

## **Updated Staff Report: Tree Removal/Pruning or Stabilization in Kensington Park**

### **Trees**

We began by getting bids to address a distressed Monterey pine that is leaning over adjacent property and a cluster of dead or dying redwoods near Arlington on the southern end of the park. We sought bids from the following companies to remove these trees. In the process of walking to that area, we noticed some limbs from eucalyptus trees in the park along Arlington that pose a potential threat of breaking, several patches of acacia trees near Building E, several Canary Island pines in the parking lot with split trunks or overhanging branches, and debris from a eucalyptus that had been cut down in the park above the Community Center.

1. Julian Tree Care
2. Elite Tree Service
3. Ponderosa Tree Service
4. Professional Tree Care Company, Inc.
5. Brende and Lamb
6. Eden Tree Service

Both Eden Tree Service and Brende and Lamb are small companies who do not have the equipment to tackle the large trees we have. However, one or both companies can provide consulting services for a fee to advise on what work is necessary in the park.

The estimates we received were attached to our November 15 meeting agenda. Based on those estimates, the Board authorized the General Manager to retain Ponderosa because it was the lowest complete estimate. Subsequently, we received an updated estimate from Ponderosa based on prevailing wage and an updated more complete estimate from Elite, and these estimates are attached. This work should be done in the in January-February according to the tree companies.

The County advised that we will not need a heritage tree permit to remove the redwoods.

### **Attachments:**

1. Original and updated Elite estimate
2. Updated Ponderosa estimate