



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 27, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
 Subject: Contract: R.X. Lodge, Inc. for the West Side Aquatic Park Tree Planting and Irrigation Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving the plans and specifications for the West Side Aquatic Park Tree Planting and Irrigation Project, Specification No. 23-11587-C; and
2. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, R.X. Lodge, Inc.; and
3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with R.X. Lodge, Inc. for the West Side Aquatic Park Tree Planting and Irrigation Project in an amount not to exceed \$263,000, which includes a contract amount of \$213,000 and a 23.5% contingency in the amount of \$50,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available per Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget using portions of the following: the state Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant fund awarded to Berkeley (336-52-542-566-0000-000-461-663110), the Bayer Fund (145-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110), and the PRW CIP Fund (501-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In 2022, the City received a state EEMP grant to plant new trees throughout the City, including the west side of Aquatic Park. Using a portion of the grant, this project will install new planting beds, irrigation, and one hundred native trees along the entire length of the western side of Aquatic Park. This project will provide a natural buffer between I-80 and the park to help decrease noise levels within the park, improve the natural “park like” feel within the park, and improve habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies, etc. A contract with R.X. Lodge, Inc. will allow this project to be implemented in a timely manner.

BACKGROUND

The Forestry Unit of the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department applies for grants for new trees and new tree infrastructure in order to maintain and expand the City's urban forest. On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the City published an Invitation For Bid (IFB) to provide excavation, irrigation installation and tree planting services along the west side of the Aquatic Park parcel (Specification No. 23-11587-C). On May 18, 2023, the City received four bids. R.X. Lodge, Inc. was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Staff conducted references checks and received satisfactory feedback. Staff recommends that a contract for this project be awarded to R.X. Lodge, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The construction contract includes requirements to comply with the City's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy. The project involves the planting of 100 new trees on the west side of Aquatic Park, and helps the City work towards the goals contained in the City Climate Action Plan, as well as Strategic Plan Goal Number

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Section D.2 in chapter 3 of the City's **Climate Action Plan** seeks to promote tree planting, landscaping, and the creation of green and open space that is safe and attractive and that helps restore natural processes with significant environmental benefits in the form of carbon dioxide absorption and oxygen production as well as storm water retention, and climate control. This project will also meet the water conservation requirements from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City does not have the in-house capacity to install the necessary irrigation and tree site infrastructure to implement this project to plant 100 new trees on the west side of Aquatic Park, and must use contracted services to perform the work.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution: R.X. Lodge, Inc.
 - a. Exhibit A: Bid Abstract

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: R.X. LODGE, INC. FOR THE WEST SIDE AQUATIC PARK TREE
PLANTING AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Forestry Unit of the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department applies for grants for new trees and new tree infrastructure in order to maintain and expand the City's urban forest; and

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WHEREAS, funding is available per the PRW Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget using portions of the following: the state Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) grant fund awarded to Berkeley (336-52-542-566-0000-000-461-663110), the Bayer Fund (145-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110), and the PRW CIP Fund (501-52-545-000-0000-000-461-663110).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley adopts a Resolution:

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Attachment

Exhibit A: Bid Abstract



Finance Department
General Services Division

City of Berkeley
Abstract of Bid Worksheet

Exhibit A: Bid Abstract

Bid Date: 5/18/2023
Spec. # 23-11587-C

FOR: [West Side Aquatic Park: Site Modification, Irrigation Installation and Tree Planting](#)

required w/ bid

	Bidders	Base Bid	Addenda (3)	Bid Bond	Exp/Fin	Tax ID	NF	OS	EBO	SC
1	ERA Construction, Inc.	\$460,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	Mark Lee & Yong Kay, Inc. dba://Bay Construction Co.	\$390,000.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3	RX Lodge, Inc.	\$213,387.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	OBS Engineering, Inc.	\$243,995.00	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Bid Recorder: _____ Date _____
 Bid Opener: _____ Date _____
 Project Manager: Ian Kesterson *Ian Kesterson* _____ Date May 19, 2023
(Ian Kesterson - May 19, 2023 01:02 PDT)