



**REPORT TO SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE**

**To: Successor Agency Board**

**From: Grant Yates, Executive Director**

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**Date: September 10, 2019**

**Subject: Tree Removal Agreement with Arborquest Tree Service Inc. for the Removal of Eucalyptus Trees at Diamond Stadium CIP Project #Z40003**

**Recommendation**

Confirm Award of a Tree Removal Agreement to Arborquest Tree Service Inc. for the Removal of Eucalyptus Trees at Diamond Stadium CIP Project #Z40003 and authorization by Successor Agency to the Executive Director to execute the Agreement in the not to exceed amount of \$61,875.00.

**Background**

This item was presented on the August 27, 2019 City Council/Successor Agency Agenda. Although the Staff Report was properly addressed to the Successor Agency, it was inadvertently uploaded on the City Council Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda. All Consent Calendar items were approved. At the request of Agency Counsel, the item is presented again to the Successor Agency to confirm approval of the staff recommendation.

**Discussion**

The eucalyptus trees at Diamond Stadium present several issues surrounding safety, maintenance and infestation:

- Eucalyptus trees will drop large branches without warning.
- Eucalyptus trees have shallow roots which make them unsuitable for any type of landscaping, especially on a public roadway where people and vehicles pass every day.
- Eucalyptus trees that are in areas irrigated by sprinklers are even more hazardous because their roots have no incentive to go deep looking for water and their foliage and branches get large and heavy.
- Because much of the root system is in the upper layers of soil, it can absorb water and nutrients rapidly. Eucalyptus trees are heavy feeders and need an extraordinary amount

of water. This often leaves nothing for nearby plants to take up and progresses infestation in all aggravated shrubbery.

In order to further the public health and safety, the Agency proposes to remove all of the Eucalyptus trees at Diamond Stadium and replace them with mature Macho Dactyfitera Male Date Palm Trees and associated irrigation.

Proposals were received from three contractors for the removal of the Eucalyptus trees. This Scope of work will require that the contractor take down each tree, grid the stump 12 inches below the ground, and remove all Eucalyptus Tree material. This effort will prepare the grounds for the immediate planting of the new trees.

The three proposals received are summarized below:

Arborquest Tree Services Inc.	\$61,875.00
West Coast Arborists Inc.	\$70,209.90
Maples and Associates Inc.	\$93,060.00

### **Fiscal Impact**

Diamond Stadium Tree Removal Project (CIP Project RDA Z40003) is included in the Fiscal Year 19/20 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget. The contract amount herein is fully funded with ROPS funding.

### **Exhibits**

A – Agreement  
B - Proposal