



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559)624-7010		

SUBJECT: Approval of Invoice of Joyce Hofstee Company for the Utilization of Custom Harvesting Equipment

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the payment of an invoice from the Joyce Hofstee Company in the amount of \$3,000 for the eradication of an illegal cannabis grow utilizing custom harvesting equipment retroactive from August 1, 2019 through August 29, 2019. This request is retroactive due to time constraints, the urgency of the abatement and the specialized equipment needed to handle the on-site conditions.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to have the work done and that it was in the County's best interest to do so.

SUMMARY:
Resource Management Agency (RMA) Code Enforcement Division regularly contracts with demolition contractors to assist with the abatement of illegal cannabis grow sites. RMA staff was made aware of a large cannabis grow located near Strathmore consisting of approximately 13,500 cannabis plants grown in the center of a 5-acre cornfield. An abatement warrant was obtained on August 8, 2019 and the warrant was executed on August 13, 2019. Due to the extremely high number of plants and the manner in which the plants were concealed, the eradication work required a contractor with specialized equipment, the Joyce Hofstee Company, to bring in a large corn chopping machine along with a large 8-wheel dozer for approximately five hours. The Joyce Hofstee Company is not a vendor regularly contracted with RMA to provide assistance during eradication. None of RMA's regular contracted vendors were able to

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provide this service.

Due to time constraints, the urgency of the abatement and the specialized equipment needed to handle the on-site conditions, procurement documents for the contract were not able to be completed in advance of serving the warrant and abatement. Authorization from the Board is being requested retroactive to August 1, 2019 through August 29, 2019, to make payment to Joyce Hofstee Company for the work performed in the amount of \$3,000.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is No Net County cost to the General Fund.

RMA has procedures in place to recoup the costs of the abatement from the owner of the property in question. Expenses for abatement actions are included in the RMA's annual budget and are repaid when revenues from the abatement process are received from the property owner. The contract with the Joyce Hofstee Company is in the amount of \$3,000 for costs associated with the eradication of the illegal cannabis grow.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This program links to Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security – Provide for the safety and security of the public. Code enforcement is a critical function within Tulare County and works to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the residents in the unincorporated areas of the County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Sherman Dix, CPA
Assistant Director Fiscal Services



Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) A - Joyce Hofstee Invoice (Dated August 20, 2019)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF)
INVOICE OF JOYCE HOFSTEE COMPANY) Resolution No. _____
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CUSTOM)
HARVESTING EQUIPMENT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17,
2019, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Approved the payment of an invoice from the Joyce Hofstee Company in the amount of \$3,000 for the eradication of an illegal cannabis grow utilizing custom harvesting equipment, retroactive from August 1, 2019 through August 29, 2019. This request is retroactive due to time constraints, the urgency of the abatement and the specialized equipment needed to handle the on-site conditions.
2. Found that the Board had the authority to have the work done and that it was in the County's best interest to do so.

Attachment “A”

Joyce Hofstee Invoice (Dated August 20, 2019)

**JOYCE HOFSTEE
16029 AVE 136
TIPTON, CA 93272
559-793-0102**

AUGUST 20, 2019

INVOICE

**BILL TO: TULARE COUNTY RMA
5961 S. MOONEY BLVD
VISALIA, CA 93277**

**RE: PROJECT 0505-1900170-00
FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT: 20282 ROAD 246**

5 HOURS @ \$600.00 PER HOUR

TOTAL DUE: \$3000.00

AMOUNT DUE UPON RECEIPT OF INVOICE.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JOYCE HOFSTEE