

STAFF REPORT**CITY COUNCIL
May 24, 2005**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Ken Domer, City Manager

SUBJECT: EUCALYPTUS TREE REMEDIATION – PORTIONS OF LOMA STREET AND VALLEY DRIVE**BACKGROUND**

At the October 26, 2004 City Council meeting, the City Manager presented a Staff Report on Tree Remediation for portions of Loma Street and Valley Drive, specifically to address an infestation affecting Eucalyptus trees on those streets. According to a report by a certified arborist contacted by the City, 93 trees were infected by either the Eucalyptus Tortoise Beetle (91) or the Lerp Psyllid (2).

Three estimates were obtained to treat the trees using an injection of Mauget Iicide, two of which were responsive. The lowest, most responsive, responsible bid at the time was \$10,680 and a resolution for a budget amendment was included for consideration. At the meeting, the Council authorized a trial treatment on eleven (11) trees located at 9221 and 9161 Loma Street.

FINDINGS

City Staff have inspected the injected trees, which were marked for identification, and have found that they appear in good health with new sprouts noticeable.

While the former bids have expired, future bids should be within a reasonable range of the former bids to complete the required injections and/or removal of trees with more than fifty percent (50%) damage by the pests. Trees that cannot be saved and thus are to be removed, will be replaced pursuant to our street tree replacement program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approximately \$13,000 to current year operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council make the appropriate findings, approve the attached Resolution No. 2005-2821, authorizing a Budget Amendment for \$13,000. In addition, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to allocate funding to the respective project, seek new bids for services, and execute applicable documents as required.