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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: Fertilization & Weed Control Services

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2025

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INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

During the working sessions for the FY2025 budget, the facilities director recommended that we cancel our fertilizer/weed control contract and bring it in-house. There was a small budget left to procure equipment and materials to facilitate this work. Upon additional review, the current Facilities Director has deemed that completing these services in-house is not cost-effective. Commercial companies have access to better materials that allows for service year-round versus what we are able to purchase as a District.

The services previously provided for fertilization and weed control only included two applications per year. The applications didn't start until late in May, after the bulk of the weed growth in the early growing season.

Facilities Director Haag sought quotes for four applications per year to minimize weed growth and maximize the benefit to our grounds:

- Senske - \$31,400
- Aspen - \$141,740
- Greenmax - \$56,865

RECOMMENDATION:

Our recommendation is to contract with Senske for fertilization and weed control services.