

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 22, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE CITYWIDE IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROJECT; NIB 04-10

On March 9, 2005, the City Council authorized staff to seek bids to upgrade the existing *Calsense* irrigation systems located in the parks and several median island areas on Kanan Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard in order to provide a centrally-controlled water management system. Bid closing was April 5th at 2:00 p.m. No bids were submitted.

In cases where no bids are received for a project that is subject to State law, Public Contracts Code Section 20166 permits the City to complete the project through other means. In accordance with this law, on April 27, 2005, the City Council directed staff to proceed with a sole source bidding effort, whereby staff would directly contact contractors qualified to do the work. Upon obtaining the proposals, staff was to return to Council requesting authorization to award a construction contract in order to proceed with this project.

Staff secured one competitive quote from Aspen Management Group in the amount of \$37,000 to purchase and install the equipment needed to complete the irrigation upgrade. The fact that staff could obtain only one bid is not surprising as this is very specialized equipment and the few contractors who can do the work are very busy. Council allocated \$45,000 of Quimby fees this fiscal year for this project.

Aspen Management Group is the current landscape contractor for Morrison Ranch Estates, and has worked with City staff on other projects with favorable results.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectively recommends the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract for the Citywide Irrigation System; NIB 04-10, to Aspen Management Group for its bid amount of \$37,000; and,
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract agreement on behalf of the City Council.