



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

September 13, 2001

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

701 Ocean Street
 Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE BIOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Members of the Board:

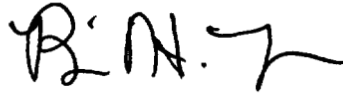
The Department of Public Works, in the development of many of its recent road improvement projects and storm damage repair projects, is required under the Endangered Species Act to provide biological assessments and monitoring services when threatened or endangered species are within a project area. These projects often require the use of a permitted wildlife biologist during the engineering and project construction phases. The use of a permitted biologist service includes the ability to identify endangered species at the project site and relocate these species, if necessary, during the construction phase of the project to comply with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and National Marine Fisheries Service regulations. At this time, our contractor agreements with these permitted biologists are about to expire and the department is proposing to retain new fish and wildlife biological consulting services for existing and upcoming County projects.

Attached for your consideration is a copy of the proposed Request for Proposals to be distributed to consultants who specialize in fish and wildlife biological services. The selected consultant(s) will be contacted for interviews with Public Works' staff, and once the final ranking is complete, we will begin negotiations on the final Scope of Work and compensation. A final agreement will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on or before November 20, 2001, upon successful completion of negotiations.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

1. Authorize Public Works to submit the attached Request for Proposals to consultants that specialize in fish and wildlife and biological services.
2. Direct Public Works to return to your Board on or before November 20, 2001, with a contract(s) to hire a fish and wildlife consultant.
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to advertise the attached Request for Proposal for one day in the Santa Cruz County Sentinel on Sunday, September 30, 2001.

Yours truly,



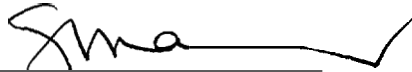
For

THOMAS L. BOLICH
Director of Public Works

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Attachments

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:



County Administrative Officer

Copy to: Public Works Department

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works is seeking consultants that specialize in fish and wildlife biological services for Public Works' projects. A copy of the Request for Proposal may be obtained at the address listed below. Proposals must be received no later than October 26, 2001. The County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

County of Santa Cruz
Public Works Department
701 Ocean Street, Room 410
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Attention: Connie Silva
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