

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING BIDS; AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR “BRUSH CLEARANCE IN RICE CANYON” (CIP # OP225) TO AZTEC LANDSCAPING, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$216,747.20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION SUBAREA PLAN (MSCP) OF 2003 AND AREA SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES (ASMDs); AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City applied for a pre-disaster mitigation grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for brush removal to create a 60 foot defensible space for the Fire Department to defend approximately 230 homes in the Rice Canyon open space area in Rancho Del Rey; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2013, the City received notification from the State of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the City’s sub-grant application in the amount of \$386,310; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a minimum City match of \$128,770, and on May 22, 2012, by Resolution 2012-082, City Council approved an appropriation for the required City match in the amount of \$133,333, which amount is included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Fire Department Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, by Resolution 2014-144, the City accepted \$386,310 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and authorized the Director of Public Works or the Assistant Director of Public Works (Operations) and the Open Space Manager/City Forester to execute all necessary grant documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments in order to secure grant funds: and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, by Resolution 2014-144, the City appropriated \$386,310 of grant funds to the Federal Grant Fund’s CIP expense category for the newly established Brush Clearance in Rice Canyon (CIP OP225) and transferred \$133,333 from the Fire Department’s Non-CIP Project expenditure category to the Non-Departmental CIP expense category for the Brush Clearance in Rice Canyon CIP; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2014, the City staff issued an advertisement for Brush Clearance contract services in Rice Canyon; and

WHEREAS, a mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit were held on September 4, 2014, to review and clarify bid requirements and to emphasize that the bids would be evaluated and the contract awarded to the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder for Brush Clearance in Rice Canyon; and

WHEREAS, City staff received bids from six (6) vegetation management companies and held a public bid opening on September 10, 2014. The bids received were as follows:

| <b>Name of Contractor</b>                               | <b>Amount of Bid</b> |
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| Aztec Landscaping, Inc. – Lemon Grove, CA               | \$216,747.20         |
| Tierra Data, Inc. – Escondido, CA                       | \$288,332.00         |
| Blue Pacific Engineering & Construction – San Diego, CA | \$297,200.00         |
| Ciro’s Landscaping – Escondido, CA                      | \$330,067.00         |
| Nature’s Image, Inc. – Lake Forest, CA                  | \$334,609.00         |
| S&B Engineering – Lakeside, CA                          | \$397,640.00         |

WHEREAS, staff determined that Aztec Landscaping, Inc. was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the low bid submitted by Aztec Landscaping, Inc. is within the project budget, the contractor has demonstrated experience in performing vegetation management in environmentally sensitive areas, and has the capacity to complete the brush clearance within specified time frame; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff checked references for Aztec Landscaping, Inc. and received favorable comments. The contractor’s bid package was complete with no errors or omissions. Therefore, staff recommends accepting the bid and awarding the contract to Aztec Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$216,747.20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chula Vista does hereby accept bids, award the “Brush Clearance in Rice Canyon” (CIP # OP225) contract to Aztec Landscaping, Inc., and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the contract.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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