services  
Construction

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: \_\_\_\_\_