



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Works/Lag San  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** 10/18/2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

**FROM:** Department Scott D. McGolpin, P.E., Director, x3010  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Mark A. Schleich, P.E., Deputy Director, x3605

**SUBJECT:** Agreement for Services with Duke's Root Control, Incorporated - Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement with Duke's Root Control, Incorporated in the not to exceed amount of \$120,000 for root eradication in certain Laguna County Sanitation District sewer lines; and
- b) Find that the proposed action is for the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that which currently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR § 15301(b), and approve the filing of the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to execute an agreement between the Laguna County Sanitation District (District) and Duke's Root Control, Incorporated (not a local vendor). Sewer lines, particularly older lines, are subject to tree root intrusion, especially during droughts. Duke's Root Control, Incorporated provides root eradication throughout the nation and has worked for the District and other local agencies in the past. This agreement is to provide for work on select sewer lines during fiscal year 2016-2017 and is in the not to exceed amount of \$120,000.

**Background:**

Laguna County Sanitation District owns and maintains approximately 125 miles of sewer lines varying in age from 1905 to the present. Sewer lines, particular older lines made of vitrified clay (VCP), can experience significant root intrusion from trees seeking water. This problem is further exacerbated during drought periods. Root intrusion causes problems such as broken pipes, solids, and grease accumulation that in turn can cause sewer backups and overflows. To combat root intrusion, the District employs several techniques including pipe flushing, root cutting and root eradication. Root eradication is used in areas with limited physical access and in areas that have required repeat root cutting efforts. Duke’s Root Control, Incorporated has worked for the District in the past.

This action requests your Board approve an agreement with Duke’s Root Control, Incorporated in the not to exceed amount of \$120,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

**Performance Measure:**

The agreement for maintenance services with Duke’s Root Control, Incorporated will help in maintaining sewer system performance.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
LCSO Operations	\$ 120,000		
Total	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -

The source of funds is the Laguna County Sanitation District operations fund.

**Special Instructions:**

Retain one (1) original agreement for the Clerk of the Board records and return the other two (2) original agreements to the Laguna County Sanitation District office, attention Martin Wilder.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Original agreement, three (3 copies).  
 Attachment B: NOE

**Authored by:**

Martin Wilder, P.E., Manager

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Jeremy Chaja, Chief Plant Operator