



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 27, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Airport Department

SUBJECT: Sole Source Vendor For Airport Mosquito Control Services

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Find it is in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as provided in Municipal Code Section 4.52.070(k) and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County (District) as the sole source and most favorable source for providing the City with mosquito monitoring and control services at the Airport in the amount of \$74,462; and
- B. Subject to the appropriation of funds approved by City Council, authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue Purchase Orders and Change Orders to the District for four subsequent fiscal years for mosquito monitoring and control services, in amounts not to exceed the annual appropriated budget for the program.

BACKGROUND:

Mosquitoes, which reproduce in both fresh and brackish water, are known vectors for West Nile Virus and other diseases. Portions of the Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve on Airport property are major sources of several mosquito species. Because of the proximity to the UCSB campus, housing, and Airport users, control of local mosquito populations is critical to prevent the transmission of disease.

The purpose of the Mosquito and Vector Management District of Santa Barbara County (District) is to provide vector surveillance, prevention, abatement, and control services to property owners and residents to ensure protection from vector annoyance and to protect the public from the threat of vector-borne disease. District staff include a biologist and vector technicians that are uniquely qualified to identify and treat mosquito and other vector sources within District boundaries to protect public health.

DISCUSSION:

Historically the District has provided mosquito monitoring and abatement services for the Airport. Typically, the District pre-treats known mosquito sources during the dry season with an extended release product that is activated by winter rains. Throughout the mosquito season the District monitors mosquito populations and recommends additional treatments based on conditions observed.

More recently, the Airport supplied the District with the requested extended release materials needed to control mosquito populations and has contracted separately with the District for surveillance and application of the material.

At that time, the City had competitively bid the purchase of the preferred extended release mosquito control product. Altosid XR is the greenest product available that has proven to be effective in salt marsh applications where pretreatment and extended control of mosquitoes prior to adult emergence is essential. The manufacturer sets pricing and has a very limited distribution network, so all bids received for the product have been identical. Therefore, no financial advantage is gained by the City continuing to purchase the product on a competitive basis separate from the purchase of surveillance and control services provided by the District.

Under the proposed work plan, the Airport will reimburse the District for time and the cost of materials associated with mosquito monitoring and control activities. The proposed scope of work represents time and materials needed for mosquito control during a wet year with an extended mosquito season.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

There are sufficient appropriated funds in the Airport Operating Fund to cover the cost of the proposed mosquito abatement activities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The District has been responsive to the requirements of the City's Integrated Pest Management program and has worked to minimize the amount and toxicity of pesticides used, while continuing to protect public health.

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