



County of Santa Cruz

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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ALVIN D. JAMES, DIRECTOR

June 14, 2000

AGENDA: JUNE 27, 2000

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

SUBJECT: ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT CONTRACT

Dear Members of the Board:

In March of 1997, your Board authorized the Planning Department to enter into a contract for the removal of abandoned vehicles. The current contract will expire on June 30, 2000. Accordingly, the General Services Department, at the request of the Planning Department, solicited bid proposals for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The solicitation for proposals has been completed. General Services has determined that separate proposals have been received from the following three towing contractors: North County Recovery, Coast Counties Towing, and Gonzales Towing. A fourth proposal was received after the submission deadline and was not considered. Unfortunately, all bids submitted exceed the fiscal resources currently available to continue the contract beyond the next fiscal year. As such, all bids were rejected.

During the past three years, an average of 650 abandoned vehicles per year were towed. Every year, the abandoned vehicles reported for investigation have been poorer and poorer in quality, and, found in increasingly difficult to reach locations. Further, there have been an increasing number of instances where significant amounts of garbage have been found in them. The towing contractor confirms the fact that market prices for scrap metal have also reduced over time. The combination of these factors have contributed to both rapid and significant cost increases for the towing contractor to remove these vehicles.

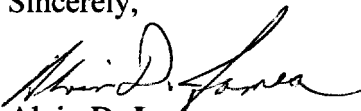
It is clear that funding to continue the program in the future will not be adequate to maintain the current level of service. Staff believes that a variety of options may be available to control program costs. However, additional time is needed to identify appropriate recommendations for your Board's consideration. Staff will examine the range of possible options, including possible program modifications and/or additional revenue sources and return to your Board before the end of the proposed extension period with recommendations related to continued operation of the program.

In the interim, in order to continue to maintain towing services for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program at the current level, it is recommended that your Board authorize the Planning Director to amend the current contract with Coast Counties Towing at the following rates for the period July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000. The existing contractor has agreed to a contract extension at the proposed modified rates. As indicated, the alternatives will be evaluated and a report with recommendations will be returned to your Board on November 7, 2000. Additional time may be needed to implement any staff recommendations accepted by the Board, which may include the extension of this contract.

Therefore, it is RECOMMENDED that your Board:

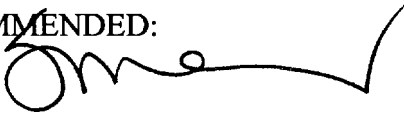
- 1) Authorize the Planning Director to amend the current contract terms with Coast Counties Towing at the new rates identified in Attachment #1 for the towing and removal of abandoned vehicles for six months starting July 1, 2000 and ending December 31, 2000; and,
- 2) Direct the Planning Director to examine the range of alternatives available to continue Abandoned Vehicle Abatement services in the County at the most cost-effective level and to report back to your Board no later than November 7, 2000 with recommendations.

Sincerely,



Alvin D. James
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

Attachments: #1 - Proposed Rate Change Comparison
#2 - Amendment to Agreement
ADM-29

ATTACHMENT #1

**PROPOSED RATE CHANGES
FOR ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

	OLD RATES	NEW RATES
Charge for:		
Category 1 - Standard tow	\$84	\$109
Category 2-Extraordinary tow	\$145	\$170
Category 3 - 2,000 to 6,000 lbs Gross Vehicle Weight	\$150	\$109
Category 4 - 6,000 to 20,000 lbs Gross Vehicle Weight	\$350	\$450
Garbage flat rate for all categories		\$100

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

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TO: Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

FROM: Planning (Dept.)
Randy McCallen (Signature) 6/16/00 (Date)

The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to approve the attached agreement and authorize the execution of the same.

1. Said agreement is between the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department (Agency)
and Coast Counties Towing, 3801 Portola Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 (Name & Address)
2. The agreement will provide towing and removal services for abandoned vehicles as referred
under the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program.
3. The agreement is needed because the County cannot provide these services,
4. Period of the agreement is from July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000
5. Anticipated cost is \$ 70,000. (Fixed amount, Monthly rate, Not to exceed)
6. Remarks: The anticipated cost is based upon the expected number of vehicles to be referred
in each category. Actual costs will be determined by vehicles referred this year.
7. Appropriations are budgeted in 135458 (Index#) 3645 (Subobject)

NOTE: IF APPROPRIATIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT, ATTACH COMPLETED FORM AUD-74

Appropriations are available and have been encumbered. Contract No. _____ Date _____
are not will be
In 2000-01
GARY A. KNUTSON, Auditor - Controller
By _____ Deputy.

