

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

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FROM: Fire

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 1, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of an Increase to Service Agreement with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. for Large Parcel Tree Abatement; [\$30,000] District 3 & 4 / District 3 & 4; 100% Grant Funds

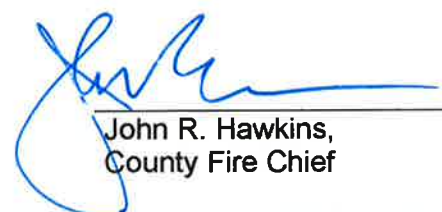
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to increase the Service Agreement with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. for large parcel tree abatement services from \$100,000 to \$130,000 until December 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In 2002, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Governor declared a local emergency in regards to the high volume of dead trees caused by the bark beetle epidemic.

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John R. Hawkins,
County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 64,708	\$ 0	\$ 130,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State Fire Assistance Grant				Budget Adjustment: No	
				For Fiscal Year: 14/15	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: 
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 5/15/01 3.22; 7/21/03
3.57

District: 3&4/3&4

Agenda Number:

3-28

Departmental Concurrence

Purchasing:  Mark Seiler, Assistant Director

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FORM 11: Approval of an Increase to Service Agreement with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc.
for Large Parcel Abatement; [\$130,000] District 3 & 4 / District 3 & 4**

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Following the 2003 wildfires, the Riverside County Fire Department received federal grant funds for reducing the fire hazard on non-federal lands in the San Jacinto Mountains starting in 2004. One of the fuels reductions programs instituted with these funds was the Cooperative Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program, which was a cooperative effort between the Fire Department and the Mountain Communities Firesafe Council (MCFSC). The Fire Department entered into this program in May 2007. In the Fall of 2007, tree abatement contracts were approved. In 2008, the Fire Department received additional hazardous fuels grant funds including a \$2,500,000 State Fire Assistance (SFA) grant. In July of 2013, the County received a one year extension of the grant funds until September 2014. There is approximately \$795,000 in grant funds remaining that are planned to be expended between now and the end of the grant period. These funds will be expended among various abatement contracts, including Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. In order to continue with this very successful project and to make use of these funds, the Fire Department is requesting an increase of the current fuel reduction contract with Pacific Slope Cooperative Inc. until the end of December 31, 2014. This will allow for full use of the grant funds and payment processing timelines.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

In light of the two fires that affected the mountain communities in the summer of 2013, extending this contract would allow landowners in the mountain communities to continue to abate their properties and bring them into compliance with Riverside County ordinances 695, 787, and Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291. The grant funds allow the landowners to participate in the program and have fuel reduction work performed at a 65%/35% cost share, thus making abatement more affordable for landowners. Both the Board of Supervisors and the Governor have active emergency proclamations for the San Jacinto Mountains. Increasing this contract will enable the County to continue with this critical and highly successful project.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

The Fire Department has spent \$ 65,292 in FY 13/14 and estimates expending an additional \$ 64,708 in FY 14/15 with Pacific Slope Cooperative Inc. The cost of this contract is 100% funded by 09/10 State Fire Assistance Grant (SFA). This grant was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on July 21, 2009, agenda #3.57. There is a 10% match related to the grant; which will be met by the private property owners when the work is completed on their property.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

The contract was bid under Request for Qualifications #FPARC-054 dated August 30, 2007. The original contract was established in 2008, for a one (1) year period renewable annually for five (5) additional one (1) year periods. The total previous contact amount was \$ 100,000 for Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. VC#26598. The current rates are from \$10 to \$29 per DBH (diameter at breast height) inch. The requested increase is at the same rates. The contract increase is only due to an increase in necessary services.