

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 02/28/2002
Department Name: Public Works Department
Department No.: 054
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: Staff - None Required
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Phillip M. Demery *PM*
Public Works Director
STAFF CONTACT: Michael B. Emmons Ext. 3012
County Surveyor *MBE*
SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of a Trimble 5603 (3") Robotic Total Station

Recommendation(s):
That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the purchasing agent to procure a Trimble 5603 (3") Robotic Total Station in the amount of \$36,112.41 without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:
The recommendation(s) are primarily 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 requirement for a competitive bid for purchase of Trimble 5603 (3") Robotic Total Station. The County Surveyor Division of the Public Works Department reviewed equipment from three major manufacturers' and has concluded that the equipment which best meets the needs of its operation is made by Trimble Navigation. The Trimble/Geodimeter is a leading manufacturer of Robotic Total Stations in the United States. The Trimble Robotic Total Station provides a safety feature (reflective system) that will allow county staff less exposure to traffic hazards. This Robotic Total Station is compatible with existing Trimble GPS equipment and future purchases of GPS equipment. It has unique proprietary software that integrates with existing GPS equipment. Trimble offers a promotional \$8,000.00 replacement trade-in on obsolete County surveying equipment, reducing the final cost to \$28,112.41. Trimble was chosen by staff due to its simplicity of operation, clear data display, and the ability to perform all types of surveys without changing attached equipment (antennas, cables, etc.).

Mandates and Service Levels: No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Funding for this equipment purchase is available in the current fiscal year budget.

Special Instructions: Direct the Clerk of the Board to route a certified copy of the minute order to the purchasing agent.

Concurrence: Purchasing Agent.