

**MEMORANDUM  
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

From: ~~JD~~ **JAMES DURFEE**

Subject: **EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A SEWER LIFT SYSTEM**

**ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended your Board ratify the decision of the Director of Facility Services to replace the sewer lift system for Building 430 in the Placer County Government Center as an emergency purchase in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22050 and the Purchasing Policy Manual, and authorize payment to Sepcorp, Inc. in an estimated amount of \$12,000 upon completion of the work.

**BACKGROUND:** Building 430 serves as the primary maintenance shop for the Parks and Grounds Division of Facility Services Department. Twelve fulltime employees plus inmates and probation workers work out of this building on a daily basis. The building is located on the corner of F Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the Placer County Government Center.

Building 430 has a sewer pump system in the basement designed to pump all of the waste generated from the building's use to the main gravity flow sewer system in the street. The equipment is believed to be the original sewer pump system installed in the 1940s. The sewer pump has developed a significant raw sewage leak in the basement, is emitting a strong odor and has become a health and safety concern. Building Maintenance staff has attempted to repair the system, but without success.

To evaluate the options to remedy this situation, Environmental Utilities' staff solicited proposals from two companies that specialize in sewer lift stations for buildings to inspect the current pump system and provide recommendations and cost estimates. They determined that due to the age and condition of the pump system and its components, the entire sewer lift station and related plumbing and electrical service needed to be removed and replaced immediately. Sepcorp, Inc. provided the lowest cost proposal to perform this work.

Due to the urgent need to remediate the significant health risk associated with the presence of raw sewage in the work place and in accordance with the County's Purchasing Manual (PPM) Section 1.3 (m), the Director of Facility Services authorized the approval of a contract to complete this work. Pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code and Section 2.2 (c) of the PPM, ratification of this emergency and resulting contract by your Board is now required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE:** This action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 for maintenance of existing facilities where there will be negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for the purchase and installation of a new sewer lift system for Building 430 is available within the approved FY 2009-2010 Parks and Grounds Division budget. Approval of this request will have no additional impact on the County General Fund.

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PROCUREMENT DIVISION

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