WESTON SOLUTIONS SELECTED AREA 1 MARE ISLAND DEVELOPER

VALLEJO – The Vallejo City Council on Tuesday evening selected Weston Solutions Inc. as the developer for Area 1 on Mare Island.

Weston was competing for the job with Lennar Mare Island and Titan West to develop approximately 120 acres of land on the north end of Mare Island, a former naval shipyard that closed in 1996.

"As a result of a series of meetings of a council committee, it was decided that Weston is the best developer for Area 1," Al da Silva, Economic Development Director, told the City Council on Tuesday night. "They demonstrated the financial ability to provide for the high pre-development infrastructure and clean-up costs."

Council members Gerald Davis, Dan Donahue and Vice Mayor Gary Cloutier were selected randomly to sit on the three-member council committee, which spent many hours meeting with and evaluating the three finalists.

"We will benefit from the diversification (of developers) on Mare Island," Cloutier said during the meeting. "Weston has demonstrated they are aware of the difficulties at Mare Island, and complied with all of the committee's requests."

Two local realtors, Bill Elliot and Fred Sessler, assisted the City in its search for a developer for Area 1 after Legacy Partners pulled out of the project over a year ago.

"The selection of Weston Solutions will lead to the diversification of the effort to market Mare Island," Sessler told the council. "Bringing in Harvest Properties to assist is key. They know the local real estate market, and combined with Weston the cumulative effort is the best thing for the City of Vallejo."

City officials will now work with Weston officials to develop an exclusive right to negotiate within 60 days of last night's meeting. If the two are unable to reach an agreement, the issue will be brought back to the Council for consideration.

"There will be a performance schedule once an ERN is signed," da Silva said.