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AGENDA: DECEMBER 12, 2000

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

Extension of Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Towing Contract

Dear Members of the Board:

On June 27, 2000 your Board approved a six month contract extension with Coast Counties Towing from July 1, 2000 to December 3 1, 2000 to provide for the removal of abandoned vehicles. Planning staff has held several discussions with the contractor providing this service, the Sheriff, and California Highway Patrol on ways to reduce costs, A number of program policy changes have already been implemented and additional changes are still under review.

To insure no interruption in vehicle abatement services, it is necessary to extend the current contract for an additional six months, to June 30, 2001. One additional change to this contract would be to include very large vehicles weighing over 3500 Gross Vehicle Weight in the category of an Extraordinary Tow. This represents an increased cost of \$61 per vehicle for the removal of very large vehicles. All other contract provisions will remain the same. The total program cost increases, estimated at \$3,000, will be paid by the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Fund. There are no County costs associated with this contract.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board authorize the Planning Director to amend, as indicated above, the current contract with Coast Counties Towing to provide towing services for the removal of abandoned vehicles from January 1,200 1 to June 30, 2001.

Sincerely,

Alvin D. James
Planning Director

Recommended:

Susan A. Mauriello,

County Administrative Officer