

**MEMORANDUM  
COUNTY OF PLACER  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: David Seward, Purchasing Manager 

DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Approve the Renewal of Blanket Purchase Order No. 14127, Resulting from Competitive Bid No. 9519, with Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Sewer Line Chemical Root Control Services in the Maximum Amount of \$60,000.00

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the renewal of Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) No. 14127, resulting from Competitive Bid No. 9519, with Duke's Root Control, Inc. of Syracuse, New York, for sewer line chemical root control services for the Facility Services Department in the maximum amount of \$60,000.00, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the resulting BPO.

**BACKGROUND**

The Facility Services Department, Utilities Division requires a contractor to apply a chemical agent to sewer pipes in the sewer maintenance districts to kill root growth. On April 4, 2006, your Board approved the award of Competitive Bid No. 9519 to Root Tamers of Redding, California, to provide this service. Early in the contract period, Utilities determined that the chemical agent used by Root Tamers was not suitable for SMDs 1 and 3 because of increased ammonia levels that exceeded State limits at Sewer Maintenance District (SMD) Plant No. 1 after root control operations. As a result, a BPO was also issued to Duke's Root Control, the next lowest bidder, to provide this service for SMDs 1 and 3. Duke's uses a different chemical that does not raise ammonia levels. Utilities continued to use Root Tamers, but only for SMD 2. Both BPOs expired on March 31, 2007. Facility Services has requested to renew the BPO with Duke's Root Control for another year for all three SMDs. Duke's Root Control has agreed to renew the BPO at the exact same pricing and terms. This renewal requires your Board's approval.

Upon your Board's approval, this first renewal shall be effective April 3, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The BPO resulting from this recommendation will total \$60,000.00. Facility Services budgets sufficiently for these expenditures on a year by year basis.

cc: Joe Majarucan, Facility Services  
Valerie Bayne, Facility Services

