

93-161

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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Deputy Director, Roads

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No X)

Public Works recommends this Resolution waiving formal bid procedures, authorizing the Roads Division to seek informal bids for roadside herbicide spraying on 200 miles of County-maintained paved roads and for the Public Works Director to execute the contract after approval by County Counsel for form and legal sufficiency.

This action is necessary to allow the spraying to proceed as soon as possible for an effective spring application. With the recent storm damage, the Roads Division is significantly behind schedule with many maintenance activities including the roadside herbicide program.

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 as has happened this spring and in the past.

There is also a possible cost savings to the County based on information received by Public Works from a local weed control contractor.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the past, the County Road Division has performed the herbicide spraying along the County roads at an annual cost of approximately \$38,000. This includes the cost of materials, supplies, equipment, training, and personnel. On occasion, the spraying has not been accomplished on many roads because of more pressing maintenance requirements.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Not bid for services and continue to spray using County equipment and personnel. Savings in costs, liability and use of Road maintenance personnel would not be realized. The spray program this spring could be jeopardized.
2. Require a formal bid procedure. No spring program would be accomplished.

COSTS: () Not Applicable	
A. Budgeted current FY	\$ 38,000
B. Total anticipated costs	\$ 38,000
C. Required additional funding	\$ -0-
D. Internal transfers	\$ _____
SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required	
A. Unanticipated revenues	\$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies	\$ _____
C. Source description:	_____
Balance in Reserve Contingencies, if approved: \$	_____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number
the pages consecutively:

Bid Specifications (Draft)

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Vote - Ayes: 5 No. _____

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
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda: _____

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

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: _____