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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
AWARD OF SERVICE CONTRACTS
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR SOUTH AREA
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to award five Proposition A service contracts, four to United Pacific Services, Inc., a Local Small Business, and one to J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Company, a Local Small Business, for landscape maintenance services at various sites within the south maintenance area of Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the contract work is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Find that these services can be more economically performed by independent contractors than by County employees.
3. Award and direct the Chair of the Board to execute four contracts with United Pacific Services, Inc., for landscape maintenance services for Location Group 1 (South-Central Zone 1), Location Group 3 (South-Central Zone 3), Location Group 4 (South-Central Zone 4), and Location Group 5 (South-Western), and one contract with J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Company, for landscape maintenance services for Location Group 2 (South-Central Zone 2). These contracts will be for a period of 3 years, with four 1-year renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months, for a maximum potential contract term of 90 months and a maximum

potential contract sum of \$5,574,356 for Location Group 1 (South-Central Zone 1), \$4,176,768 for Location Group 2 (South-Central Zone 2), \$5,861,929 for Location Group 3 (South-Central Zone 3), \$4,776,150 for Location Group 4 (South-Central Zone 4), and \$5,503,143 for Location Group 5 (South-Western).

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to renew these contracts for each additional renewal option and extension period if, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works or his designee, United Pacific Services, Inc., and J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Company, have successfully performed during the previous contract periods and the services are still required; to approve and execute amendments to incorporate necessary changes within the scope of work; and to suspend and/or terminate the contracts for convenience if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase the contract amounts up to an additional 10 percent of the annual contract sums, which are included in the maximum potential contract sums for unforeseen additional work within the scope of the contracts if required, in accordance with County policy and the terms of the contracts.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to award five contracts to provide landscaping, grounds maintenance, and tree trimming/tree work services to maintain various Flood Control District facilities within the south maintenance area of the County. The work to be performed will consist of trimming and care of trees; cutting seeded grass and wildflowers, shrubbery, and vines; weed and litter control; operation and management of irrigation systems; and other landscape maintenance related work, including installation of new landscaping at locations adjacent to Lilly Park and Claretta Pump Station as well as on-call services. Regular landscape maintenance in flood control facilities enhances water management, reduces erosion, and promotes healthier ecosystems, ultimately benefiting the surrounding communities by safeguarding infrastructure and improving resilience against flooding.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal E, Economic Health, Strategy ii, Small Businesses; and North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal D, Streamlined and Equitable Contracting and Procurement, Strategy ii, Modernize Contracting and Procurement, and Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended actions support ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets by contracting with the contractors who have the expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner, which will support Public Works in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

These contracts will be for a period of 3 years with four 1-year renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months for a maximum contract term of 90 months and maximum potential contract sums of \$5,574,356 for Location Group 1 (South-Central Zone 1), \$4,176,768 for Location

Group 2 (South-Central Zone 2), \$5,861,929 for Location Group 3 (South-Central Zone 3), \$4,776,150 for Location Group 4 (South-Central Zone 4), and \$5,503,143 for Location Group 5 (South-Western). The total maximum potential contract sums include additional funding for disposal fees, reimbursement for replacement parts and materials, and 10 percent of the annual contract sums for unforeseen additional work within the scope of these contracts. Any unused authorized amounts up to 25 percent from the previous contract terms will be applied to subsequent renewal terms. The terms and sums for each term of the maximum contracts periods for each respective contract are listed in the Award Schedule (Enclosure A).

Funding for the first year of services, estimated to be \$608,937.50 for Location Group 1 (South-Central Zone 1), \$444,262.50 for Location Group 2 (South-Central Zone 2), \$647,868.75 for Location Group 3 (South-Central Zone 3), \$487,827.50 for Location Group 4 (South-Central Zone 4), and \$617,015 for Location Group 5 (South-Western) is included in the Internal Service Fund (B04 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, which will be reimbursed by the Flood Control District Fund (B07 – Services and Supplies). When the need arises for services under these contracts, financing the required services will be from the appropriate fund source. Total expenditure for these services, however, will not exceed the contract amounts approved by the Board. Funds to finance the contract's optional years and 10 percent additional funding for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel has approved the recommended contracts, which have been executed by United Pacific Services, Inc. (Enclosures B.1 - B.4) and J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Company, as to form (Enclosure B.5). The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. These contracts will commence upon the Board's approval for a period of 3 years, with four 1-year renewal options and a month-to-month extension up to 6 months, for a maximum potential contract term of 90 months. The County may also authorize an extension of time to the contract's maximum potential terms not to exceed 180 days with no additional funding.

