



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

PROCUREMENT AGENDA ITEM

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Award of Contract to Mario's Tree Service for the Cathedral Oaks Non-Native Tree Removal Project at Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Award a contract to Mario's Tree Service of Corona, California to provide non-native tree removal and biomass disposal services for a not-to-exceed base contract amount of \$201,450.
2. Authorize a 10% contingency in the amount of \$20,145 to cover unforeseen issues.
3. Authorize an allowance of \$100,000 for biomass disposal, bringing the total not-to-exceed contract amount to \$321,595.

DISCUSSION

Approximately 2.5 acres of the Cathedral Oaks area in Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve (Preserve) is comprised of dense, non-native eucalyptus trees that support minimal native plant understory, which provides low-quality wildlife habitat, and exhibits low wildland fire resiliency (see Attachment 1: Project Location). The restoration of this site to native riparian forest is fully grant-funded as part of the Wildlife Conservation Board Grant Reforestation Project (Project), which furthers the Wildland Fire Resiliency Program's (WFRP) goals of conducting ecologically sensitive vegetation management to reduce fuel loads and improve wildland fire resiliency. The non-native tree removal work is anticipated to occur between September 2 – November 15, 2024 to avoid impacts to nesting birds. Removed materials, including logs and chips, will be used for on-site erosion control as appropriate. An allowance has been included to account for additional tree removal, log hauling, and biomass disposal if needed.

BUDGET / FISCAL IMPACT

The current fiscal year budget contains:

- sufficient funds.
- insufficient funds; the next quarterly budget update will include a reallocation of unspent funds from other project budgets to cover for this expenditure.
- insufficient funds; approval of this item requires a fiscal year budget augmentation.

- future fiscal year budgets will include additional funds to complete the contracted work.

Measure AA

- No, this contract is not part of a Measure AA project.
- Yes, this contract is part of a Measure AA project.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND SELECTION

The District issued a Request for Bids (RFB) on May 28, 2024 and advertised in local newspapers, on the District website, and on BidSync. Ten firms attended the mandatory pre-bid tour on June 13, 2024. An addendum was issued on June 21, 2024 to clarify questions received during the pre-bid tour and share additional details pertinent to the bid. Bids were due by 11:00 a.m. on July 8, 2024. Six bids were received prior to the time of bid opening. The results are as follows:

Contractor	Location	Base Bid*
Mountain F. Enterprises, Inc.	Folsom, CA	\$350,744
Bay Area Tree Specialists	San Jose, CA	\$303,320
Pacific Firewood	Watsonville, CA	\$288,750
Atlas Tree Surgery	Santa Rosa, CA	\$285,220
Community Tree Service	Royal Oaks, CA	\$235,225
Mario’s Tree Service	Corona, CA	\$201,450

*District estimate was \$350,000

The General Manager recommends awarding the contract to Mario’s Tree Service as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION SUPPORTING THE PROJECT

- **May 21, 2021:** Board approved the Final EIR for the WFRP ([R-21-58, meeting minutes](#)).
- **June 9, 2021:** The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the General Manager to execute, submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents, to administer grant funding for the proposed project. ([R-21-76, meeting minutes](#)).
- **December 14, 2022:** Board approved the Addendum to the Final EIR for the WFRP ([R-22-145, meeting minutes](#)).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. Public notice was sent to interested parties by postal or electronic mail.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the District's IPM Program, approved by the Board on December 10, 2014 ([R-14-148](#)), analyzed the vegetation management activities in the recommended contract. On February 27, 2019, the Board approved an addendum to the Final EIR for the IPM Program ([R-19-11](#)). The EIR and the addendum to the Final EIR prepared for the District's WFRP, approved by the Board on May 12, 2021 ([R-21-58](#)) and December 14, 2022 ([R-22-145](#)) respectively, further analyzed the environmental impacts of the vegetation management activities in the recommended contract. District staff have incorporated the associated mitigation measures and best management practices from the environmental review documents into the project and contract documents.

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval, the General Manager will enter into a contract with Mario's Tree Service of Corona, California to implement the project.

Attachments

1. Project Location Map

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Map 1 - Project Location

