

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 2, 2009

Action Agenda

Item No. 4-dd

SUBJECT: Repair of Ice Surface at Triangle Sportsplex

DEPARTMENT: Purchasing

PUBLIC HEARING: (Y/N)

No

ATTACHMENT(S):

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PURPOSE: To consider authorizing the Purchasing Director to exceed the signature limit of \$20,000 in order to repair the ice surface at the Triangle Sportsplex.

BACKGROUND: A section of the ice surface at the Triangle Sportsplex has developed inconsistent textures and is creating a safety hazard for skaters who utilize the rink. This condition called "warm ice" is created by failure of the piping system beneath the ice. Recreation Factory Partners (RFP), the firm with whom the County contracts for Sportsplex management, has identified the source of the problem and has worked with R & S Mechanical and Rink Specialists to create a repair plan. The repairs are estimated to cost approximately \$80,000.

The staff of RFP will coordinate the repairs among the various trades that must be employed to carry out the work. Individually some of the trades will exceed \$20,000, which is the Purchasing Director's approval limit. In order to expedite the work and ensure a minimal disruption in services, the Board is asked to authorize the Purchasing Director to issue the purchase orders which may exceed that limit.

The area of repair will be cordoned off during repairs. The rest of the rink will remain operational.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The total cost of this work is estimated to be \$80,000. Not carrying out the work will likely cause the ice to fail in other areas and require the rink to be shut down entirely until repairs can be made, thereby dramatically affecting revenues. While sufficient funds exist to fund the amount cited for ice repair, the Sportsplex Enterprise Fund **does not** have sufficient cash to support both these repairs and the projected amount of operational subsidy to the Sportsplex through June 30, 2009. The Financial Services Director has indicated a transfer of approximately \$47,000 from the General Fund will be needed to accommodate

both expenditures. Should the Board approve this action, a budget amendment will be prepared and presented at the June 16, 2009 Board meeting to provide the additional revenue.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends that the Board authorize the Purchasing Director to exceed the \$20,000 signature limit for purchase orders associated with these repairs; and to direct staff to present a budget amendment in the amount of \$47,000 on June 16, 2009 to provide funds for ice repairs and expected operational expenses through June 30, 2009.