Standard service contracts were used that contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. Enclosure C reflects the proposers' utilization participation and Community Business Enterprise program information. Data regarding the proposers' minority participation is on file with Public Works. The contractors were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

This work is being contracted in accordance with procedures authorized under County Charter, Section 44.7, Part 3, and Chapter 2.121 (Contracting with Private Business) of the Los Angeles County Code. The mandatory requirements for contracting set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.121.380, have been met.

The recommended contractors have agreed to pay their employees the current Living Wage Rate approved by the Board on December 1, 2015, and to comply with the County's Living Wage reporting requirements. The County's Proposition A and Living Wage Ordinance provisions apply to these proposed contracts as County employees can perform these contracted services. These contracts comply with all of the requirements of the Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.201. In addition, the recommended contractors understand and agree that the contracted work involves public works as defined by Section 1720 of the California Labor Code. The recommended contractors represent and warrant that they will perform the contracted work in full compliance with the applicable provisions of the California Labor Code relating to payment of prevailing wages.

Using methodology approved by the Auditor-Controller, the Proposition A cost analysis indicates that the recommended contracted services can be performed more economically by the private sector.

The award of these contracts will continue the current services by the recommended contractors, one of which is the current contractor providing these services.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. These services are within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(h) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (j) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

In addition, the contract work involves trimming and care of trees; cutting seeded grass and wildflowers, shrubbery, and vines; weed and litter control; operation and management of irrigation systems; and other landscape maintenance-related work, including installation of new landscaping at locations adjacent to Lilly Park and Claretta Pump Station as well as on-call services at various flood control facilities located within the southern portions of Los Angeles County, which will comply with all applicable regulations. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that these activities may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the records of the activities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In 2014, 2016, 2019, and 2021 notices of the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) were placed on the County's "Doing Business with Los Angeles County" website (Enclosure D), "Do Business with Public Works" website, X (formerly Twitter), and advertisements were placed in the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Los Angeles Sentinel, and La Opinión. Also, Public Works informed all registered Local Small Business Enterprises, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises, Community Business Enterprises, independent contractors, various business development centers, and municipalities.

The Statement of Qualifications was first reviewed to ensure they met the mandatory requirements outlined in the RFSQ and were then evaluated by an evaluation committee consisting of Public Works staff utilizing the informed averaging methodology for applicable criteria. The committee's evaluation was based on criteria described in the RFSQ, including experience, work plan, financial resources, performance history/ references, and demonstrated controls over labor/payroll recordkeeping. Based on this evaluation from 2014 to the time of this solicitation, 11 Statement of Qualifications received a passing score and were placed on the Qualified Contractors List.

On June 18, 2025, Public Works issued an Invitation for Bids soliciting bids from the apparent responsive and responsible vendors on the Qualified Contractors List.

On September 8, 2025, 20 bids were received. The bids were evaluated based on the price category. Based on this evaluation, it is recommended that these five contracts be awarded to the highest rated, responsive and responsible, and lowest cost contractors: Four contracts with United

Pacific Services, Inc., and one contract with J. Orozco Enterprises, Inc., dba Orozco Landscape and Tree Company. Public Works notified the applicable union (SEIU Local 721) of this solicitation.

Public Works has accessed available resources to review and assess the proposed contractor's past performance, history of Labor Law violations, and prior performance on County contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The award of these contracts will continue the services without disruption to the public and will not result in the displacement of any County employees as these services are presently contracted with the private sector.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Stormwater Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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ENCLOSURE

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