

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/3/2025

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*Title:

Clarification of Terms - Pre-Excavation/Digging Svcs to Underground Facility Owners

*Introduction/Background:

On July 3, 2018, the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with Arizona Blue Stake, Inc. to provide pre-excavation/digging notification services to the County. The July 3, 2018 agenda item listed a five-year term with a contract amount of \$275,000.00, but the executed contract has a perpetual term with automatic renewals. This agenda item clarifies that the Pima County Board of Supervisors approves the perpetual term as agreed upon in 2018. Additionally, the Pima County Board of Supervisors approves County expenditures beyond the initial five years relating to this contract, consistent with the executed contract's terms regarding any escalation of fees, without subsequent amendments to the agreement.

*Discussion:

County holds a perpetual membership agreement in Arizona 811, formerly Arizona Blue Stake. The membership is annually funded by the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD), designated the single point of contact for membership in Arizona 811, for the benefit of all County Departments. RWRD request authority to annually increase the required membership contract amount to pay for the monthly membership assessments.

*Conclusion:

A.R.S. §§ 40-360.21 through 40-360.32 requires all owners and operators of underground facilities be members of Arizona 811, a One-Call Notification Center and sole source state provider of utility location coordination services, as of December 31, 1988. Additionally, Arizona law mandates that anyone digging for any reason must have underground utilities located before digging begins.

*Recommendation:

Staff recommends the automatic renewal feature of the Arizona 811 membership agreement allow for County to add funds to the Workday Purchase Order annually without subsequent amendment to the agreement.

*Fiscal Impact:

The cost of repair and lost service will be minimized by County marking of assest near subsurface disturbances.												
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TO:

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SUBJECT: Arizona Blue Stake, Inc. dba Arizona 811 Contract Amendment

A.R.S. §§ 40-360.21 through 40-360.32 requires all owners and operators of underground facilities be members of Arizona 811, a One-Call Notification Center, as of December 31, 1988. Additionally, Arizona law mandates that anyone digging for any reason must have underground utilities located before digging begins.

Pima County RWRD has been designated as the County lead Agency for a consolidated Blue Stake Arizona 811 associate membership contract. The consolidated County membership also includes coverage for PCDOT and PCITD underground assets. The associate agreement, CT-WW-18*430, was signed in 2018 and automatically renews until membership is ended.

As part of Pima County's membership in the Arizona 811 service, a monthly assessment is paid to support the computer system and call center associated with the service. A County contract was originally established to allow for the monthly membership assessments to be paid.

Each member's previous year's percentage of Arizona 811's total message volume sent to members is applied to the projected budget for the following year. As of this current year, Pima County assessment is \$4,117 per month. It is expected to be recalculated this coming January 2026 based on the County percentage of messages for clearance received as compared to other utility owners.

The original \$275,000 added to the financial document in 2018 has been paid. The Workday Purchase Order, CT_18000000000000000430, requires additional funds added to continue payment for County membership in the Arizona 811 System.

County is looking to clarify to the Board of Supervisors the automatic renewal feature of the Arizona 811 membership agreement and allow for County to add funds to the Workday Purchase Order during the renewal period without subsequent amendment to the agreement.

Arizona 811 is reluctant to sign an amendment since an agreement has already been signed and is automatically renewed. In their view, the agreement is in place and the ongoing County payment commitment is implied in the agreement. Adding money to the Purchase Order in Workday is strictly a County internal process and not an amendment to the current terms of the agreement.

Arizona 811, formerly known as Arizona Blue Stake, is a non-profit entity who has been given a mandate to act as a communication hub between excavators and utility owners/operators. This program is in alignment with state law and for the betterment of the residents of the state.