



DEPARTMENT OF
**PUBLIC
WORKS**

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2026
To: Utilities Committee
From: Laura Jungwirth, Director of Public Works
Peter Neuberger, City Engineer/Deputy Director of Public Works
Luke Vandenberg, Project Engineer
Paul Krause, Horticulturist
Subject: Request to Award 2026 Native Landscape Management Contract (K-26)
to NES Ecological Services – A Division of Robert E. Lee & Associates,
in an amount not to exceed \$193,052.01.

The Department of Public Works recommends award of the 2026 Native Landscape Management Contract to NES Ecological Services – A Division of Robert E. Lee & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$193,052.01.

In January 2022 a Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent to three (3) consulting firms and three (3) proposals were received. The RFP specifically stated: *“With satisfactory performance by the selected contractor in 2022, additional yearly annual single-source contracts may be negotiated without an RFP process for 2023-2026, at the City’s option, and subject to Utilities Committee and Council approval each year.”* Based on the continued quality of work during 2025, staff recommends awarding the 2026 contract as the fifth and final year of the approval.

Work under this contract includes the following:

- Native vegetation maintenance and new installations at City stormwater facilities.
- Provide vegetation inspections and recommendations.
- Provide invasive species and algae control through herbicide, mowing, brushing, and/or controlled burns.
- Provide preparation, seeding, planting, and erosion control at sparsely established areas and new sites.
- Maintain pond aerators.

The proposed contract amount includes an estimated \$4,894.38 of work at Facilities Department owned stormwater facilities and this work will be paid for by the Facilities Department through interdepartmental agreement.