



## PIMA COUNTY

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September 26, 2014

**TO:** C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator  
**THRU:** John M. Bernal, P.E., Deputy County Administrator – Public Works  
**FROM:** Jackson Jenkins, Director – RWRD *Jackson Jenkins*  
**SUBJECT:** Request to Extend Current Biosolids Land Application Contract

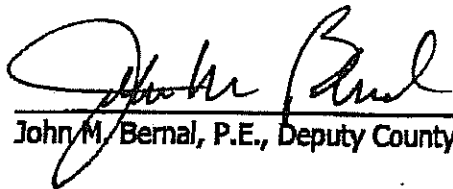
As you know, the County's current biosolids land application contract expires on December 31, 2014. The contract is with Avra Gro, which company, through a series of renewals and modifications, has held the contract since July 2003.

1. Due to the new treatment process incorporated at the Agua Nueva and Tres Rios WRFs including modified ways biosolids are treated and handled at both facilities, we are currently experiencing some difficulty at times in pumping dewatered biosolids into tank trucks that haul the biosolids away to land application. Several remedies to this problem have been developed but we have not yet determined which one will best and most cost-effectively resolve the problem.
2. As you know, this department in conjunction with other County departments is exploring the beneficial use of biosolids application on County-owned lands for restoration and/or farming purposes. For example, we are currently developing a pilot plan and a management plan to restore low value portions of King 98 Ranch to its prior original desert environment which in turn would encourage the return of diverse wildlife. The pilot would determine the method of applying biosolids, frequency, application rates, solids content, etc. Most of these biosolids application details can be incorporated into the bid documents when we bid a new biosolids land application contract. Thus we would gain competitive prices for portions of the pilot project and work with one contractor under one contract.
3. This department is nearing completion of documents to bid a new biosolids land application contract. However, these documents do not contain the new options to assist us in the King 98 Ranch pilot operations, updates to insure incorporation of all current regulatory requirements and final reviews by the County Procurement Department and County's Attorney's Office. We feel the final documents will be ready within 60 days; however, the resolution of the above two items may take longer.
4. We believe the current contract with Avra Gro affords us reasonable and competitive unit prices.

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For the above reasons, we are requesting that we extend the current contract with Avra Gro for 12 months, which would allow us time to complete the above items. The Avra Gro contract does contain a termination for convenience provision, which allows the County to terminate sooner without any additional cost.

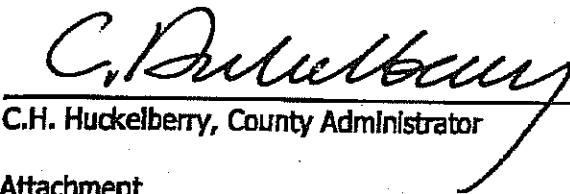
**CONCUR:**



John M. Bernal, P.E., Deputy County Administrator – PWA

10/3/14  
Date

**APPROVED:**



C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

10/6/14  
Date

Attachment

c: George Widugiris, Procurement Director