

**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Boggan, Purchasing Manager *JB*

DATE: October 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Ratify the Award of Contracts to Various Contractors for Emergency Lot Cleanup and Debris Removal Services to Abate Public Health Hazards Resulting from the 49 Fire.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Ratify the award of contracts, signed by the Purchasing Manager, to various contractors for emergency lot cleanup and debris removal services to abate public health hazards resulting from the 49 Fire.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Health Officer declared a public health emergency in the northern Auburn area of the County due to hazardous waste and debris resulting from the 49 Fire that destroyed residential and commercial properties on August 31, 2009. Property owners were required by law to perform appropriate debris removal and abatement and to bear the related costs. The Placer County Health Officer declared that all debris cleanup must be completed by October 15, 2009. At the beginning of October, the County observed that some property owners had not yet begun to clean up their lots and anticipated the need to have contractors available to perform this work to ensure that all lots were cleared of potentially hazardous ash and debris by the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Since this cleanup was necessary to avoid a substantial hazard to life and property, Facility Services, operating under emergency procurement procedures as a part of the Emergency Operations Center, solicited informal bids from selected contractors to perform lot cleanup and debris removal services. The emergency required immediate action which precluded bidding in accordance with the advertising timeframes specified in the Public Contract Code. The contracted firms were appropriately licensed and provided sufficient proof of insurance.

The California Public Contract Code Section 22050 requires that your Board review the emergency action and ratify the issuance of the contracts.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Expenditures for contracts will be made in the Disaster Response and Recovery budget, a General Fund appropriation. Approximately 75% of the costs for these contracts will be reimbursed by the state under the California Disaster Assistance Act. The unrecoverable cost to the County is estimated to be approximately \$25,000. Cleaning of commercial properties is subject to a full cost recovery process.

cc: Rui Cunha, Office of Emergency Services  
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