

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

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FROM: FIRE

SUBMITTAL DATE: November 2, 2005

SUBJECT: Amendment to extend the performance period for countywide contracted weed abatement services through January 31, 2006.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve extending the performance period to the four professional service contracts for weed abatement services until January 31, 2006.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to amend the existing contracts per Exhibit A to reflect the extension period through January 31, 2006, while Fire and Central Purchasing complete the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

BACKGROUND: On June 11, 2002, item 3.34, the Board approved a multi-year personal/professional services agreement with four vendors for weed abatement services managed by the Riverside County Fire Department. The extended performance period is needed to allow the weed abatement program to continue as required under County Ordinance No. 695.2, while new requests for proposals can be gathered and evaluated by Purchasing and Fire Department Staff. 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.

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Gail R. Barclay, Deputy
For Craig E. Anthony, County Fire Chief *Director*

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 500,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 05/06

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *[Signature]*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Purchasing: *[Signature]*
Asst. Director

Departmental Concurrence

SUBJECT: Amendment to extend the Performance Period for countywide contracted weed abatement services.

BACKGROUND (Continued):

County Purchasing issued a Request for Proposal for the Fire Department in FY 01/02 for services through June 2005. 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. Over the last three years, these contractors held their prices firm. Due to the substantial increases in fuel and labor, the major components in these rates, the contractors are increasing their rates during this extension period to an average of \$8.00 per acre. This will increase the average total cost per acre from \$35.00 to approximately \$43.00 per acre.

Exhibit A

The performance period extension amount to each vendor is as follows:

B & L Weed Abatement	\$ 60,500
Ace Weed Abatement	\$ 82,500
Inland Empire Property Services, Inc.	\$ 200,000
James J. Deguire	\$ 157,000
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	\$ 500,000

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