



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Consent  
March 13, 2007

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title:** Award Contract: Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76)

**Location/Council District:** The Root Control Applications 2007 project is located in Council District 5 and 8 (project location map at Attachment 1).

**Recommendation:** Adopt a **Resolution** to (1) approve the contract specifications for the Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76) and award the contract to Duke's Root Control, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$161,699.50; and (2) transfer \$45,000 from the Sewer Fund Base Reserve (PN: XE01, fund 414) and transfer \$72,000 from the Root Control Application 2006 Project (PN: XI21, fund 414) to the Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76, fund 414).

**Contact:** David L. Brent, Engineering Manager, 808-1420; Rick Batha, Supervising Engineer, 808-1448.

**Presenters:** Not Applicable

**Department:** Utilities

**Division:** Engineering Services

**Organization No:** 3332

### Description/Analysis

**Issue:** One general area of the City's sanitary system will be treated with an herbicide to relieve the collection system from tree root intrusion. Treating the sanitary sewer system for root intrusion aides the City in protecting the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages that can result in sanitary sewer overflows.

**Policy Considerations:** The requested action is in conformance with City Code Section 3.60, Articles I and III, which provide for the award of competitively bid contracts to the lowest responsible bidder.

**Environmental Considerations:** The City's Environmental Planning Services Division has reviewed the project and has determined this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 and Section 15301 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines, as the project involves no



expansion or use beyond what now exists and the herbicide will not harm the vitality of trees.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** On January 10, 2007 the City clerk opened four bids. The low bidder withdrew their bid due to non-compliance with the contract specifications. The second low bid was determined to be non-responsive for failing to acknowledge the bid addendum, as required. As a result, the lowest responsible bidder was Duke's Root Control, Inc. Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Duke's Root Control for an amount not to exceed \$161,700.

**Financial Considerations:** The total project cost including design, construction and contingency is estimated to be \$185,000. Staff recommends funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the Sewer Fund Base Reserve (PN: XE01, fund 414) and \$72,000 from the Chemical Root Control 2006 (PN: XI21, fund 414) be transferred to the Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76, fund 414) to complete the project.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** This project waived the participation goal of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises, as it was determined prior to bidding that the project does not lend itself to small business participation at the goal established by the City.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
David L. Brent  
Engineering Manager

Approved by:   
Gary A. Reents  
Director of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

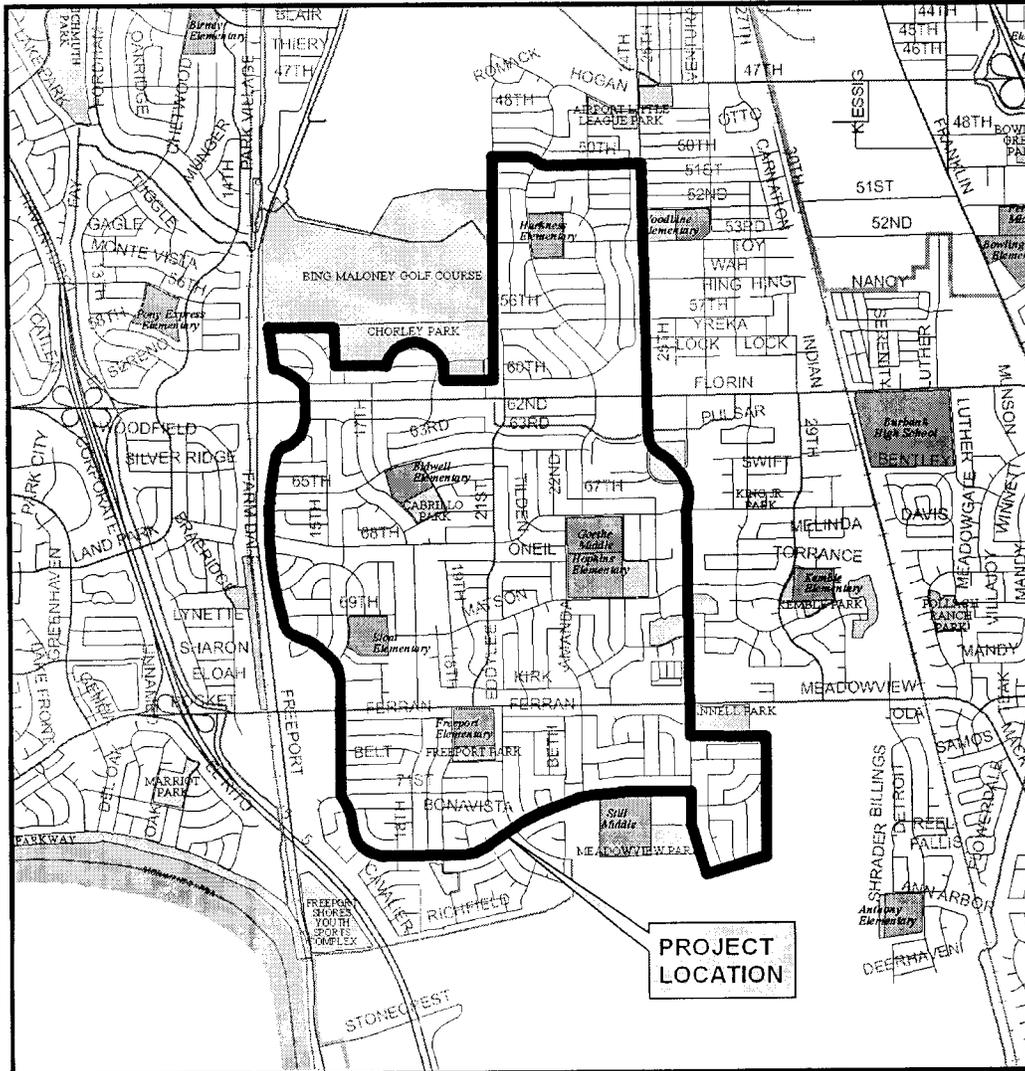
  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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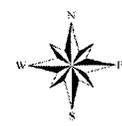
### ATTACHMENT 1

#### ROOT CONTROL APPLICATIONS 2007 (PN: X176)



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Map Prepared By  
City of Sacramento  
Department of Utilities



## Background

One general area of the City's sanitary system will be treated with an herbicide to relieve the collection system from tree root intrusion. Treating the sanitary sewer system for root intrusion aids the City in protecting the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages that can result in sanitary sewer overflows.

The chemical application of a tree root inhibitor in the sewer pipe system project does not lend itself to small business participation at the participation goal of 20% for emerging and small business enterprises. For these reason the small business participation goal established by the City was waived.

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<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Empire Landscaping	\$136,548
Root Tamers	\$149,158
Duke's Root Control, Inc.	\$161,700
Pacific Sewer Maintenance Corp.	\$187,726

The engineer's estimate was \$137,000.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AWARD CONTRACT FOR ROOT CONTROL APPLICATIONS 2007 PROJECT  
(PN: XI76)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. The Root Control Applications project treats the sewer collection system to relieve it from tree root intrusion, and allows the City to better protect the sanitary sewer lines from possible blockages.
- B. The Root Control Applications 2007 project was advertised for bidding and received four bids on January 10, 2007. Duke's Root Control was the lowest responsive responsible bidder.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The contract specifications for the Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76) are approved, and the contract is awarded to Duke's Root Control for an amount not to exceed \$161,700.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to transfer \$45,000 from Sewer Fund Base Reserve (PN: XE01, fund 414) and \$72,000 from the Root Control Application 2006 Project (PN: XI21, fund 414) to the Root Control Applications 2007 Project (PN: XI76, fund 414).