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November 18, 2025

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2025-26
TO INCREASE THE FUNDING APPROPRIATION FOR MASTER AGREEMENTS
WITH QUALIFIED VENDORS FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF
AS-NEEDED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES COUNTYWIDE
(ALL-DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures is requesting Board approval to revise the Vegetation Management Services Master Agreement budget and related appropriation adjustment for as-needed vegetation management services agreements with twelve (12) existing vendors and with new vendors as they become qualified throughout the remaining term of the existing Master Agreement. The increase in appropriation will cover the cost of rising demands for services and additional work due to unforeseen conditions.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve a Fiscal Year 2025-26 appropriation adjustment allocating an additional \$1 million in Services and Supplies appropriation, offset by an increase in revenue to increase the annual aggregate costs of the Master Agreement for as-needed vegetation management services from \$2 to \$3 million per year, effective upon approval, for the remainder of the initial contract term.
2. Delegate authority to the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures (Commissioner/Director), or his authorized designee, to execute amendments to the Master Agreement to increase L.A. County's cost by no more than 10 percent (10%) of the estimated annual cost, each contract year, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notice to the Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On September 12, 2023, the Board approved the original Board Letter authorizing the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) to establish a Master Agreement for weed and brush abatement services. The purpose of that action was to support one of ACWM's core missions to provide essential fire prevention services through the abatement of hazardous vegetation across much of Los Angeles County using both County crews and contracted vendors. These services are critical to reducing fire risk and protecting life and property by removing dry weeds, brush, neglected landscaping, and dying trees, many of which are located in close proximity to homes and other structures.

The current recommendations seek to amend the existing Master Agreement to further enhance ACWM's ability to effectively respond not only to routine vegetation management needs but also to special and urgent abatement situations that arise due to seasonal weather patterns, prolonged drought conditions, and increased vegetation growth. Approval of the recommendations will allow the Commissioner/Director or authorized designee to increase the Agreement cost by \$1 million to meet a rising demand for services, meet strategic plans goals, and amend the maximum cost of up to an additional 10% each year of occurrence for unforeseen service needs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports the County's Strategic Plan goals through the following strategy:

- North Star 2: Foster vibrant and resilient communities - Focus Area Goal: D. Sustainability: Focus on environmental justice, particularly in communities that have long endured industrial contamination, and "Our County" Sustainability Plan's 12 broad, aspirational, and cross-cutting goals, that embrace positive change and address sustainability issues regionally. Strategy iii. Natural Resources: Support thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity. By increasing our funding appropriation, we will be able to continue critical weed abatement work throughout the county and protect our residents and local ecosystems from devastating fires.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County cost associated with this action. Any expenses incurred as a result of vendor payment pursuant to a Master Agreement will be recoverable through property tax liens, direct charges, or grants. Payments to vendors will not exceed ACWM or the District's Board-approved spending authority.

Approval of the enclosed appropriation adjustment will increase the Services and Supplies appropriation, offset by a corresponding increase in revenue, to raise the annual aggregate costs of the Master Agreements for as-needed vegetation management services from \$2 to \$3 million per year. Funding for the remaining years of the initial term and optional terms will be requested through the annual budget development process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County would incur an obligation only as work is assigned either through the work order process or through a set of rates supplied by vendors on an annual basis. Both methods ensure that work is consistently awarded to the lowest cost, qualified vendor, which will include any established allowance for applicable County preference programs.

The services to be provided under these Master Agreements are of a seasonal, intermittent nature and, therefore, are not Proposition A contracts pursuant to County Code 2.121.250. The Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) requirements do not apply to the recommended agreements. The agreements contain all mandatory County contracting provisions and are in compliance with all Board and CEO requirements.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The current Master Agreements were approved by the Board on September 12, 2023. The terms and conditions of the Master Agreements were approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will augment ACWM and the District's ability to effectively and timely respond to an increasingly unpredictable fire season and other vegetation management challenges.

Respectfully submitted,



KURT E. FLOREN

Agricultural Commissioner, Director of Weights
and Measures

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

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REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE

FY 2025-26

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

USES

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A01-AW-92-9517-18730

WEED ABAT-BRSH-PROP CLEAR

INCREASE REVENUE

1,000,000

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

A01-AW-2000-18730

SERVICES & SUPPLIES

INCREASE APPROPRIATION

1,000,000

SOURCES TOTAL

\$ 1,000,000

USES TOTAL

\$ 1,000,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase in Services & Supplies appropriation, offset by an increase in revenue to increase the annual aggregate costs of the master agreements for as-needed vegetation management services from \$2 to \$3 million per year.

Patricia V. Rodarte

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Patricia V. Rodarte, Administrative Deputy

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

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DATE 9/26/25



APPROVED AS REQUESTED



APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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