



## Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division, recommending the Board:

- 1) Make findings in accordance with County Ordinance Section 3.13.030 Contracting Out, that the ongoing aggregate of work to be performed is not sufficient to warrant the addition of permanent staff to provide helicopter services on the Rubicon Trail for maintenance specific activities;
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 6255 with Siller Helicopters, Inc. to provide helicopter services, materials, equipment, pilots, and ground crew to conduct maintenance activities on the Rubicon Trail, for a seven (7) month term beginning April 1, 2022, for a total not to exceed amount of \$400,000; and
- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to execute further documents relating to Agreement for Services 6255, including amendments which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management.

**FUNDING:** California State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Division Grant Funds.

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

Each year, the County Parks Division completes an assessment of the Rubicon Trail to determine which routine maintenance projects will be performed during the next peak season (usually May-October). Last year, several areas were identified that require large amounts of rock to be transported to different areas of the trail. Due to the remote location of the trail, the rugged terrain, and the large quantities of the material needed to complete the maintenance, the services of a helicopter with rock buckets to move the material is necessary. Staff has determined that it is most cost-effective and efficient to contract for helicopter services to transport the materials to the locations where rock is needed. The County has contracted out this service in the past.

The Parks Division applied for and received a grant through the State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division to fund this maintenance activity (Legistar item #21-1731) in the amount of \$675,846. The project is anticipated to be completed in May 2022, however, inclement weather could potentially impact the project timeline. Therefore, the contract term is for approximately seven (7) months, beginning April 1, 2022 and expiring on October 31, 2022.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The only alternative to conduct this type of large scale maintenance on the trail is to move rock by trailer using volunteers and the Murooka track-mounted dump truck. This has proven to be more expensive and very challenging as this requires a large amount of materials to be transported through highly rugged terrain to remote locations on the trail. The location of this project cannot be done with trailers or the Murooka.

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

- 11/10/15 Legistar 15-1342 - 2015 Siller Helicopter Agreement
- 10/17/17 Legistar 17-1111 - 2017 Siller Helicopter Agreement
- 3/10/20 Legistar 20-0215 - 2020 Siller Helicopter Agreement
- 8/25/20 Legistar 20-0920 - 2020 Siller Helicopter Agreement Amendment I

11/16/21 Legistar 21-1731 - G21 Grant Approval

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

Department of Transportation

**CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This project was approved by the State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division and the Board of Supervisors. The total grant amount is \$675,846. Within the grant \$400,000 was identified for the purpose of the helicopter.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

1. Chair to sign two (2) originals of Agreement 6255.
2. Board Clerk's Office to return one (1) original of Agreement to Forrest Andra in the Chief Administrative Office, Parks Division, for distribution to vendor.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Infrastructure

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