

## AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

### SUBJECT:

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM: CONSIDER THE USE OF AN EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND AUTHORIZE SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:** Yes  No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**

Yes  No

### PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

March 16, 2021 (1), Enhancing Wildfire Safety on County Roads; July 13, 2021 (1), Roadside Vegetation Management for Increased Wildfire Preparedness in Unincorporated San Diego County; October 5, 2021 (2) Noticed Public Hearing: An Ordinance Amending the Defensible Space for Fire Protection Ordinance; October 5, 2021 (5) Environmental Review of Roadside Vegetation Management For Evacuation Preparedness Program - Procurement And Appropriations

### BOARD POLICY APPLICABLE:

A-87 - Competitive Procurement

### BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

Goods to be Procured

San Diego County Fire requests a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) with Perimeter Solutions to purchase PHOS-CHEK® long-term fire retardant (LTFR). LTFRs contain retardant salts that alter the way fire burns, decreasing fire intensity and slowing the advance of a fire, even after the water the retardants originally contained has evaporated. The requested term for this BPA is an initial term of one year with four additional options years and six additional months, if necessary. The estimated annual value of this BPA is \$275,000.00.

Benefits to the County of San Diego

Many roads in San Diego County's rural communities' traverse through high and very high fire hazard severity zones and serve as critical evacuation corridors. In addition, key critical community infrastructure in the rural eastern portion of the County is also at risk of wildfire. Purchasing PHOS-CHEK® LTFRs will provide San Diego County Fire with the ability to proactively deploy resources to treat vegetation surrounding at-risk roadways and infrastructure to reduce the chance of roadside fire starts and protect critical infrastructure from potential direct flame impingement.

Taking these proactive actions will reduce the likelihood of loss of life, property, or County infrastructure due to wildfire. These proactive steps will reduce costs associated with wildfire responses and the lengthy process of physical and economic recovery after a fire impacts the region.

Qualification for Single Source Exception

San Diego County Fire has the following LTFR qualifications for the purposes of economic value, operational effectiveness, and achieving positive outcomes:

- LTFRs must be able to remain effective when exposed to normal weather conditions in San Diego County until wildfire risk is naturally reduced through normal weather patterns (up to 2" of rainfall during winter months when temperatures are lower, relative humidity is higher, and there is less of a chance of strong Santa Ana wind events that lead to increased wildfire risk or Red Flag warnings) or 6 months, whichever happens sooner.
- LTFRs must be capable of being ground-applied to vegetation to allow for precise application within public rights-of-

way.

- LTFRs for ground application must be relatively free of color additives.

- LTFRs must pass all mammalian, fish, and aquatic toxicity tests within requirements allowed by the US Department of Agriculture/United States Forest Service Specification 5100-304d (Long-Term Retardant, Wildland Firefighting) to reduce environmental impacts.

Only PHOS-CHEK® brand of LTFRs supplies a product that meets San Diego County Fire's qualifications. PHOS-CHEK® brand products are only sold by Perimeter Solutions. Competition, therefore, is precluded because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, secret processes, control of the basic raw material(s) or similar circumstances, and no equivalent good is available. Therefore, this request for procurement is in accordance with Board Policy A-87's provisions related to single source exceptions.

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

N/A

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):**

Department of Public Works, Department of Purchasing and Contracting

**INTERNAL REVIEW COMPLETE BY:**

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