

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: KEN GREHM / KEVIN TABER

DATE: October 8, 2013

SUBJECT: ROAD MAINTENANCE DIVISION BUDGET REVISION/MASTER FIXED
ASSET LIST REVISION

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve a Budget Revision to appropriate \$6,500 in the Road Maintenance Division budget to Account 4451, Fixed Assets;
2. Approve the addition of a flexible chain cutter to the Master Fixed Asset List. There is no net County cost.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

During the storm event of December 2012, localized flooding occurred in several areas throughout the County. DPW Road Maintenance Division crews responded and placed sandbags as necessary on County roads. We also removed debris from ditches and pipes to the best of our ability at the time, as well as the subsequent days, weeks, and months. After the storm, the high flows quickly subsided.

Subsequent investigation, with assistance from the Department of Facility Services, revealed that some of the storm drain lines were clogged with tree roots, and it was only during the unusually high flows that these partially clogged pipes were discovered.

The traditional repair is to dig up the pipe and remove the roots. Unfortunately, many of the root bound pipes are located in narrow easements between residents' homes. A flexible chain cutter is an attachment that we can utilize with our existing "Vactor" truck. The cutter attaches to the high pressure hose and rotates at high RPM, but low torque, and can cut roots out of a pipe up to 29" in diameter. The proposed cutter attachment will allow these areas to be cleared from within the pipe.

To purchase the attachment, we must appropriate this expenditure and amend the Master Fixed Asset List in accordance with the Purchasing Policy Manual.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is not a project as defined by Public Resources Code Section 21065 and is, therefore, exempt from environmental review under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is available in the 13/14 Road Maintenance Division budget. The cost of the flexible chain cutter is approximately \$6,500.

Attachment: Budget Revision

**PLACER COUNTY
BUDGET REVISION**

PAS DOCUMENT NO. _____

Dept No.	Doc Type	Total \$ Amount	Total Lines
19	BR	\$13,000.00	2

- Cash Transfer Required - Cancellation of Auburn Bowman
- Reserve Cancellation Request
- Establish Reserve Required

- Auditor-Controller *R. W. Oakes*
- County Executive
- Board of Supervisors

ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT											APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT										
Dept No.	T Code	Rev	FUND	SUBFUND	OCA	PCA	OBJ L-3	Proj. No.	G/L Sub GL	AMOUNT	Dept No.	T Code	Rev	OCA	PCA	FUND	SUBF	Obj L-3	Proj. No.	Proj Detail	AMOUNT
											19	14		993260	93260	120		4451			6,500.00
											19	15		993260	93260	120		2840			6,500.00
TOTAL										TOTAL											
0.00										13,000.00											

REASON FOR REVISION: Budget revision to decrease object level #3 2840 Special Dept. expense appn by \$6,500 and increase object level #3 4451 fixed assets appn by \$6,500 to purchase qty 1 Flexible Chain Cutter. There is enough revenue existing in the FY2013/14 budget to cover the fixed asset purchase.

Department Head Ken Grehr 

Board of Supervisors _____

Auditor-Controller _____

Date: 9/17/2013

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