



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-14

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: General Services  
Department No.: 063  
For Agenda Of: April 3, 2007  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bob Nisbet, Director (560-1011) *[Signature]*  
Director(s) General Services Department  
Contact Info: Paddy Langlands, Assistant Director (568-3096)  
Support Services Division

SUBJECT: Authorization of the General Services Director to Execute Soil Contamination  
Notice(s): All Districts

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board authorizes, on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, the General Services Director the right to execute Soil Contamination Notice(s) in connection with the County's Leaking Underground Fuel Tank Program, and approve the recordation of such notice if required.

**Summary Text:** The General Services Director, with concurrence from the Public Works Department Underground Storage Tank Program and the Santa Barbara Fire Prevention Division (FPD), can assist in closing underground storage tanks. Upon FPD approval and notification, the Public Works and General Services Departments can proceed with the closure activities associated with the site which includes the proper destruction of the monitoring well(s). If there are any remaining issues that prevent the closure, FPD allows the responsible party to leave in place low levels of contaminated soil, once a deed notification is submitted to the County Recorder. A Soil Contamination Notice is the appropriate document which is executed by the responsible party and the Notice is then recorded on that certain county property.

**Background:**

Over the years, the County has been involved in a Leaking Underground Fuel Tank Program (LUFT). Occasionally, County staff must work with the State Regional Water Quality Board to ensure that concentrations of contaminated soil are monitored by underground well(s). These underground water monitoring well(s) are tested and once they remain stable the County may request the site be closed. On occasions and when low levels of contaminated soil remain on the site due to limitations on their removal, FPD may accept a Soil Contamination Notice that is executed by the property owner and the notification may be recorded at the County Recorder Office. An example of a difficult removal is when the low levels of contaminated soil are found under the foundation of a building. The Soil Contamination Notice becomes a condition on the title of the property which condition states that the responsible party will address the remediation of the contaminated soil when any future execution activities occur on the site and results in the exposure to the material.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:** Upon the Boards approval, the Clerk of the Board should distribute as follow:

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| 1. Minute Order | Board's Official File                    |
| 2. Minute Order | Office of Real Estate Services, Attn: RC |
| 3. Minute Order | Public Works, Bill Tracy                 |

**Attachments:**

N/A

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**cc:** Bill Tracy, Public Works Department