

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Third Amendments to contracts with seven vendors for brush clearance and weed abatement services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to execute the Third Amendment to the following contracts to provide brush clearance and weed and refuse abatement services with said Amendments to extend the term of the original contracts by one year through June 30, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 per year subject to available funding, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney:

- C-129495 Avalon Landscape, Inc.
- C-129496 Pan American Brush Clearance, Inc.
- C-129497 Pepo Weed Abatement, Inc.
- C-129498 International Environmental Corporation
- C-129499 Thrifty Tree Service, Inc.
- C-129500 Brian Walsh Brush Clearance, Inc.
- C-129501 Silent Fire, Inc. dba Monet Wildflowers

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no additional impact to the General Fund associated with the recommendation included in the June 2, 2020 CAO report, attached to the Council file. Funding in the amount of \$3,500,000 is included in the 2020-21 Proposed Budget Contract Brush Clearance account. The LAFD is required to identify additional funding for expenditures in excess of budgeted funds. Revenue received from billed services is deposited into Revenue Source Code 4123, Brush Clearance Restitution. The action recommended in the June 2, 2020 CAO report complies with the City's Financial Policies in that ongoing expenditures will be funded by ongoing revenues.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - AUGUST 11, 2020

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - AUGUST 11, 2020)

Summary:

On June 25, 2020, your Committee considered a June 2, 2020 CAO report relative to proposed Third Amendments to contracts with the following vendors for brush clearance and weed abatement services:

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According to the CAO, the LAFD is requesting authority to enter into Third Amendments (Amendments) with seven contractors (Contractors) to continue brush clearance and weed and refuse abatement services Citywide. The proposed Amendments will extend the contractual term for one year from June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for a revised term date of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. The total maximum compensation amount will increase by \$1,000,000 from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000 annually. In order to minimize brush fire incidents, the LAFD Brush Clearance Unit annually inspects approximately 140,000 properties located in the City's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFSZ). Owners of properties within the VHFSZ are required to clear brush, weeds, and refuse according to specific requirements outlined in Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 57.322.1, General Brush Clearance, and Item 6 of LAMC Section 57.503.1.6, Easements, (Fire Code). If property owners do not clear their property according to Fire Code standards upon inspection by the LAFD, the LAFD is authorized to perform these services utilizing one of the Contractors and charge property owners for the cost of clearance. The City may be reimbursed for these services through direct invoices or through the County Assessor's tax rolls. Receipts are deposited into Revenue Source Code 4123, Brush Clearance Restitution. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Third Amendments as detailed in the CAO report and the above recommendation. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES

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6/25/20

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