

Privileged Business License Summary

Date: December 6, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.4. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Agreement with Resource Concepts Inc. (RCI) for the development of the Vegetation Management Plan Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$113,000. (Sewer Fund) (For Possible Action)**

From: Ryan Bird, Environmental Services Supervisor

City of Reno Strategic Priority Alignment:

Summary: Council is requested to approve an agreement with RCI in an amount not to exceed \$113,000 for development of the Phase 2 Vegetation Management Plan for Public Works that is intended to develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) to assist field staff in day to day operations with implementation of Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) protocols.

Prior Council Action: July 19, 2017: Presentation to Council by RCI explaining Public Works Streets and Sewer and Storm Drain Section's current vegetation management practices.

Discussion: September 27, 2016: A Professional Services agreement for \$41,000 with RCI was entered to observe, collect, compile, review, summarize current data, control methodology, evaluate equipment, interview staff, and explain vegetative control practices stemming from Federal, State and Local law, and agreements. The findings revealed the City was doing many efforts well; however, some recommendations were made for Public Works. Phase 2 Vegetation Management Plan will serve to train staff, field test, and implement up to six BMPs as follows: identification of streets where initial IVM prototypes will be developed; beneficial and undesirable plant species; noxious weeds; stormwater conveyance ditches and detention basins; City dam sites; and open spaces. Staff will incorporate and utilize these methods when conducting yearly scheduled vegetation management activities.

Financial Implications: Funding for this purchase has been allocated and approved in the Fiscal Year (FY) 17/18 Sewer Fund budget.

Legal Implications: The parties are bound by the terms of the agreement.