

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

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JUNE 9, 2009**

From: **JAMES DURFEE / WILL DICKINSON** *(signature)*

Subject: **PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the emergency purchase of chemicals used at the County's wastewater treatment plants from CalChem in the amount of \$9,998.51.

BACKGROUND: On May 12, 2009 your Board approved a change order to the Blanket Purchase Order 15533 with CalChem for the purchase of liquid coagulant polymer in the amount of \$70,000, for a revised maximum amount of \$219,464, and extended the BPO to June 30, 2009. The increase in the BPO was necessitated by the unusually high rate of suspended solids at SMD 1 which required increased usage of the coagulant.

Unfortunately, the supply of coagulant on hand was insufficient to continue adequate treatment of wastewater pending approval of the change order to the BPO. In order to ensure that regulatory requirements were not exceeded, it was necessary to purchase additional coagulant on an emergency basis in the amount of \$9,998.51. This purchase, together with the increase in the BPO, will ensure that sufficient quantities of coagulant are available through the end of the fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The administrative action requested herein is not a project as defined by CEQA and is not subject to environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT: The SMD 1 budget has sufficient funding to absorb the additional cost. Therefore, approval of this request will have no impact upon the County General Fund.

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