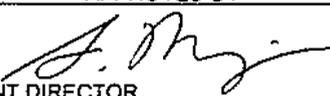


AGENDA ITEM NO.	2E
COUNCIL MEETING	2/27/14
APPROVED BY	
	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER 	

February 27, 2014

FROM: SCOTT L. MOZIER, PE, Director
Public Works Department

BY: ROBERT N. ANDERSEN, PE, Assistant Director
Public Works Department, Capital Management Division 

STEVEN SON, PE, Capital Projects Manager 
Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

JESUS A. GONZALEZ, PE, Project Manager JG
Public Works Department, Capital Management Division

SUBJECT: Actions pertaining to the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project, Bid File 3272 (Council Districts 3 and 7)

1. Adopt finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the CEQA guidelines, for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project
2. Award a construction contract to Naturescapes of San Jose, CA in the amount of \$549,978.25 for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council:

1. Adopt finding of a Categorical Exemption per staff determination, pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the CEQA guidelines, for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project.
2. Award a construction contract for the Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate Numbers 1 and 3, to Naturescapes of San Jose, California in the amount of \$549,978.25 for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Fresno seeks to construct planting and irrigation improvements along various downtown streets. The project will replace existing diseased or missing trees in existing tree wells, install new tree wells and trees and install new irrigation to tree wells.

Staff recommends Council approve award of a construction contract for the Base Bid, plus Additive Alternate Numbers 1 and 3, to Naturescapes of San Jose, California in the amount of \$549,978.25 as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project.

BACKGROUND

This project is an effort to beautify downtown areas within Tulare Street, Fresno Street, Van Ness Avenue, "O" Street and Tuolumne Street that have been identified as lacking street trees. The project will remove existing trees that are identified as dead or diseased by the City Arborist. Also, this project will install additional tree wells, trees and new irrigation systems. The installation of the new irrigation system will no longer make it necessary for the Street Maintenance Division to irrigate existing trees with use of water trucks.

Construction documents and specifications were prepared and a Notice Inviting Bids was published in the Business Journal on December 2, 2013, and posted on the City's website as well as faxed to twelve (12) building exchanges. Advertising efforts resulted in the participation of 12 prospective bidders. Ultimately, two sealed bid proposals were received and opened in a public bid opening on January 7, 2014, with the Base Bids, plus Additive Alternate Numbers 1 and 3, ranging from \$549,978.25 to \$765,386.00. Naturescapes of San Jose, California, submitted the lowest Base Bid, plus Additive Alternates Numbers 1 and 3, in the amount of \$549,978.25 and is considered the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid results were posted on February 4, 2014, on the City of Fresno Purchasing Division web page.

Staff is recommending award of a construction contract for the Base Bid, plus Additive Alternates Numbers 1 and 3, to Naturescapes of San Jose, California in the amount of \$549,978.25 for the Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project.

Upon approval by the City Council, the agreement will be executed by the Public Works Director or his designee, who has been delegated this authority by the City Manager.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in Sections 15302, 15303 and 15304 which exempt the project based on the small nature of the work to be performed; having substantially the same purpose as the replaced facilities, as well as being a minor public alteration in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees. Furthermore, Staff has determined that none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference was not implemented based on conditions of the Regional Surface Transportation Program Grant administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

