

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: July7, 2008
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Contract for Bay Friendly Landscaping for Civic Center Project

REPORT BY: Judy Lieberman, Assistant City Administrator

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Administrator to approve a contract with Sentient Design for Bay Friendly Landscaping Design for the Civic Center Project in the amount of \$18,500.

DISCUSSION

The city would like to pursue a Bay Friendly Landscaping grant for the Civic Center Project. In order do so, a design must be completed in order to determine whether the project will quality as a Bay Friendly design. Sentient Landscape designed the Buchanan medians, and would use a similar and complementary plant palette and design for the Civic Center project. Sentient would also ensure that the design meets the necessary criteria to qualify for a Bay Friendly Landscaping grant. The landscape design process should begin as soon as possible so that any new irrigation lines can be laid as needed during the construction process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The contract amount of \$18,500 would come out of the Civic Center project funds.