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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **AS-0**  
**73732**  
**73733**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **AS-NEEDED HERBICIDE APPLICATION USING LARGE AND SMALL SPRAY RIGS ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve supplementing the Public Works' "As-Needed Herbicide Applications Using Large and Small Spray Rigs" program.
2. Authorize Public Works to encumber an additional \$137,500 to increase the program's annual aggregate not-to-exceed amount from \$550,000 to \$687,500.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to supplement the maximum aggregate annual amount for this program. On December 11, 2001, your Board approved Contracts 73732 and 73733 with Quality Sprayers, Inc., and Landscape Pest Management, respectively, to provide herbicide application services on our various rights of way. During the term of the previous contract, the contractor experienced frequent equipment breakdowns resulting in a substantial backlog of work. The use of two contractors to catch up on this existing spraying backlog and to put in place a more aggressive three-year weed control program has depleted the annual funds allocated to this program more quickly than anticipated. To maintain the program as intended for the current contract term and for the two-option years, it is necessary to increase the program's annual encumbrance by \$137,500 over the present authorized annual amount of \$550,000 to \$687,500.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This program and the recommended action meet the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The recommended action will improve operations by providing additional, timely, cost-effective herbicide application services while improving the quality of life in the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The additional \$137,500 to be encumbered will increase the program's annual not-to-exceed amount from \$550,000 to \$687,500. Funds are available in Public Works' 2002-03 budget to cover this supplement. There will be no impact on net County cost.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The terms, conditions, requirements, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

**CONCLUSION**

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel