

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 1/16/03  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054/02/04  
**Agenda Date:** 3/11/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery, Director  
Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Gary Christiansen - 568-3336  
Maintenance Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request to Waive the Formal Bidding Process to Purchase an Asphalt Distributor  
Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial District

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Waive the formal bidding process and authorize the County Purchasing Agent to procure one Asphalt Distributor for the amount of \$80,000 from Bear Cat Manufacturing (Non-Local Vendor).

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is aligned with Goal 1:

An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Pursuant to County Code section 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the competitive bidding requirement in the purchase of one Asphalt Distributor from Bear Cat Mfg. with a total order value of \$80,000.

Based on our research and knowledge of this type of equipment, we have determined that the Asphalt Distributor from Bear Cat Mfg. to be the safest unit available. Not only is the Bear Cat unit the industry standard, both contractor and municipality, this is the only known unit to use a "fail-safe" valve selector system. This proprietary feature keeps operators safely away from hot material and does not allow certain valve combinations to be activated causing damage to the spreader or an accidental release or spill of hot material. This feature is relevant in that the unit is subject to being operated by multiple operators over periods of intense use.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

None.

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**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Approval of this action will allow the Purchasing Agent to procure the Asphalt Distributor with a total order value of \$80,000, from Dept. 054, Fund 001, Account 8300, which has been budgeted and approved for this fiscal year.

**Special Instructions:**

Send a certified copy of the minute order, attn: John McMillin, Purchasing Agent, and Kurt Klucker, Public Works Department.

**Concurrence:**

John McMillin, Purchasing Agent