



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** General Services  
**Department No.:** 063  
**For Agenda Of:** July 16, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** General Services Janette D. Pell, Director (805) 560-1011  
Contact Info: Skip Grey, Assistant Director, General Services (805) 568-3083  
**SUBJECT:** Los Prietos Boys Camp, Second District (R/P File No.: 003767)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Manager

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Rincon Consultants (a tri-county vendor) for environmental services in the amount of \$48,340.00, to provide environmental analysis and field assessment activities at 3900 Paradise Road associated with the Los Prietos Boys Camp; and
- b) Find that the proposed contract does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5) (Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the agreement with Rincon Consultants to provide environmental consulting and field assessment activities at 3900 Paradise Road as part of the Special-Use permit renewal process for Los Prietos Boys Camp. The Special-Use permit, authorizing operation of the camp, will expire in 2024. The County has begun the application process for renewing the permit. The environmental services associated with this agreement are necessary in order to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

For over ten years, Rincon Consultants has been providing vendor services for numerous departments in the County. Rincon was selected for the environmental consulting and field assessment activities at Los Prietos Boys Camp based on its demonstrated competence and professional experience.

**Background:**

The Los Prietos Boys Camp offers an alternative to traditional detention for selected male juvenile offenders. The residents are permitted to continue their high school education while learning discipline, leadership, job and life skills. The facility and its dedicated staff offer the boys an opportunity to turn their lives around. The camp is located 20 miles north of the City of Santa Barbara within the Los Padres National Forest. In collaboration with the juvenile court system and the County Probation Department, youths considered eligible between the ages of 13 to 18 are assigned to the camp to complete a highly structured program lasting between four to six months. The camp contains on-site residential units which house staff members while teachers, counselors and medical professionals commute to the site daily. The rural character of the facility provides inherent value by facilitating vocational training activities which include horticulture, a wood shop, and chopping large quantities of fire wood which is sold to businesses and individuals. The boys also participate in kitchen services and the refurbishment of computers for low-income families; both of which provide a clear nexus to potential future employment. The County has operated the camp since 1944, and every cost benefit analysis has demonstrated the importance of keeping the camp running. In 1994, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a Special-Use permit authorizing the County to operate the boys' camp. The permit expires on December 31, 2024. The County is committed to operating the camp long into the future. The most effective way to assure the long-term operation of the camp is for the County to request that the USFS issue a permit extension. A permit extension requires an environmental analysis in order to satisfy the compliance requirements of NEPA.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Probation has funding in Prop 172 Restricted Fund Balance Line Item Account 9768 for this project and will bring a Budget Revision to the Board in FY 2019-20 to transfer funds to General Services for the project.

**Special Instructions:**

After Board action, please distribute as follows:

1. Direct the Clerk of the Board to send two (2) originals of the executed Agreement and the minute order of these actions to the Real Property office: Attn: Julie Lawrence (x3073)

**Attachments:**

1. Proposal to Prepare Special Use Permit Application and Associated Documentation for the Los Prietos Boys Camp
2. Agreement for Services with Rincon Consultants (3 originals)