FISCAL IMPACT

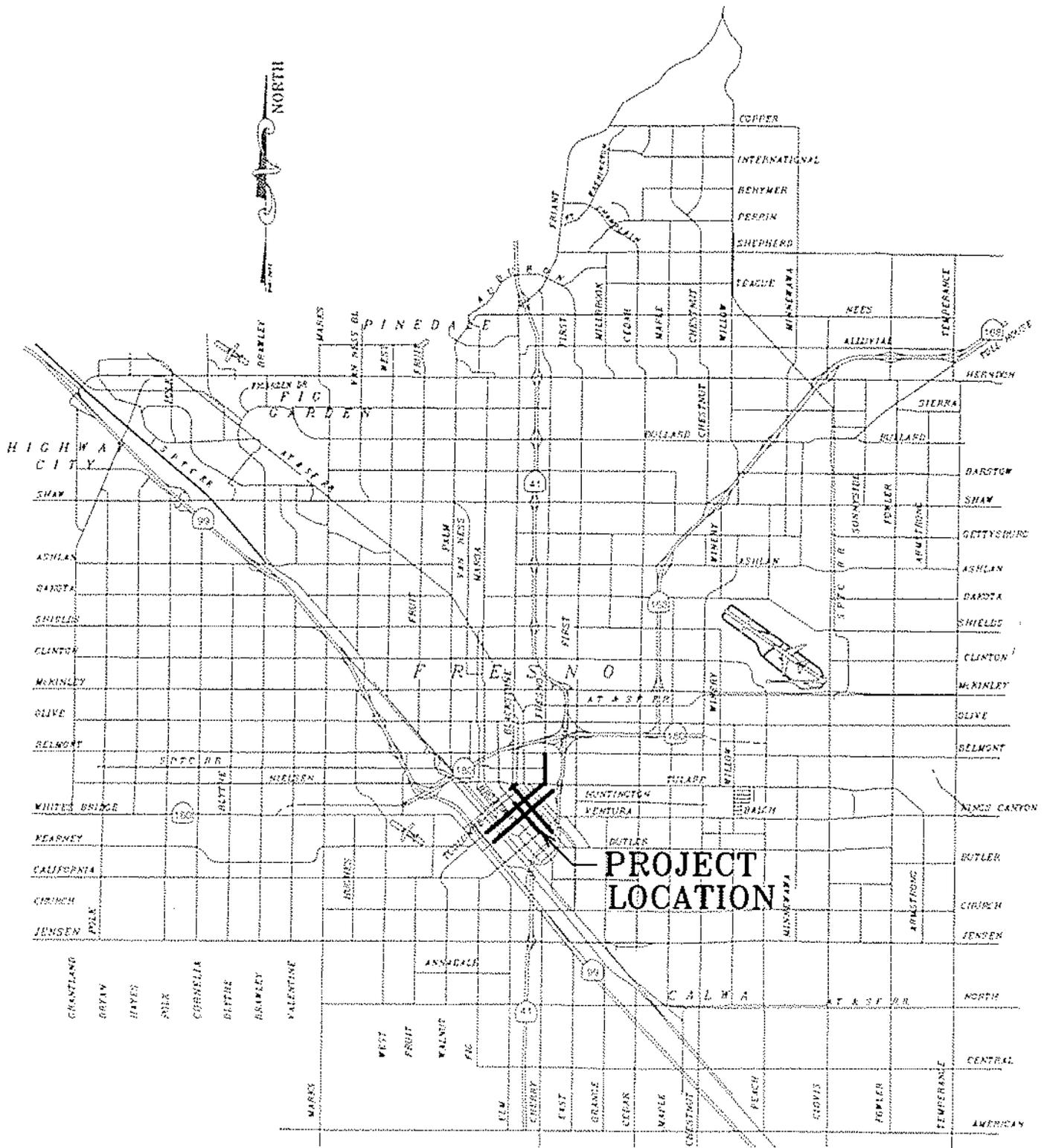
The project, which is located in Council Districts 3 and 7, will not use any funding from the General Fund. This project is funded by the Regional Surface Transportation Program and Community Sanitation Program.

RSTP	\$486,840.75
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Community Sanitation	\$ 63,137.50
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Attachment:

- Vicinity Map
- Categorical Exemption Determination
- Evaluation of Bid Proposals
- Fiscal Impact Statement



CITY OF FRESNO - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DOWNTOWN PLANTING AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

VICINITY MAP
NOT TO SCALE

COUNCIL DISTRICTS
3 & 7

DATE:
FEBRUARY 27, 2014

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-12-015**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT: Mr. Brad Kerner, Engineer
City of Fresno Department of Public Works
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Van Ness Avenue from Ventura Avenue to Tuolomne Street
Tulare Ave from Hwy 99 to Hwy 41
Fresno Street from Hwy 99 to Hwy 180
M Street from Ventura Avenue to Tuolomne Street
P Street from Divisadero to O Streets
O Street from Tuolomne Street to Hwy 41

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Street Tree Maintenance Project which includes removal and replacement of dead or diseased street trees, the planting of new trees in existing tree wells where trees are missing, the reparation of existing tree wells, the construction of new tree wells and the planting of new trees in new tree wells. The irrigation system will also be repaired or installed where necessary to support the new and existing trees. Existing WPA stamps in the sidewalk have been identified and will not be impacted by this project. The project is consistent with the 2025 Fresno General Plan and the Central Area Plan. See attachments for more information.

