



**SUBJECT: Amendment to increase the annual aggregate amount for countywide contracted weed abatement services.**

**BACKGROUND (Continued):**

The County Fire Department administers weed abatement services (disking, flail mowing, and hand cleaning), on a contractual basis as directed and approved by the manager of the Hazard Reduction Program. Clearing of land is done in accordance with Riverside County Ordinance No. 695.

County Purchasing issued a Request for Proposal for the Fire Department in FY 01/02 for services through June 2006. Solicitations were sent to 81 vendors and advertised on the Internet requesting proposals for 10 geographic areas. Seven responses were received with a cost of \$33.00 to \$100 per acre. The proposals were evaluated on the overall responsiveness to the requirements of the detailed scope of work, the ability to perform, the quality of the work plan, and overall cost. Staff members from the Fire Department provided the evaluations.

**PRICE REASONABLENESS:** The most responsive/responsible vendors were selected based on the competitive bids received and their qualifications. There are no overlapping areas and the award was recommended to the low cost bidder in each geographic area.

The individual rates charged for this increase in services will remain unchanged.

**Exhibit A**

The increased amount to each vendor is as follows:

B & L Weed Abatement	\$ 60,353
Ace Weed Abatement	\$ 82,292
Inland Empire Property Services, Inc.	\$ 154,332
James J. Deguire	\$ 93,033
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	\$ 390,000

Geographic areas determine which vendor is utilized.  
The funds will be moved between vendors as needed.

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**Attachment B**

Increase Appropriations:		
10000 – 2700200000 – 527940	Weed Abatement	\$390,000
Increase Estimated Revenue:		
10000 – 2700200000 – 777650	Weed Abatement	\$390,000