



## Staff Report

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Doug Story, Community Services Director  
**DATE:** July 15, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Award Two Maintenance Services Agreements to: (1) Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape and (2) Sustainable Mitigation for Annual Weed Abatement Services

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**Description** Award two separate three-year contracts for weed abatement services with two separate optional one-year extensions, subject to City Council approval.

### **Background and Analysis:**

Pursuant to Beaumont Municipal Code, Chapter 3.01.040, City staff published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for weed abatement services on April 24, 2025. Seven (7) bids were received and opened on May 30, 2024. Staff has reviewed all responses and recommends that the City Council award two Maintenance Services Agreements to Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape and Sustainable Mitigation.

The scope of work involves providing comprehensive weed abatement services for designated City-owned properties. Weed abatement shall be performed in compliance with Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 8.08, California Labor Code (including prevailing wage requirements), and relevant state safety and environmental standards. Methods include mowing, disking, and hand labor, depending on parcel size and terrain, with careful attention to dust control, proper waste disposal, and avoidance of nuisances like Russian thistle and artichoke thistle.

Additionally, Contractors must possess a valid C-27 or C-61 California contractor's license, OSHA-certified equipment, and qualified staff for traffic control. Work is expected to be conducted in a professional, timely manner, with proper traffic control, daily cleanup, and coordination with City staff. Equipment must be maintained by the contractor, and no open burning is allowed. Public notifications (e.g., "No Parking" signs) must be posted when necessary. The contractor is responsible for quality control and ensuring full compliance with the City's requirements; failure to meet standards may result in withheld payments or contract default.

Staff received seven (7) bids from contractors, as outlined in the table below:

<b>Bid Price</b>	<b>SJ Land- scape</b>	<b>AB Land- scape</b>	<b>Integrity Arborist &amp; Ecoscape</b>	<b>Sustainable Mitigation</b>	<b>Weaver Grading</b>	<b>Universal Green</b>	<b>US Landscap e</b>
Cost Per Acre (For Parcels <1 Acre)	\$195	\$200	\$250	\$470	\$630	\$395	\$3,000
Cost Per Acre (For Parcels 1-5 Acres)	\$195	\$200	\$375	\$470	\$630	\$495	\$2,300
Cost Per Acre (For Parcels 5+ Acres)	\$195	\$200	\$350	\$470	\$630	\$800	\$1,800
<b>Grand total for City Properties</b>	<b>Did not provide Total</b>	<b>Did not provide Total</b>	<b>\$ 125,657</b>	<b>\$169,813</b>	<b>\$227,500</b>	<b>\$ 299,999</b>	<b>\$846,000</b>

Contractor rates from the seven (7) bids ranged from \$195 per acre to \$3,000 per acre, varying based upon parcel size.

As indicated in the Request for Proposals, the City’s intent is to select multiple contractors to ensure the services can be provided in a timely manner. This approach is essential to promote public health and safety by reducing the risk of wildfires and mitigating the associated hazards to life, property, and the environment. The City’s internal weed abatement schedule is to complete the service on all properties at a minimum twice annually. However, due to high vegetation growth during the spring and summer seasons, there is an ongoing need for as-needed callouts and supplemental services at the City’s request.

Upon review of the bids, two vendors were deemed non-responsive and non-responsible due to a combination of factors, including incomplete cost proposals, a lack of sufficient understanding and approach to the scope of work, and unfavorable reference checks. Based on these findings, staff recommend awarding agreements to Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape and Sustainable Mitigation. These contractors clearly demonstrated their understanding of the scope of work, provided a well-defined approach to performing services, and highlighted their ability to meet the City’s weed abatement standards. Both vendors provided strong references and professional credentials, indicating reliability and a high level of service.

Staff recommend awarding agreements in an amount not to exceed 50% of the budgeted amount to each vendor. This will provide the City with flexibility to request additional services beyond the required services twice per year to reduce overgrowth and help ensure the work can be completed in a timely manner. This also provides

flexibility to add properties that may be transferred into the City's name during the contract period.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Weed Abatement Services are included in the annual operating budget for Department 6050. The proposed not-to-exceed amount for each contractor is \$173,750 per year, representing 50% of the total annual budgeted amount for weed abatement services, based on current and anticipated funding levels over the next three years.

FY 2025/2026	Approved Weed Abatement Budget Allocation	\$ 347,500
FY 2026/2027	Weed Abatement Budget Allocation (Anticipated)	\$ 347,500
FY 2027/2028	Weed Abatement Budget Allocation (Anticipated)	\$ 347,500

The cost to prepare this staff report is estimated to be \$480.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Agreement with Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape for Weed Abatement Services, for an initial contract period of July 15, 2025, through June 30, 2028, in an annual amount of \$173,750 with a total three-year amount not to exceed \$521,250; and Approve the Agreement with Sustainable Mitigation for Weed Abatement Services, for an initial contract period of July 15, 2025, through June 30, 2028, in an annual amount of \$173,750 with a total three-year amount not to exceed \$521,250.

**Attachments:**

- A. Maintenance Services Agreement with Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape
- B. Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape Bid
- C. Integrity Arborist & Ecoscape Levine Act Statement
- D. Maintenance Services Agreement with Sustainable Mitigation
- E. Sustainable Mitigation Bid
- F. Sustainable Mitigation Levine Act Statement