



**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
QUALITY SPRAYERS INC. FOR HERBICIDE APPLICATION
FOR WEED SUPPRESSION SERVICES AT PUBLIC UTILITIES
PROPERTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,000, FOR A REVISED
CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$98,000**

Water Engineering

Board of Public Utilities
March 10, 2025

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BACKGROUND

1. Weed abatement on all RPU properties is a mandated program and fire abatement is year-round activity due to drought
 - a. Abatement compliance is critical for RPU to reduce risk to life and property
2. Gage Canal right of way from San Bernardino to Riverside requires weed abatement
 - a. Ten-mile segment, 50 to 100 foot wide, 65 acres total
3. Goal is to keep surface bare of vegetation
4. Historically maintained by Gage staff



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BACKGROUND

5. RPU took over weed abatement in September 2023
 - a. Sixth Amendment to Operating Agreement transferred maintenance to City
6. New maintenance area for RPU
7. Eight spraying companies solicited in Feb. 2024
 - a. Quality Sprayers Inc. was lowest responsive bidder
8. Purchase Order # 244680 was established for \$49,000, services started late June 2024



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DISCUSSION

1. In March 2025, staff will release a new RFB for multi-year herbicide weed suppression services to begin July 1, 2025
2. To continue services, an increase in the services agreement with Quality Sprayers from \$49,000 to \$98,000 is needed to maintain abatement compliance until July 1, 2025
3. Board approval is required to increase the agreement above \$50,000



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 6 - Infrastructure, Mobility and Connectivity

Goal 6.2 – Maintain, protect, and improve assets and infrastructure within the City's built environment to ensure and enhance reliability, resiliency, sustainability, and facilitate connectivity.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Equity



Fiscal Responsibility



Innovation



Sustainability & Resiliency



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Services Agreement with Quality Sprayers Inc. for herbicide application for weed suppression services at Public Utilities properties in the amount of \$49,000, for a revised contract total of \$98,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in accordance with all purchasing policies.



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