

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
COUNTY OF PLACER

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** David Boesch, County Executive Officer  
by John McEldowney, Emergency Services Program Manager

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Addition to the Master Fixed Asset List - 2015 Gasoline Powered Chipper

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve an addition to the FY 2015-16 Master Fixed Asset List to add one Chipper with a value of \$40,049.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Chipper Program is jointly managed by the Resource Conservation District (RCD), the Office of Emergency Services (OES), and Cal Fire/Placer County Fire. It provides a low-cost curbside chipping service to help homeowners in their efforts to reduce fire hazards by creating defensible space around their homes. Essentially, it converts large, fire hazard brush piles into small biodegradable chips useful for mulching. The program, originally free to County residents, began in 1999 with seed money from the 49er fire settlement and grants from a variety of sources. It was suspended from October to November of 2009 due to a lack of funding. Based on 2010 program costs of \$80/operational hour, the program then transitioned to a \$40/hour cost share.

Today the chipper program is supported through multi-source grant funding jointly secured by RCD and OES, with inmate labor provided by the Placer County Sheriff's Department. Working together OES and RCD applied for, and received, a \$31,500 Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Clean Air Grant, in 2014. With a total price of \$40,049, the \$8549 balance has been secured from the sale of used Chippers which no longer meet State air pollution standards.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on the general fund.

**Attachment**

Memo from Placer County Resource Conservation District



## MEMO

TO: Jon Patrick, Placer County Office of Emergency Services  
FROM: Elisa Noble, Placer RCD  
DATE: November 3, 2015  
RE: Transfer Ownership of Chipper

Placer RCD received a grant from Placer Air Pollution Control District to purchase a new chipper for the Placer County Chipper Program. In order to remain consistent with historical operations, Placer RCD will transfer title of this chipper to Placer County ownership.

The chipper was delivered on September 9, 2015. We will work with Placer County OES and Placer County Procurement to transfer the title to Placer County.

Please let me know if you have any questions.