

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / JOEL SWIFT**

Subject: **RATIFY EMERGENCY PURCHASE WITH JLS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the emergency purchase of cleanup services to JLS Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$42,277.18.

BACKGROUND: On December 15, 2010, Building Maintenance responded to a service call from the Finance Administration Building (FAB) for a blocked sanitary sewer line. The blockage caused backup of sewage into conditioned areas of the building, including the subfloor space below the raised floor of the Data Center, requiring specialized handling and cleanup. Cleanup was administered and monitored by Entek Consulting Group, Inc. (Entek), through an existing hazardous materials consulting contract. The cleanup performed by JLS Environmental Services, Inc. required removal of sanitary waste from the subfloor of the Data Center, disposal and sanitization of the impacted building spaces. The cause of the blockage was determined to be a cellular device released into the sanitary sewer system by a building occupant.

The unanticipated sewage removal constituted an emergency purchase as defined in Section 1.3 (m) of the County Purchasing Policy Manual. An emergency purchase over \$5,000 requires ratification by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to County Purchasing Policy Manual Section 2.2 (c).

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost to clean up this spill on an emergency basis includes County staff time, JLS Environmental Services, Inc., and Entek oversight of the cleanup. The 2010/2011 Building Maintenance budget did not anticipate these costs; however, the Department will utilize budget savings realized from vacant positions to cover this expense. There will be a resultant reduction in available fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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