

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

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**FROM:** Fire

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
December 24, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Service Contract extension for One Year with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. for Large Parcel Single Tree Abatement: District 3 & 4; [\$380,000] 100% State Fire Assistance Grant

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute the contract amendment for a one year extension with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative Inc. for large parcel single tree abatement services for \$380,000, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459; and,
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459 to sign amendments that do not change the substantive terms of the agreement, including amendments to the compensation provision that do not exceed the annual CPI rates.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

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*[Signature]*  
John R. Hawkins,  
County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 330,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 380,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% State Fire Assistance Grant	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 14/15 – 15/16

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

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature]*  
Tina Grande

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL PURCHASING & FLEET SERVICES  
 BY: *[Signature]* 1/15/15 DATE  
 GREGORY P. PRIAMOS  
 Lisa Brandl, Director  
 Departmental Concurrence

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 3-28 (7/15/14)

**District:** 3&4

**Agenda Number:**

**3-8**

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

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. 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. In July of 2013 and September 2014, the County received a one year extension of the grant funds through December 2015. There is approximately \$765,000 in grant funds remaining that are planned to be expended between now and the end of the grant period. This will allow for full use of the grant funds for various fire mitigation programs.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

In light of the two fires that affected the mountain communities in the summer of 2013, an additional one year period to 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. Both the Board of Supervisors and the Governor have active emergency proclamations for the San Jacinto Mountains. Increasing and extending this contract will enable the County to continue with this critical and highly successful project.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The Fire Department estimates expending \$ 330,000 in FY 14/15 and \$50,000 in FY 15/16 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 25% match related to the grant; which will be met by the private property owners when the work is completed on their property or met with in-kind services of existing County staff time, equipment use and facility use.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

The single tree fuel reduction contract was bid under Request for Proposal #FPARC-073 released in 2009. The resulting contract was awarded to Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative, Inc. in the amount of \$130,000 annually for a period of up to five (5) years. The requested contract extension with Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative, Inc. is to continue the single tree fuel reduction services for an additional one (1) year period with no change in rates from the previous contract year of \$10 to \$29 per DBH (diameter at breast height) inch. This request is due to an increase in necessary fire reduction services and to accommodate the one (1) year grant extension.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT  
PACIFIC SLOPE TREE COOPERATIVE, INC.

Original Contract Term: 12/15/2013 through 12/14/2014  
Effective Date of Amendment: 12/15/2014  
Annual Maximum Contract Amount: \$ (380,000)

The Agreement between Riverside County, herein referred to as COUNTY and Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative, Inc. herein referred to as CONTRACTOR, is amended as follows:

1. On page 4 of the Agreement, amend Section 2, "Period of Performance": Amend all reference to the Period of Performance from expiration of December 14, 2014 to a Period of Performance of December 15, 2014 through December 14, 2015, unless terminated as specified in Section 5 TERMINATION. All other terms of the Period of Performance in the Agreement shall apply.
2. On page 4 of the Agreement, amend Section 3, "Compensation" to read: The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed (\$380,000) annually including all expenses.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement are to remain unchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

County  
Board of Supervisors  
4080 Lemon Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 90504

Contractor  
Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative, Inc.  
28200 McCall Park Road  
Mountain Center, CA 92561

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Chairman of the Board  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Josh Whitney  
Name: JOSH WHITNEY  
Title: CONTRACTOR  
Date: 1-7-2015

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: Neal R. Kipnis DATE: 1/15/15