This project is exempt under Sections 15302, 15303 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15302/Class 2 exempts the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The replacement of dead or diseased trees and planting of new trees in existing tree wells where trees are missing is consistent with this section. The new trees are being planted to replace existing trees or missing trees that were once in an existing tree well. No new streets are being added, so no new capacity is being created by the project.

Section 15303/Class 3 exempts construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, and includes such projects as water main, sewage, electrical, gas and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The project is similar to a utility extension in that it is a restoration of an existing street tree system, and will include the installation of new tree wells with irrigation, and the planting of new street trees in locations designated for street trees, but at which none previously existed. New irrigation will be provided to existing trees previously watered by water truck. New trees will be spaced pursuant to the city's current policies and street standards, consistent with the spacing of existing trees.

Section 15304/ Class 4 exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes and includes such projects as new gardening or landscaping.

The project is consistent with this exemption as it includes new landscaping (street trees) but does not include the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Date: May 24, 2013

Prepared By: Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner

Submitted By:

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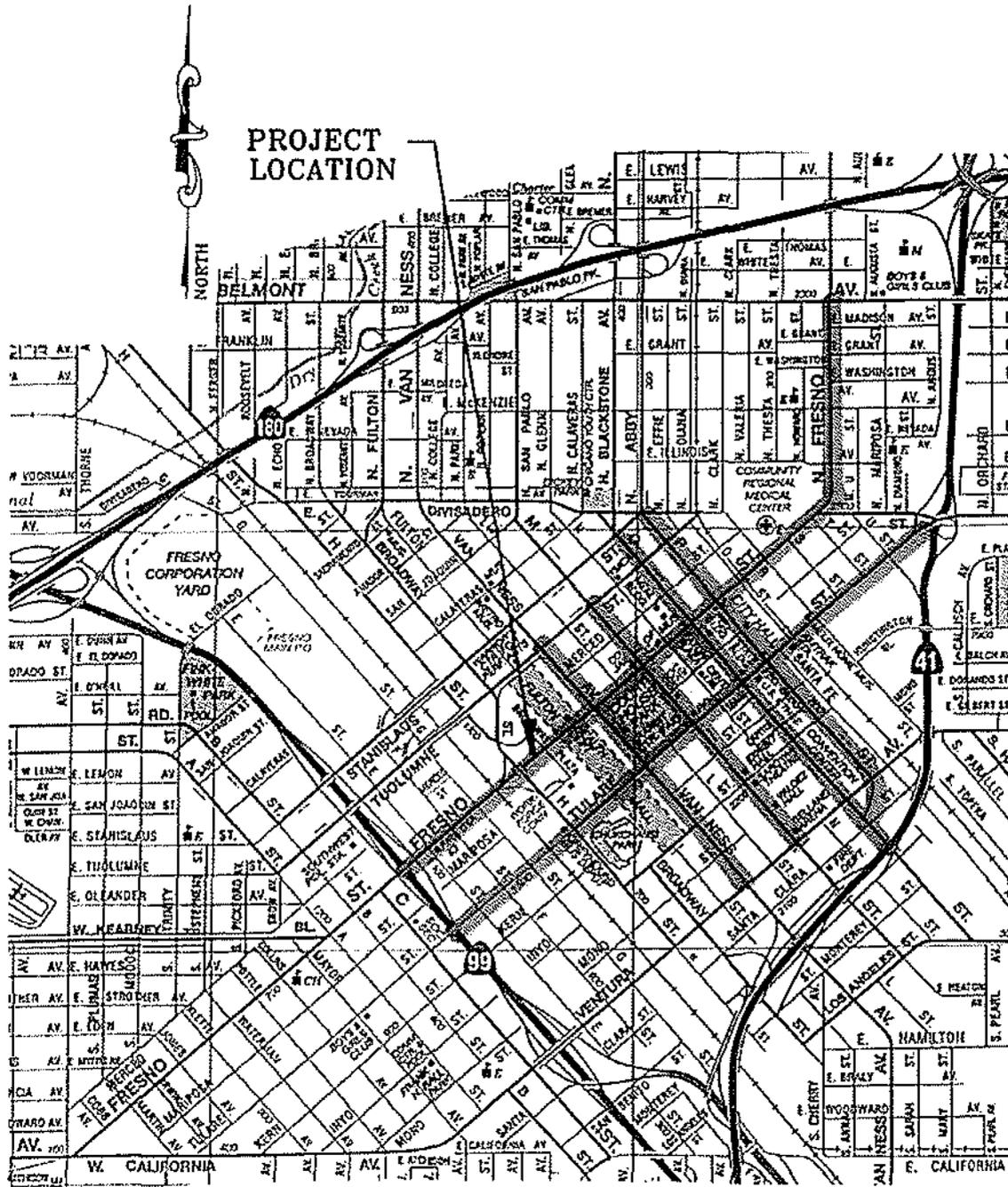
City of Fresno
Development and Resource Management Department
(559) 621-8062

