

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 11/20/02  
**Department Name:** Fire  
**Department No.:** 031  
**Agenda Date:** 12/3/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** 10  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**STAFF** James Harrison, Operations Division Chief x4202  
**CONTACT:** Mark Schmitt, Administrative Division Chief x5533

**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Hurst Rescue Equipment

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure approximately \$92,000 worth of Hurst hydraulic rams and cutting equipment from L.N. Curtis & Sons (not a local vendor) without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is 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 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for the purchase of Hurst hydraulic rams and cutters from L.N. Curtis & Sons.

The Fire Department has a 25 year history of using Hurst extrication equipment. Hurst was the original manufacturer of power extrication equipment and for the past 25 years we have come to depend on the reliability and innovation of their products. L.N. Curtis is the sole vendor for this equipment.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

By replacing outdated, obsolete equipment with standardized units that utilize current technology, the Fire Department is able to maintain current service levels and maximize its effectiveness in rescue operations.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Fire District Funds (30%) and Fire Act Grant Funds (70%) will cover this purchase. The Fire District portion has been included in the FY 02/03 adopted budget. A budget revision request will be processed for the Fire Act Grant portion of this purchase.

**Special Instructions:**

Please route certified copies of the Minute Order to:

Purchasing Agent, John McMillin

Rose Pueschel, County Fire

Curt Warner, County Fire

**Concurrence:**

County Administrator, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Purchasing Agent