



**MEMORANDUM  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
ADMINISTRATION**  
County of Placer

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** February 22, 2022  
**FROM:** Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer  
**BY:** Melissa O'Neal, Management Analyst I  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Agreement with Placer County Resource Conservation District  
for Residential Chipper Program

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to sign an amendment extending the agreement with Placer County Resource Conservation District for four additional months, from March 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 with an additional \$50,000 funding for the Placer County Residential Chipper Program for a new total amount not to exceed \$225,000.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Residential Chipper Program (“Chipper Program”), established in 1999, provides a low-cost residential chipping service to help landowners manage their vegetation and meet defensible space requirements. Initially Placer County contracted with the Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD) to provide chipper services. Through this contract, Placer provided a portion of funding along with equipment, inmate labor, and access to fuel from the county garage and the RCD provided administration of the program as well as four staff. In 2013, the program was completely transferred to the RCD where it has remained since that time.

On August 10, 2021, in recognition of the importance of this program to the community and to address a backlog of requests, your Board approved a contract and funding to initiate a pilot program with the RCD to increase the capacity of the Chipper Program through a partnership with Placer County Probation Department. This highly successful program utilizes individuals who have been assigned to Probation’s Alternative Sentencing Program under work release. The RCD has received much praise and gratitude for the program from the community and has provided work experience and a pathway to employment for Probation participants.

The pilot program was successful in eliminating the backlog of chipper requests; however, the recent winter storm resulted in an influx of requests and a substantial increase to the waitlist. The program also continues to face funding challenges. The requested amendment will extend the term of the current contract through the end of the fiscal year and allow the Chipper Program to continue to operate at its current level of service. County staff are working with the RCD to identify and explore additional funding sources and will return to your Board in June with recommendations for this partnership, including potential enhancements to the program, moving into the future.

Honorable Board of Supervisors

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is included in the Community and Agency Support FY 2021-22 budget. There will be no net impact to the General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Proposed Amendment

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AND  
COUNTY OF PLACER  
for  
Chipper Program / Alternative Sentencing Program**

RCD CONTRACT NO:

COUNTY CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

This First Amendment to the Agreement is entered into between the Placer County Resource Conservation District, a legal subdivision of the state of California (hereinafter "District" or "RCD") and the County of Placer, a political subdivision of the state of California (hereinafter "County", collectively "Parties").

Whereas, on August 10, 2021 the Parties entered into an Agreement allowing the County to support the Placer County Residential Chipper Program by proving in-kind labor and funding to the District to increase the quantity and promptness of chipping services to residents of Placer County.

Now therefore, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. To extend the Term of the current Agreement until June 30, 2022.
2. To increase the total amount of the agreement by Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for a new total amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000).
3. EXCEPT as specifically modified above, all the remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain and continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the day first above stated:

**COUNTY OF PLACER**

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer

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Sarah Jones, Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form - County Counsel

Approved as to Form - Counsel for Placer  
County Resource Conservation District

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