



COUNCIL AGENDA: 6-21-05

ITEM: 2.9

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Francis McVey

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 5-31-05

Approved

Date

6/8/05

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECT APPROVAL – PUBLIC LITTER CAN COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a project approval form pursuant to the FY 2005-06 Master Agreement between the City of San Jose and the San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC) to Carry Out Community Improvement Activities (Master Agreement) in a not to exceed amount of \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 for the collection and maintenance of approximately 800 Public Litter Cans.

BACKGROUND

The Public Litter Can (PLC) program provides large litter cans for pedestrian use on sidewalks throughout the city. It has been effective at reducing litter throughout San Jose and therefore assists the anti-litter program and stormwater pollution prevention program goals. Additionally, many of the litter cans have recently been retrofitted with tops that allow the public to recycle their bottles and cans.

Service of these litter cans requires weekly or more frequent collection, occasional maintenance and repair, and periodic washing and painting. Collection schedules vary depending upon location and are performed Monday through Saturday.

This service had been provided by the City's residential garbage collection contractors since 1986 through June 2002. Subsequently, the service was separated from the Recycle Plus contracts with the intent of reducing costs and improving service. The cost to the General Fund in the final year of service by GreenTeam of San Jose was \$292,000.

In FY 2002-03, the contract for PLC collection was awarded to a franchised waste hauler. No proposals were submitted to provide maintenance service, hence this work was deferred. Collection alone cost almost \$200,000 for the year. Some of the remaining funds were used to acquire an inventory of parts and replacement units.

In FY 03-04, PLC service was provided by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Due to organizational changes and resource problems, maintenance and collections did not meet agreed upon levels. As a result, at the end of the year, VTA chose not to extend the agreement.

In order to maintain PLC service without interruption, the San Jose Conservation Corps (SJCC) was asked to provide the service under the Master Agreement between the City and the SJCC. Service by the SJCC commenced at the beginning of FY 2004-05. The Master Agreement with SJCC supports the use of individuals on projects that benefit the environment and provide opportunities for on-the-job training. The SJCC agreed to perform the task of collection and maintenance of the PLCs for four months for \$100,000.

The SJCC also agreed that it would accept an extension of the project through the remainder of FY 04-05, which brought its total compensation to \$200,000. Council adopted a resolution on December 14, 2004, authorizing the City Manager to execute a project approval form to finish out the fiscal year.

ANALYSIS

Staff met with the SJCC management to discuss their desire to continue to perform the collection and Maintenance of Public Litter Cans under the Master Agreement for FY 2005-06. The SJCC stated they do wish to continue the work and will do so at the same annual compensation.

During 2004-2005, there were some service problems experienced by SJCC. Corps staffs are required to attend school in addition to their duties with SJCC, which means SJCC is unable to provide service during pre-dawn hours. Daytime collection has sometimes generated traffic impacts and occasional complaints. Additionally, the nature of the SJCC is that it experiences rapid staff fluctuations, which have sometimes created service issues.

The SJCC has improved its performance in many of these areas, and has been providing adequate service levels. The SJCC has resolved problems, which occurred during the initial weeks of its contract before receiving more efficient equipment. It has also largely addressed the maintenance backlog created during 2003-2004, and power washing currently is in progress.

Contracting In

Following the separation of PLC service from the residential collection contracts, staff investigated bringing the work of collection and maintenance of trash receptacles in-house to be performed by City staff. The option of contracting in the work was discussed with the Departments of Transportation and General Services before the selection of each of the three outside service providers described in the Background section of this memo. Both departments projected costs, including provisions for specialized collection vehicles and increased labor to maintain the PLCs, which significantly exceeded the budget for this program. The SJCC has agreed to a 30-day termination provision that would allow taking this work in-house if it was determined to be feasible.

OUTCOME

If this recommendation is approved, the SJCC will continue collection of litter and recyclables from approximately 800 Public Litter Cans Citywide.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

No public outreach was conducted for this memorandum since it provides for continuation of the existing service by the current provider. A strategic outreach plan for the program itself, to explain the new recycling tops (using dedicated State funds) has been approved.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

This recommendation is consistent with the Mayor's Budget Strategy, specifically General Principle #2, as it focuses on protecting the vital core service of solid waste collection and disposal, and General Principle #5, as it delivers services through a valuable community partnership with the San Jose Conservation Corps.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn.	Amt. for Contract	2005-2006 Proposed Operating Budget	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
001	0762	Non-Personal/ Equipment	500550	1,066,759	200,000	Page VIII-48	N/A

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Negative Declaration and Addenda thereto, PP92-05-098 and PP04-278.


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