

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 12/18/01  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 1/15/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John M. Scherrei  
Fire Chief

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jim Harrison, Division Chief  
x4202

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Tractor Mounted Articulating Chipper-Mower

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors: authorize the Purchasing Manager to procure one (1) Tractor Mounted Articulating Chipper Mower in an amount not to exceed \$96,000 under the terms and conditions of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Recovery Program (Grant No. 01-DG-11050754-031) from the sole source vendors, John Deere Co. and Tiger Mowers.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of one John Deere tractor from the John Deere Company and one rotary mower from Tiger Mowers. After extensive research, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department recommends the purchase of the aforementioned items from the named vendors as they are the only vendors that can supply the specific equipment needed. In addition, these vendors were awarded the competitive bid for the last County purchase of similar equipment as they were the only bidders. Attached is a copy of the grant award letter.

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

The purchase of the tractor mounted articulating chipper-mower will enhance the emergency response capabilities of Santa Barbara County Fire and mutual aid agencies and will enhance our ability to provide pre-fire reduction of fuels in Santa Barbara County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This purchase will be funded with \$65,000 from the USDA Economic Recovery Program grant and \$31,000 from Santa Barbara County Fire District funds. A budget revision has been processed to cover this \$96,000 purchase.

**Special Instructions:**

Certified copy of Minute Order to:  
Rose Pueschel, Santa Barbara County Fire  
John McMillin, Purchasing Agent

**Concurrence:**

County Administrator, County Administrator, Purchasing Agent, Risk Management