

Board Inquiry Form

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Request/ Question:

Can the landscape maintenance contract be re-negotiated with the contractors, or bid to reduce the cost of the landscape maintenance contract?

Response Prepared by: Community Services Department

Response:

The Community Services Department works with two separate contractors to provide landscape maintenance services at County facilities. The contract with All Weather Landscaping is for approximately \$60,000. The contract with Cicilio Landscaping is \$90,000. These current contracts provide for mowing of turf weekly and trimming of shrubs monthly. Community Services Department staff had discussions with the existing landscape contractors to inform them of the potential funding impacts. The proposed service level impacts will reduce funding to both of these contractors by 50%. In staff discussions, both landscape contractors agreed to continue to provide services to our County facilities. However, mowing of turf would occur every other week and trimming of shrubs would occur every other month, which represents a 50% reduction from the current level of service. The current contractors are willing to continue service at this level. Staff is preparing to re-bid these contracts to ensure the County is receiving the best possible service.