



Agenda Report

January 13, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CITYWIDE TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Subsection (h) which exempts maintenance of existing landscaping; and
2. It is recommended that City Council reject all bids received on October 30, 2019 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for citywide tree and stump removal for the Department of Public Works.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Works maintains over 65,000 city trees and is also responsible for removing an average of 535 dead, dying, diseased, and hazardous trees each fiscal year. For the last seven years, the City has used private contractors to augment tree and stump removal services performed by City staff. The Department seeks to continue to use private contract services to remove large scale and time intensive trees and stumps that the City is unable to accommodate.

On October 3, 2019, a Notice Inviting Bids was posted on the City website Planet Bids and was published in the *Pasadena Journal* on October 10, 2019. The City posting generated notices to 518 vendors and was downloaded by 30 vendors. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on October 23, 2019 and seven potential bidders attended; none were from Pasadena. Four responses were received by the bid closing date of October 30, 2019, and the bid results are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
1. Tree Pros, Inc., Chino, CA	\$235,980
2. West Coast Arborists, Inc., Anaheim, CA	\$298,800
3. Mariposa Landscapes, Inc., Irwindale, CA	\$330,480
4. Golden West Arbor Services, Inc., Pomona, CA	\$482,400

The lowest responsive bid received is 194% over the historical spending of \$80,000 annually. Bid proposals were evaluated and staff recommends that since dollar amounts significantly exceed budget allocation for the citywide tree and stump removal, all bids be rejected.

Staff believes the delta between the bids received versus budget is due to the performance bond requirement and the selected bid quantity. The performance bond requirement was not originally included in the 2014 bid. Additionally the 2014 bid required bidders to submit bid pricing on total number of trees removed versus the total number of diameter at breast height (DBH) removed. Staff selected DBH to determine the unit cost of tree removal by mass. Staff believes that both factors may have contributed to the higher bid amounts. Staff plans to contact other public agencies to research other bid methods for this industry and will issue a new bid at a future date.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Rejecting all bids supports City Council's goals maintain fiscal responsibility and stability.

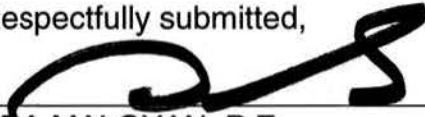
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

There is no environmental impact of this action. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Subsection (h).

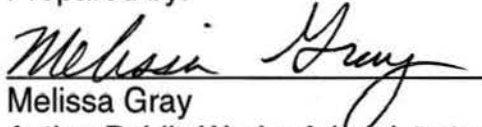
FISCAL IMPACT:

Rejecting all bids will have no fiscal impact.

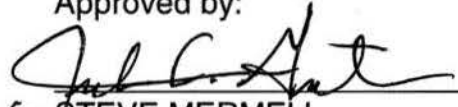
Respectfully submitted,


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