



Conejo Recreation & Park District

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DATE: April 2, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jim Friedl, General Manager

SUBJECT: Multi-Agency Agreement for Weed Abatement Services over a five-year period (2026-2030) in total amount of \$1,009,890.35 plus \$200,000 for Extra Services

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize General Manager to enter into a Multi-Agency Agreement with The Standard Construction, dba SoCal Brush, for weed abatement services in the total amount of \$1,009,890.35; \$459,098.55 for parcels owned by Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency; \$550,791.80 for parcels owned by Conejo Recreation and Park District; and \$200,000.00 for extra services.

DISCUSSION

The current Weed Abatement Services contract expires this season, so District staff worked with City staff to develop a joint Request for Proposal for weed abatement services. The COSCA and District agreement is a separate contract from the City's, but the three agencies will still benefit from price savings by taking the multi-agency approach.

City staff advertised a notice to potential proposers for the weed abatement services. From this notice, eight organizations submitted proposals on January 16, 2026.

The evaluation committee, consisting of representatives from the City and District, reviewed the proposals and interviewed the top three proposers. Thus, based on the interviews and the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals, the evaluation committee recommends SoCal Brush for contract award. SoCal Brush has an adequate level of experience, competence, training, credentials, and resources to complete the work; additionally, SoCal is familiar with the scope and requirements of the work, as they were previously selected for the 2021 contract.

The contract is for a five-year period with two optional one-year extensions. The terms of the contract may be extended with the mutual agreement of both parties. An extra services allowance for the contract is recommended to address additional work the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) deems necessary to protect public health and safety. Additional work typically includes

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areas that experience post-abatement regrowth of opportunistic seasonal grasses and invasive species. It also includes the abatement of new areas identified by VCFD.

City staff presented the same SoCal award recommendation to the City Council which was awarded on March 24, 2026 for City parcels.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE

Meets 2026 Strategic Plan Element Goal and Strategy 2.0 Facilities: Our objective is to provide and maintain recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community. Our strategy is to effectively plan and allocate resources to implement the District's Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted by,



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