



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: May 4, 2021

To: The Honorable Bruno Sabatier, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Scott De Leon, Water Resources Director

Subject: (a) Waive the formal bidding process, pursuant to Lake County Code Section 38.2, as it is not in the public interest due to the unique nature of the goods and services, and (b) Approve and sign the Agreement between County of Lake and Clean Lakes, Inc. for the Aquatic Vegetation Management Program For Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$197,000.00 and authorize the Chair to sign

Executive Summary: (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

In 2011, the Water Resources Department identified areas around Clear Lake to be managed for nuisance aquatic plant growth. The total surface area of the lake treated annually for aquatic plants has never exceeded 260 acres (0.6% of Clear Lake's total surface area) and varies annually according to peak aquatic plant growth. Treatment areas are selected based on several conditions, including: density of shoreline occupation, presence of especially troublesome invasive plants, habitat value, and historic recreational uses. The proposed contractor, Clean Lakes Inc., utilizes GPS-based hydro acoustic mapping to ensure accuracy of application location and rate, and an efficacy map of before and after treatment. Water Resources Staff has worked closely with Clean Lakes Inc. to evaluate performance, efficacy of treatment and compliance with the State's and County's Aquatic Pesticide NPDES permit and County's own permitting program, including all monitoring requirements.

Due to the unique nature of this service, the remoteness of Lake County and the lack of available, licensed herbicide applicators that have familiarity with Clear Lake, Water Resources staff recommends that your Board find that in accordance with Lake County Code Section 38.2, it is not in the public's interest to competitively bid this project. Clean Lakes Inc. has now been providing this service for the County for ten years with a superior level of support, professionalism and technological innovation.

For the last ten years, the County Board of Supervisors has set aside funding for the abatement of nuisance aquatic plant in selected high-traffic, public use areas of Clear Lake as part of an overall strategic invasive species management program. The contract total for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is \$197,000 and is funded with Geothermal and Transient Occupancy Tax money.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Technology Upgrades</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Revenue Generation</i> |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cost Savings</i> |

If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?

Reason for request to waive bid?

Recommended Action:

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