



## Memorandum

Date: August 8, 2025  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Kellyx Nelson  
Re: Recommendation to Contract with Community Tree Service, Inc. for the Pescadero Creek County Park Forest Health Project

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RCD staff recommends the Board of Directors approve contracting with Community Tree Service, Inc. to implement the Pescadero Creek County Park Forest Health Project.

The purpose of this project is to improve the health of the forest for biodiversity while additionally reducing the risk of high intensity fire, i.e. the type of fire most likely to have ecosystem impacts that include loss of trees and biodiversity.

The scope of work for this contract includes treatment of 541 acres of understory (497 acres of mechanical mastication, 44 acres of hand thinning). These treatments will reduce the density and continuity of dead, dying, diseased, and overly dense vegetation, and promote ecosystems dominated by healthy, disturbance-tolerant native vegetation represented by a mosaic of species, sizes, and age-classes.

A Request for Bids was distributed via email and shared publicly via the RCD's website, San Mateo Daily Journal and two trade journals. Twenty firms attended a mandatory pre-bid site tour. Eight of the twenty firms submitted bids, all by the deadline of July 28, 2025. Bids were opened during a public meeting on July 28, 2025, with the following results:

Community Tree Service, Inc.	\$1,409,550.00
Bay Area Tree Specialists	\$1,626,454.00
Mountain F Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,999,999.00
The Professional Tree Care Company	\$2,878,300.00
Brush Hog Tree Care, Inc.	\$2,885,500.00
Davey Tree Expert Company, Inc.	\$3,172,893.00
Falk Forestry, Inc. and Earth Foundries, Inc.	\$3,781,581.00
L. D. Giacomini Enterprises, Inc.	Incomplete Bid

Staff from the RCD, San Mateo County Parks and Auten Resource Consulting (the consulting forester for the project) reviewed the bid documents and determined that Community Tree Service, Inc. is the lowest cost responsible bidder for the project. Community Tree Service, Inc.

has experience working with local RCDs and on public lands. Additionally, the RCD contracted with Community Tree Service, Inc. to successfully complete the Girl Scouts of Northern California Camp Butano Forest Health Project (44 acres of mastication and handwork) in 2021.

Figure 1: Project Location Map

