

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 27, 2004

SUBJECT: Palm Tree Removal Project for Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the lowest responsive bid submitted by California Tree Service;
2. Award the construction contract in the amount of \$138,289.00;
3. Authorize the Chairman to execute the attached contract;
4. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or his designee to administer the contract in accordance with Board Policy B11; and
5. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustment described on Attachment A.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio features numerous date palm trees at various locations throughout the site, including two groves located at the south end (near Dr. Carreon Road). The groves have traditionally been farmed for date production, but the age of the date palms has contributed greatly to a significant decline in the annual crop yields. In addition, some of the trees have fallen or have begun to tip at an alarming rate. EDA staff has consulted with the company that farms the groves as well as with some local experts and have reached the conclusion that the date groves and some of the other palm trees on the grounds must be removed.

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 138,289.00	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004-05

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Fair	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

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BY *Lee A. Hoover*

County Executive Office Signature

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 Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:	District: 4th	Agenda Number:
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**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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The danger that the falling trees represent to the public and to staff, the poor crop yield, and the cost of replacement all lead staff to the conclusion that approximately 400 trees must be removed. The Economic Development Agency issued a notice inviting bids for the Palm Tree Removal project on October 22, 2004, with bids due on November 8, 2004.

The California Tree Service submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$138,289.00. The scope of work includes the removal and grinding of the trees, the removal of each tree stump, and rough grading the sites. The work will take approximately 30 days.

EDA staff is sensitive to the fact that the County's annual fair is called the National Date Festival and proposes to plant a replacement demonstration grove of date palms, showcasing each variety of dates grown in the Coachella Valley. EDA has already received commitments for the donation of trees for the demonstration grove from the local growers. The location of the demonstration grove will be along the main pathways that extend north to south within the fairgrounds.

County Counsel has reviewed the contract documents and staff is recommending approval of the contract.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A

Construction Contract (3 copies)

Notice Inviting Bids

Bid Summary

Contractor Payment and Performance Bonds

Contractor's Insurance Certificate

ATTACHMENT A

Increase Appropriations:

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Improvements - Land: \$138,289.00

Note: The offset is Available Fund Balance