

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/30/99  
**Department Name:** Public Works Department  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** 4/27/99  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** Staff - None Required  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M. Demery  
Public Works Director

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael B. Emmons Ext. 3012  
County Surveyor

**SUBJECT:** Request for Waiver of Competition in Purchase of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) Equipment

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the purchasing agent to procure Trimble GPS Surveying Equipment without being required to conduct a formal bid process.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with our organizational values regarding economy in government.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, we are requesting your Board to waive the requirement for a competitive bid for purchase of Trimble GPS Surveying Equipment. The County Surveyor Division of the Public Works Department tested GPS equipment from six major manufacturer's and has concluded that the equipment that best meets the needs of their operation is made by Trimble Navigation. Of the six manufacturers that responded to a request for demonstration of equipment, only two met the requirement of providing a complete surveying instrument without the use of additional carrying equipment (backpacks). Trimble was chosen by staff due to its simplicity of operation, clear data display, and the ability to perform all types of surveys without changing attached equipment (antennas, cables, etc.).

## **Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in programs or service levels.

## **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This equipment purchase is included in the current fiscal year budget.

## **Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to route a certified copy of the minute order to the purchasing agent.

## **Concurrence:**

Purchasing Agent.