




Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR

January 29, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Fred Medrano, Director, Health & Human Services

Subject: Contract: Vector Control Services

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to inform the City Council that the contract with Alameda County, Department of Environmental Health for continuation of vector control services by the City of Berkeley Division of Environmental Health in the Department of Health and Human Services is being renewed in accordance with Resolution No. 56,776-N.S. This Resolution authorizes the City Manger to receive grant funds and execute any resultant agreement where the Council has a policy in place supporting the program the funds would be used for, and provide Council with an informational report with each instance of application for or receipt of funds pursuant to this Resolution.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECT

In July 2007, in accordance with mailed ballot process established by the Taxpayer's Right To Vote On Taxes Act of 1996 (approved by voters as Proposition 218), Alameda County conducted a special ballot election to increase the benefit assessment for vector control by \$4.08 per year for single family residential property on one acre or less while other residential property types are assessed according to the number of dwelling units and size. Commercial, industrial, and agriculture properties are assessed according to their parcel size and property type. The ballot measure passed with a 67% approval rate.

The result was an increase in the amount of benefit assessment collected within the City of Berkeley. The fiscal year 2008 contract amount increased based on an increase in the parcel benefit assessment and increased operating cost.

The term of Agreement will continue from year to year so long as Alameda County is imposing a benefit assessment for vector control within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Berkeley. The Vector Control Services to be performed by the City and which are eligible for reimbursement under this new Agreement are those services specified in Appendix A (Attachment 1).

Financial Implications

Old Berkeley Benefit Assessment Unit	\$240,363.84
New Berkeley Benefit Assessment Unit	<u>\$120,225.50</u>
Total Berkeley Assessment Unit	\$360,589.34
2-3% Delinquency (.025) (Estimated Amount Not Collected from Property Owners)	<u>- \$9,015.00</u>
Revenue Available	\$351,574.34
8.8 % CSA Overhead	<u>-\$ 30,938.54</u>
Total Available to Berkeley	\$320,635.80

The Berkeley funds will be used to provide vector control services within the City limits as described in the contract and provide an annual report of accomplishments to Alameda County by March 1, 2008.

Revenue estimates for the current fiscal year have been revised to reflect the new contract amount. The increase in associated expenditures will be included in the second amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance. The revenues received will be deposited into the Vector Control Fund, budget code 150-4304-331.60-07.

BACKGROUND

In 1984, following a special election of voters within the service area, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors established County Service Area (CSA) VC 1984-1 to provide pest and rodent control (“Vector Control”) services for the service area. The service area included the unincorporated area of the County and certain cities within the County including Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, and Union City.

Each year since 1984, Alameda County has entered into a contract with the City for vector control services performed by the City on behalf of the CSA within the City’s jurisdiction.

On January 8, 1985 by Resolution No. 52,538-N.S., the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Alameda County for funding of vector control services in Berkeley.

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Attachment:

1. Appendix A – Definition of Services

ATTACHMENT 1

**APPENDIX A**  
DEFINITION OF SERVICES

VECTOR CONTROL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF THE BERKELEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Enforcement of all applicable City of Berkeley Ordinances and State Health and Safety Code and California Code of Regulations provisions relating to vector control including refuse and animal waste.
2. Monitor sanitary sewers to include, without limitation, periodic, regular inspection of sewer access covers and appropriate follow up treatment if rodent presence or activity detected.
3. Inspection of Bay waterfronts within the City limits at least once per month for rat infestation with control measures taken as necessary.
4. Investigation of all public complaints and requests for services concerning insect, rodent and other animal vectors as well as conditions conducive to harboring vectors.
5. Conduct neighborhood surveys where there are an excessive number of public complaints concerning vectors.
6. Participate in Alameda County Vector Control sponsored training regarding vector control programs and employee safety.
7. Submit an annual report to the Alameda County Vector Control Services District prior to March 1st each year, as set forth in Section 5 of the Agreement.
8. The County of Alameda may request an audit of expenditures in conformance with established standards.

