

County selling radioactive equipment

The operative words are that the buyer must have a license.

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The Tehama County Board of Supervisors approved the sale of two surplus nuclear moisture/density gauges earlier this week. The Model B Mark II Portaprobe gauge measures the density and moisture of construction materials using radioactive source isotopes and detectors.

The MC-3 Portaprobe measures the density and moisture of in-place soil and construction material by emitting radiation from two safety-sealed radioactive sources.

The county acknowledges that a potential danger exists if the equipment is used improperly. The winning bidder is required to have a radioactive material license.

If the county is not able to sell the public works equipment, it will cost \$600 to dispose of them, according to a county report. The minimum bid is \$1 for each piece of equipment. Bids must be received by 11 a.m. at the Tehama County purchasing department.