

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Date: January 3, 2005

From: Lawrence Rosenberg, Director of Public Works
Mark Feldkamp, Parks & Project Manager

Subject: **Award of Contract -Fiscal Year 2005 Street Tree Pruning Contract**

RECOMMENDATION

By motion, award the contract for the 2005 Street Tree Pruning Contract to TruGreen LandCare of Oakland, Ca. in the amount of \$66,096 to prune 972 trees located throughout the City of Piedmont.

BACKGROUND

Bids were advertised and solicited in November & December, 2004, with the bid opening taking place on Tuesday, December 7, 2004. Twelve companies were mailed tree pruning specifications with four companies bidding the project. A public notice was also published in the Oakland Tribune, the Piedmonter, and the Piedmont Post.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. TruGreen LandCare, Oakland	\$ 66,096.00
2. Professional Tree Service of Berkeley	\$ 92,340.00
3. Reliable Tree Experts, Oakland,	\$ 92,625.00
2. West Coast Arborists, Anaheim	\$ 113,883.00

Staff recommends awarding the contract to TruGreen LandCare of Oakland. The bid price is within the budget allocated for tree pruning for this current fiscal year. TruGreen LandCare meets all the minimum requirements as set forth in the specifications and successfully completed last years 2003-2004 City of Piedmont street tree pruning contract. Staff will monitor the contract closely to ensure the contractor is in compliance with the specifications. The contractor will be expected to make the City aware of any damage (fractures, tears, split trunks, etc) that they encounter while they prune the City street trees. Extra work might be required and the contractor will be asked to perform additional work on a case-by-case basis. The fee for any extra work will be negotiated between the contractor and the City. The City has established a goal to attempt to prune every City street tree on a three to five year pruning cycle. Staff anticipates that the contract will be completed in March 2005.