



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
August 26, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Contract: Root Control Application 2008 Project (X14002800)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution 1) approving the contract specifications; 2) awarding the contract to Root Tamers for an amount not to exceed \$189,037; and (3) transferring \$130,000 from the Root Control Application 2009 Project (X14003400, Fund 6006) to the project.

Contact: David L. Brent, Engineering Services Division Manager, 808-1420; Richard Batha, Supervising Engineer, 808-1448

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Utilities

Division: Engineering Services

Organization No: 3332

Description/Analysis

Issue: One general area of the City's sanitary system will be treated with an herbicide to relieve the collection system from tree root intrusion. Treating the sanitary sewer system for root intrusion aids the City in protecting the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages that can result in sanitary sewer overflows.

Policy Considerations: The requested action is in conformance with City Code Section 3.60, Articles I and III, which provide for the award of competitively bid contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

Environmental Considerations: The City's Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the project and has determined this project is exempt from

the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 and Section 15301 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines, as the project involves no expansion or use beyond what now exists and the herbicide will not harm the vitality of trees.

Sustainability Considerations: The project is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan by reducing sanitary sewer overflows, which is one of the City's sustainability targets; and by improving reliability, which will reduce energy-intensive maintenance efforts.


Other: Not applicable


Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Engineering Services developed plans and specifications, and advertised the project to solicit public bids. On July 23, 2008 the City clerk opened three bids. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Root Tamers. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Root Tamers for an amount not to exceed \$189,037.

Financial Considerations: The total project cost including design, construction and contingency is estimated to be \$214,000. There is an unobligated balance of \$130,000 in X14003400 and an unobligated balance of \$94,689 in X14002800. Upon the transfer of \$130,000 from X14003400 to X14002800, there will be sufficient funds to award the construction contract and complete the Root Control Application 2008 project.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): This project waived the participation goal of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises, as it was determined prior to bidding that the project does not lend itself to small business participation at the goal established by the City.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
David L. Brent
Engineering Services Division Manager

Approved by: 
Marty Hanneman
Interim Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

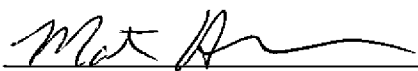

Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

One general area of the City's sanitary sewer system will be treated with an herbicide to relieve the collection system from tree root intrusion. Treating the sanitary sewer system for root intrusion aids the City in protection the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages that can result in sanitary sewer overflows.

The chemical application of a tree root inhibitor in the sewer pipe system project does not lend itself to small business participation at the participation goal of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises. For these reasons the small business participation goal established by the City was waived.

On July 23, 2008 the City clerk opened three bids. Root Tamers was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and is licensed as a pesticide application business with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, as requested by the contract specifications.

The three bids are as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Root Tamers	\$189,036.50
Pacific Sewer Maintenance, Inc.	\$245,860.40
Duke's Root Control, Inc.	\$279,359.00

The Engineer's estimate was \$182,000.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROOT CONTROL APPLICATION 2008 PROJECT
(X14002800)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Root Control Application project treats the sewer collection system to relieve it from tree root intrusion, and allows the City to better protect the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages.
- B. The Root Control Application project was advertised for bidding and received three bids on July 23, 2008. Root Tamers was the lowest responsible bidder.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The contract specifications for the Root Control Application 2008 project (X14002800) are approved, and the contract is awarded to Root Tamers for an amount not to exceed \$189,037.
- Section 2. The transfer of \$130,000 from the Root Control Application 2009 (X14003400, Fund 6006) to X14002800 is approved.