



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Public Works  
Department No.: 054  
For Agenda Of: 06/24/08  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required:

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Director (s)  
Contact Info: Mark Schleich, Public Works Deputy Director, 882-3603  
**SUBJECT:** **Wingmaster Falconry Bird Abatement Contract, Second and Third Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors approve and execute the attached agreement with Wingmaster Falconry, Inc. for bird abatement services at the Tajiguas Landfill and South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00.

The recommendation is primarily aligned with the goal No. 2: A safe and healthy community in which to live work and visit.

**Summary Text:**

The agreement with Wingmaster Falconry, Inc. for bird abatement will maintain the current level of bird abatement service through June 30, 20069 and provides for an expanded Falconry program to the Resource Recovery and Waste Management's other locations on an as-needed basis.

**Background:**

Experience has shown that seagulls (gulls), congregate in large numbers at a solid waste facility and can become a nuisance to the surrounding area, including causing water quality concerns at near-by beaches. This was the case at Arroyo Quemada Beach prior to the introduction of the bird abatement program at Tajiguas Landfill. The County hired a Falconer in 2002 to abate the gulls from the landfill, which resulted in improving the water quality at Arroyo Quemada Beach.

Approving this item will allow for the continuation of this Falconry Program at the Tajiguas Landfill and other facilities as needed.

**Performance Measure:** None

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

In the Fiscal year 2005/2006 approximately \$116,000 was spent on the falconry program at Tajiguas Landfill. In Fiscal Year 2006/2007 approximately \$115,000 was expended, and for this fiscal year, 2007/2008, approximately \$130,000 will be spent.

The Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, through the Purchasing Department, recently requested bids from qualified falconers for the purpose of establishing a bird abatement contract. There were two companies who submitted proposals. The bids ranged from \$42.50 per hour to \$50.00 per hour. Wingmaster Falconry, Inc. is the low bidder at \$42.50 per hour. They have held the contract for Falconry Service with the County of Santa Barbara for the last three years and has done a commendable job. Wingmaster Falconry, Inc. actually reduced its current charge of \$45.00 per hour to the new bid of \$42.50 per hour for this next fiscal year.

Funds in Fiscal Year

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

State					
Federal					
Fees					
Enterprise Fund				\$150,000.00	
Total	\$	-	\$	150,000.00	\$ -

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**Special Instructions:**

Please forward one signed copy of the Agreement and Minute Order to Shannon Barcelona, Mark Tautrim, and Colleen Hankins in the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division.

**Attachments:** Falconry Contract 2008 / 2009

**Authored by:**

Mark Tautrim, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Operations Manager, 681-5626

**cc:**