Attachments:

- A: Map
- B: Bid Summary/quantities

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PROJECT LOCATION



CITY OF FRESNO - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DOWNTOWN PLANTING AND IRRIGATION

DOWNTOWN "TRIANGLE" THAT IS BORDERED BY SR-99, SR-41 & SR-180

PROJECT VICINITY MAP

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EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: DOWNTOWN PLANTING AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

Bid File No. 3272
Bid Opening: January 7, 2014

<u>BIDDER'S</u>		<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
1. NATURESCAPES	BASE BID	\$402,627.60
560 NEWHALL STREET	ADD ALTERNATE 1	\$42,821.68
SAN JOSE CA 95110	ADD ALTERNATE 2	\$139,432.84
	ADD ALTERNATE 3	\$104,528.97
2. ELITE LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION, INC.	BASE BID	\$597,673.50
2972 LARKIN AVENUE	ADD ALTERNATE 1	\$68,223.00
CLOVIS CA 93612	ADD ALTERNATE 2	\$164,505.00
	ADD ALTERNATE 3	\$167,712.50

Each bidder has agreed to allow the City sixty-four (64) days from date bids are opened to accept or reject their bid proposal. Purchasing requests that you complete the following sections and return this bid evaluation to the Purchasing Division at the latest by Wednesday, January 29, 2014, 5:00 P.M.

The Engineer's Estimate/Budget Allocation for this expenditure is \$ 632,291.00. The contract price is 13 % below the Engineer's Estimate/Budget Allocation. If the overage is greater than 10% or only one bid was received, give explanation:

BACKGROUND OF PROJECT (To be completed by Evaluating Department/Division. Explain need for project/equipment):

Existing landscaping is currently watered manually by use of the City's watering vehicles. The proposed improvements will eliminate manual watering and provide fixed irrigation to the landscaping thereby providing more efficient irrigation. The improvements will also reduce the amount of man-hours attributed to maintenance of landscaping.

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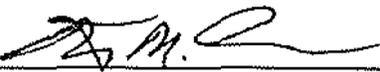
DEPARTMENT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

Award a contract in the amount of \$549,978.25
to Naturescapes
as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Remarks: Award Base Bid, Additive Alternate No. 1 and Additive Alternate No. 3 for a total of \$549,978.25

Reject all bids. Reason:

Department Head Approval



Title Assistant Public Works Director

Date 1/23/14

EVALUATION OF BID PROPOSALS

FOR: DOWNTOWN PLANTING AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

Bid File No. 3272
Bid Opening: January 7, 2014

A DBE goal of 8 % was established for this project. The recommended Contractor complied with the DBE requirements pursuant to the bid specifications.

Beth M. Shuler 1/24/14
DBE Program Coordinator Date

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve Dept. Recommendation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve Finance/Purchasing Recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove | <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Attachment | |

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CITY MANAGER

Jason Mark Donald 1/24/2014
Purchasing Manager Date

[Signature] 1/29/14
City Manager or Designee Date

[Signature] 1/24/2014
Assistant Controller Date

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROGRAM: PW00621 – Downtown Planting and Irrigation Project

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>TOTAL OR CURRENT</u>	<u>ANNUALIZED COST</u>
Direct Cost	<u>\$549,978.25</u>	_____
Indirect Cost	<u>\$93,600.00</u>	_____
TOTAL COST	<u>\$643,578.25</u>	_____
Additional Revenue or Savings Generated	<u>\$0</u>	_____
Net City Cost	<u>\$0</u>	_____
Amount Budgeted (If none budgeted, identify source)	<u>\$643,578.25</u>	_____

*Indirect are comprised of the following:

Construction Management	\$67,000
Lab Testing	\$10,000
Project Closeout	<u>\$16,600</u>
Total	\$93,600