



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Subject: Contract No. 31900218 Amendment: West Coast Arborists, Inc. for As-needed Tree Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend contract No. 31900218 with West Coast Arborists Inc., for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$200,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$700,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for this contract amendment of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget in the Parks Tax Fund (138-52-542-566-0000-000-461-612990) and the General Fund, Fire Fuel Abatement program (011-52-542-566-1001-000-461-612990).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City currently has a contract with West Coast Arborists to perform various tree services, primarily consisting of tree and stump removals and tree pruning throughout the city in the public right of way, street medians, pathways, and in public parks. Due to the Caldor fire, staff has identified trees that require removal and pruning to reduce fire fuel and improve public safety at Echo Lake Camp.

BACKGROUND

In April 2019, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued seeking qualified firms to provide tree services on an as-needed basis. The City determined that West Coast Arborists was a qualified firm and executed contract No. 3190218. To-date, the contractor has completed tree removals at Remillard Park, Grizzly Peak Boulevard, John Hinkel Park, Del Mar Avenue, Glendale-La Loma Park, Live Oak Park, Wildcat Canyon Road, Shasta Road, Fairlawn Drive, Codornices Park, and along Cragmont Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The maintenance of the urban forest and the prevention of destructive urban fires are essential in meeting the City's Climate Action Goals over the long term.

**RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has identified trees that require removal or pruning as part of the clean-up after the Caldor Fire. This work will improve public safety and reduce the fire fuel load at Echo Lake Camp. The City does not have the in-house labor or equipment resources to complete these jobs in an efficient manner.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED**

None

**CONTACT PERSON**

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Dan Gallagher, Senior Forestry Supervisor, 981-6687

**Attachments:**

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 31900218 AMENDMENT: WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR AS-  
NEEDED TREE SERVICES

WHEREAS, in April 2019, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued seeking firms to provide tree services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, the City determined that West Coast Arborists was a qualified firm and executed Contract No. 31900218; and

WHEREAS, to-date, staff has identified trees that require removal or pruning due to the Caldor Fire. This work will reduce the fire fuel load and improve the health and safety of the urban forest; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract amendment of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget from the Parks Tax Fund (138) and the General Fund, Fire Fuel Abatement program (011).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900218 with West Coast Arborist for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$200,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$700,000. A record signature copy of any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