Proposal reviewed and approved. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement and authorize the
Planning Director to execute the same on behalf of the Planning Department

(Agency).

County Administrative Officer

Remarks:

SS (Analyst)

B y Wh D o t e 6/19/00

Agreement approved as to form. Date _____

Distribution:

Bd. of Supv. - White
Audi-or-Controller - Blue
Co. Admin. Officer - Canary
Audi-or-Controller - Pink
Originating Dept. - Goldenrod

*To Orig. Dept. if rejected.

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State of California)
County of Santa Cruz) ss

I _____ ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing request for approval of agreement was approved by
said Board of Supervisors as recommended by the County Administrative Officer by an order duly entered
in the minutes of said Board on _____

County Administrative Officer

By _____ Deputy Clerk

ATTACHMENT # 2:**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

The parties hereto agree to amend that certain Agreement dated July 1, 1999,
by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ and COAST COUNTIES TOWING
by DELETING PARAGRAPHS **2, 3** AND 7 AND ADDING NEW PARAGRAPHS 2,
3, AND 7 ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A".

All other provisions of said Agreement shall remain the same.

Dated: 6/21/00

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

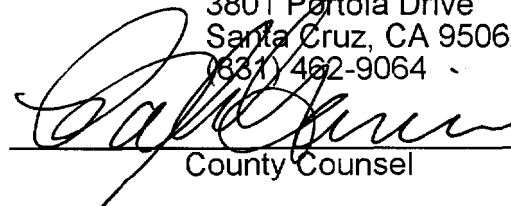
By: _____
Planning Director

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Coast Counties Towing
3801 Portola Drive
Santa Cruz, CA 95062
(831) 462-9064

Approved as to form:


County Counsel

Date 6.16.00

DISTRIBUTION: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Risk Management
Contractor

EXHIBIT A

2. COMPENSATION. In consideration for CONTRACTOR accomplishing said result, COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR as follows: **per rate schedule to remove referred abandoned vehicles for the next six months as indicated below:**

- 1) Standard tow (3,500 lbs and under Gross Vehicle Weight)----- \$109;
- 2) Extraordinary tow (3,500 lbs and under Gross Vehicle Weight) \$170;
- 3) Tow for vehicle between 3,501- 6,000 lbs Gross Vehicle Weight ----- \$109;
- 4) Tow for vehicle 6,001 lbs and over ----- \$450;
- 5) Garbage flat rate for all vehicle categories above ----- \$100.

3. TERM. The term of this contract shall be: **From July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.**

7. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. During and in relation to the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

A. The CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition (cancer related and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age (over 18), veteran status, gender, pregnancy, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: recruitment; advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training (including apprenticeship), employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer. The CONTRACTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notice setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

B. If this Agreement provides compensation in excess of \$50,000 to CONTRACTOR and if CONTRACTOR employs fifteen (15) or more employees, the following requirements shall apply:

(1) The CONTRACTOR shall, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition (cancer related and genetic characteristics), marital status, sex, sexual orientation, age (over 18), veteran status, gender, pregnancy, or any other non-merit factor unrelated to job duties. In addition, the CONTRACTOR shall make a good faith effort to consider Minority/Women/Disabled Owned Business Enterprises in CONTRACTOR's solicitation of goods and services. Definitions for **Minority/Women/Disabled Business Enterprises** are available from the COUNTY General Services Purchasing Division.

(2) The CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY Equal Employment Opportunity Office information and reports in the prescribed reporting

format (PER 4012) identifying the sex, race, physical or mental disability, and job classification of its employees and the names, dates and methods of advertisement and direct solicitation efforts made to subcontract with Minority-Women/Disabled Business Enterprises.

(3) In the event of the CONTRACTOR's non-compliance with the non-discrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders said CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further agreements with the COUNTY.

(4) The CONTRACTOR shall cause the foregoing provisions of this Subparagraph 7B. to be inserted in all subcontracts for any work covered under this Agreement by a subcontractor compensated more than \$50,000 and employing more than fifteen (15) employees, provided that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts or subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials.