

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Conejo Crest Landscape, Inc. (Conejo Crest) to provide landscape and site services at the Japanese Garden located at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Conejo Crest for the provision of landscape and site services for the Japanese Garden at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant for a three-year term with two one-year renewal options for a total of five years for an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no General Fund impact. Sufficient funds within the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund are available to support the first year costs of the proposed Agreement. Future year funding will be provided through the City's annual budget process and is subject to Mayor and Council approval. The recommendations contained in the July 2, 2013 CAO report, as attached to the Council file, complies with the City's Financial Policies as ongoing revenue will support ongoing maintenance.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - SEPTEMBER 7, 2013)

Summary:

On August 7, 2013, your Committee considered a July 2, 2013 CAO report relative to a proposed Memorandum of Agreement with Conejo Crest for the provision of landscape and site services for the Japanese Garden at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (DCT). According to the CAO, the Japanese Garden (Garden) was included as a mitigation measure required by the Army Corps of Engineers when DCT was constructed in the Sepulveda Flood Basin (Council File No. 92-1404).

The Japanese Garden is maintained using reclaimed water produced by DCT. The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) operates the 6.5 acre Garden, incorporating traditional Japanese landscape elements to showcase various uses for reclaimed water. The BOS maintains a public outreach program to educate the public about the wastewater reclamation process and reuse potential, including educational guided tours and filming activities by the entertainment industry. The Garden also serves as a venue for meetings, retreats, weddings and other activities. The Garden currently hosts between 130 and 170 events per year. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Memorandum of Agreement as contained in the CAO report and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted for Council consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMENFELD:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES

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