



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids for 2013-2015 Tree Maintenance
MEETING DATE: April 17, 2013
PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2013-2015 Tree Maintenance.

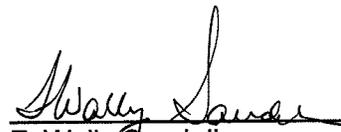
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This project provides for the structural pruning, maintenance trimming, stump grinding, emergency calls, removal of City trees, pest control and tree planting at various locations throughout the City for Fiscal Years 2013/14 and 2014/15. An objective of this contract is to improve the health of our urban forest and reduce costs associated with this effort.

In previous years, a majority of the annual tree trimming budget was spent on tree pruning, tree removals, and emergency responses due to storm-related damage. The contract provides for individual tree pruning, which is more effective than grid pruning, as used in the past. The contract will be for two years with optional extensions, if mutually agreeable.

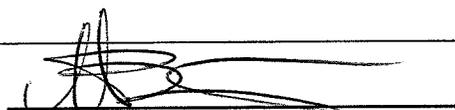
The specifications are on file in the Public Works Department. The planned bid opening date is May 15, 2013. The total project estimate is \$280,000 (\$140,000 annually).

FISCAL IMPACT: Selective tree maintenance improves tree health, which will reduce the number of emergency calls.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Funding will be identified at contract award.


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