



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Board of Supervisors

**DATE:** July 8, 2003

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 15, 2003

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson *RJG*

**SUBJECT:** Authorization for the Director of Public Works to Expend Funds from County Service Area 8 for the Purpose of Graffiti Abatement in County Service Area 8 through June 30, 2004

**Recommendation**

Authorize the Director of Public Works to expend funds from County Service Area 8 for the purpose of graffiti abatement in County Service Area 8, in the maximum amount of \$70,000, through June 30, 2004

**Discussion**

Due to an anticipated shortfall in General Funds, the appropriation for graffiti abatement was eliminated from the 2003/04 budget. It is estimated that up to 80% of last year's program costs, an amount approximating \$65,000, was spent in the North Fair Oaks area, where graffiti remains a significant problem. The Director of Public Works has advised that there are sufficient funds available through tax revenues for County Service Area 8, which covers the entire North Fair Oaks area, to fund a graffiti abatement program in County Service Area 8 through this fiscal year. I am asking the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director of Public Works to expend up to \$70,000 from CSA 8 funds to continue the graffiti abatement program in CSA 8 through June 30, 2004, allowing this much needed program to continue as we study the impacts graffiti has on the North Fair Oaks community (i.e., property values, aesthetics, crime, etc.).

The proposed action will further the goal that the County carefully consider future impact rather than temporary relief or immediate gain.

**Fiscal Impact**

This action could result in the expenditure of up to \$70,000 in CSA 8 funds through June 30, 2004.