

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



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone

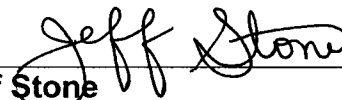
SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 18, 2007

SUBJECT: State Fire Assistance Grant Extension and Renewal of Contacts and Agreements

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the Fire Department to continue expenditure of funds against the \$4,975,000 State Fire Assistance (SFA) grant through April 20, 2009; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to renew the Emergency and Non-Emergency Tree Services Contracts (#RFPARC012) up to the two additional years as allowed for by the Contract; and
- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to extend the Personal Service Agreement (CFPBB-1-05) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ERSI) through the April 20, 2009, the life of the State Fire Assistance grant, to provide technical services in support of the Riverside County Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST).

BACKGROUND: On May 11, 2004, the Board approved a motion to accept a \$4,975,000 SFA Grant to help mitigate the extreme threat to life, property and the environment in the San Jacinto Mountain communities. This U.S. Forest Service grant has been providing funds for the removal of dead and dying trees, other fuel treatment projects, and funded a service agreement with ESRI for developing maps and other technical support services for the MAST.



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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

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

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In addition, the grant also provides funds for temporary staff and their related support costs. The funds were slated to be available to the County through September 30, 2007. Approximately \$2 million of the original \$4.975 million are still unspent. The Fire Department requested and was granted an extension by the U.S. Forest Service through April 20, 2009. The County's 25% match requirement for the grant has already been exceeded.

The Emergency and Non-Emergency Tree Services Contracts (#RFPARC012) is one of the mechanisms used by the Fire Department to accomplish dead and dying tree removal. The original contract period of performance was through June 30, 2007. The contract was written to allow the County to renew for two (2) additional years, renewable in one (1) year increments. The Purchasing Agent could only renew the contracts for a three month period, July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007 until the Board authorizes the continued expenditure of funds against the SFA Grant. Once the Board authorizes the continued expenditure of SFA funds beyond September 30, 2007, the Purchasing agent can extend these contracts so dead and dying tree removal work can continue. In addition, the Fire Department still has approximately \$500,000 of Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) funds which can also be spent using these contracts. The NRCS funds need to be completely expended by December 31, 2007.

The SFA grant also funded support services through a Personal Service Agreement (#CFPBB-1-05) with ESRI up to \$50,000 per year for the original life of the grant for providing GIS technical services and hosting of the CALMAST.org website. ESRI was instrumental in helping MAST produce the San Jacinto Mountain Communities Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Fire Department is requesting that the Purchasing Agent be allowed to extend this agreement with ESRI commensurate with the extension of the grant through April 20, 2009.

Both the Board of Supervisors and the Governor have active emergency proclamations for the San Jacinto Mountains. Approving the continued expenditure of these grant funds and allowing the renewal of these contracts will enable the County to continue with this critical project.