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Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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Item Number: 1.9

MEETING DATE: **01/27/2026**

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Ramesh Pandurangan

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PUBLIC WORKS - S. LOUPE**

Approve Purchase Order for a new wood chipper (2025 VERMEER BC 1500) for a total amount of \$111,318.73 to replace the 1998 model wood chipper that is not California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliant and is restricted to emergency use only.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 105

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Roads department currently uses a 1998 model wood chipper which is not CARB (California Air Resources Board) compliant and is restricted to emergency use only.

CARB compliance ensures that all equipment, engines, or vehicles meet the required regulations for air quality and emissions. CARB sets strict standards to reduce air pollution, so using CARB compliant equipment ensures the county is following state law and helping protect public health and the environment.

A new chipper is needed because the current unit, manufactured in 1998, is no longer CARB compliant and can only be used in emergency situations. The chipper is used to process wood when crews cut, trim, and maintain trees along the 450 miles of county roads under the department's care. It is also used when trees fall on the roads due to storms or accidents.

The vendor is chosen through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Process. Sourcewell is a government

unit, public corporation and public agency under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Sourcewell was created by state law as a service cooperative to provide programs and services to other government agencies. Sourcewell was established with the statutory purpose to assist public agencies in meeting specific needs which are more efficiently delivered cooperatively than by an entity individually.

Sourcewell streamlines the procurement process for public agencies by developing RFPs & IFBs and submitting them for competitive solicitations. Sourcewell contracts with hundreds of nationally acclaimed suppliers.

Cooperative purchasing is "Procurement conducted by, or on behalf of, one or more Public Procurement Units" as defined by the American Bar Association Model Procurement Code for State and Local Governments. And it saves time and money to use Cooperative purchasing process through Sourcewell's competitively solicited contracts.

There are no specific license(s) required to operate this proposed purchase.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Payment of \$111,318.73 for FY 25/26.

Approved funds are available in Roads Budget Line Item # 210.70.2010.1000.650.301

No Budget Adjustment is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Agenda Fact Sheet -Wood Chipper](#)
[Requisition for SignVermeer woodchipper](#)
[Vermeer wood chipper Quote](#)
[Budget Perf Report for Roads fixed asset](#)
[Sourcewell Vermeer Contract 010925-1](#)