



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: May 10, 2022

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Susan Parker, Interim County Administrative Officer

Subject: (a) Rescind approval of Agreement for Provision of Satellite Imagery Services By Planet Labs PBC to the County of Lake; (b) waive the formal bidding process, pursuant to Lake County Code Section 38.1, as an extension of an annual agreement; and (c) Approve Agreement for Provision of Satellite Imagery Services By Planet Labs PBC to the County of Lake.

Executive Summary:

In order to better regulate the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation multiple counties have employed the use of satellite imagery. This imagery has helped identify these operations and streamline the ability of code enforcement to respond. The counties using this service have contracted with Planet Labs, which has offered previously unavailable services allowing for targeted imaging of certain areas at a designated time, up to the entire boundaries of the County if needed.

Lake County is among those jurisdictions being provided funding for this satellite imagery service through a Proposition 64 - Public Health and Safety Grant. The focus of this grant is to support code enforcement operations against unlawful cannabis cultivation. On February 22, 2021, your Board approved a 12-month agreement not to exceed \$49,950. A 12-month renewal of this agreement with the same terms is attached.

Staff is requesting your Board waive the formal bidding process pursuant to Lake County Code Section 38.1, as it is an extension of an annual agreement. Planet is the designated service provider pursuant to the State's grant, and Code Enforcement staff has worked towards integrating this product's hosted platform into their illegal cannabis cultivation enforcement efforts as proposed in the Proposition 64 grant. Given that the Code Enforcement division is still in the process of rehiring and training staff, it is not recommended that any agreement more expansive in scope be considered at this time. If Code Enforcement staff and other county departments are able to expand the utilization of these services over the course of this upcoming year, staff could then effectively explore procuring more expansive satellite imagery services, including imagery products available through other vendors.

On May 3, your Board approved a renewed agreement with Planet Labs Inc. After the meeting, the contractor notified County staff that their corporate structure has changed to a Public Benefit

Corporation and requested that any reference to "Planet Labs Inc" be revised to "Planet Labs PBC". The revised agreement is attached for your consideration.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

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

Consistency with Vision 2028 (check all that apply):

☐ Not applicable

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake |

Recommended Action: Rescind the May 3 approval of the existing Agreement for Provision of Satellite Imagery Services by Planet Labs Inc to the County of Lake; 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 goods or services; and approve the Agreement for Provision of Satellite Imagery Services by Planet Labs PBC to the County of Lake, directing the Chair to sign to the agreement and incorporated order schedule.