



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

Staff Report

DATE: October 22, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: John Guertin, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract with Julian Tree Care for the Calfire Grant Funded Fire Prevention Project

CEQA: The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections, Section 15304 (i) Minor Alteration to Land – Fuel management activities within 30 to 100 feet of structures to reduce the volume of flammable vegetation, provided that the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. The understory fuel reduction is a minor alteration to land that involves fuel management activities within 30 to 100 feet of structures.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Julian Tree Service to maximize grant funding and expand fire prevention work throughout the city.

Background

On February 28, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution #2023-01 authorizing the filing of an application for "California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program", for the Del Rey Oaks Fire Prevention Program. On September 29, 2023, the City was awarded \$317,931.90 in grant funding for the project. On February 24, 2024, the Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$154,000 to Julian Tree Care. The award authorized the City Manager to approve up to \$30,800 in contract change orders.

Summary & Discussion

The project, currently underway, is reducing fire fuels along Work Memorial Park (from Via Verde to Fremont Blvd). The Treatment Influence Zone is approximately 41 acres in area, including proximity to over 300 homes. The project area is located near Highway 68 and the former Fort Ord, both of which are designated as high fire threat areas according to the Monterey County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The grant funding received from Calfire for the wildfire fuel removal work portion of the grant, \$297,300.00, was based on estimated costs. The low bid on the project was \$154,000, leaving a grant funding balance of \$143,300. Staff has worked with Julian Tree Care and Calfire to identify additional opportunities for fuel reduction. The recommended action will increase the contract amount by \$135,000 and will enable staff to provide greater service to the community by expanding the project area and maximizing the available grant funding.

If the amendment is approved, staff will submit an informal project change proposal to Calfire for approval of the expanded work. Work will commence only after Calfire has approved the additional work.

Fiscal Impacts

The City has received the Grant Agreement (5GG22134) from the State of California CAL FIRE Program. The total amount of the grant is \$317,931.90. Within this amount the Fuel Reduction Treatment portion allocated is \$297,300. The unused balance of \$143,300 will be charged to the C.I.P. project account which is reimbursable by the grant. The proposed contract amendment is fully budgeted within the project budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment – Contract Services Agreement Amendment #1

Respectfully Submitted,

John Guertin
City Manager

Amendment #1

**JULIAN TREE CARE INC.****Estimate #** 09369-E**Client Information**

Client: City Del Rey Oaks 2
Client Address: 650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, CA, 93940
Client Phone: (831) 713-0171
Client Email: RFucci@delreyoaks.org
Job Site Contact: Ron Fucci

Proposed Work**DESCRIPTION****PRICE****Additional Service**

\$ 85,000.00

Additional Work

Scope Of Work

-Mastication of shrubs and weeds

-Remove fallen, diseased and hazardous trees

-Remove ivy and poison oak or any ladder fuel from live trees

-Haul and dispose of wood

-Install Silt fence for sediment control along creek

*Some areas are to steep for tract equipment we are going to lop and scatter

Subtotal: \$ 85,000.00**TAX (0%) 0%:** \$ 0.00**Total:** \$ 85,000.00

We thank you for the opportunity to submit the prices and specifications noted above.
Please contact us at (510) 256-7009 if you would like to proceed with the quotation.

Acceptance of proposal.

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted. JULIAN CABRERA is authorized to do the work as specified.

Estimator: Angel Hernandez**09369-E, Rev 2****Date:** 10/17/2024**Authorized Signature:** _____**Date:** _____

**JULIAN TREE CARE INC.****Estimate #** 09478-E**Client Information**

Client: City Del Rey Oaks 3
Client Address: 650 Canyon Del Rey Boulevard, Del Rey Oaks, CA, 93940
Client Phone: (831) 713-0171
Client Email: RFucci@delreyoaks.org

Proposed Work**DESCRIPTION****PRICE****Additional Service**

\$ 50,000.00

Scope Of Work

- Mastication of shrubs and weeds
- Remove fallen, diseased and hazardous trees
- Remove ivy and poison oak or any ladder fuel from live trees
- Haul and dispose of wood
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Estimator: Angel Hernandez**09478-E, Rev 3****Date:** 10/17/2024**Authorized Signature:** _____**Date:** _____