



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 14, 2021

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. 31900202 Amendment: Bay Area Tree Specialists for As-Needed Tree Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend contract No. 31900202 with Bay Area Tree Specialists for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 and extend the term to May 28, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding for this contract amendment in the amount of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 budget in the Parks Tax Fund (138-52-542-566-0000-000-461-612990) and the General Fund allocation for Fire Fuel Abatement (011-52-542-566-1001-000-461-612990).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City currently has a contract with Bay Area Tree Specialists to perform various tree services, primarily consisting of tree and stump removals and tree pruning throughout the city on the public right of way, street medians, pathways, and in public parks. To-date, staff has identified additional trees to be removed and pruned to reduce fire fuel and improve public safety.

BACKGROUND

In April 2019, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued seeking qualified firms to provide tree services on an as-needed basis. The City determined that Bay Area Tree Specialists met the requirements as described in the RFP and executed contract No. 31900202. To-date, the contractor has completed tree removals at Codornices Park, Wildcat Canyon Road, John Hinkel Park, Remillard Park, Woodmont Avenue, Dorothy Bolte Park, and on Columbia Path.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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 additional trees to be removed at various parks, on City paths, and along the public right of way which will reduce the fire fuel load and improve public safety. 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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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

CONTRACT NO. 31900202 AMENDMENT: BAY AREA TREE SPECIALISTS FOR AS-NEEDED TREE SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, the City determined that Bay Area Tree Specialist met the requirements described in the RFP and executed contract no. 31900202; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the not-to-exceed amount of the contract increased from \$300,000 to \$500,000 by Resolution No. 68,972 -N.S.; and

WHEREAS, to-date, staff has identified additional trees to be removed to reduce the fire fuel load and other trees to be pruned to improve the health and safety of the urban forest; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract amendment of \$300,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 budget from the Parks Tax Fund (138) and the General Fund Fund (011).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900202 with Bay Area Tree Specialists for as-needed tree services, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 and extend the term to May 28, 2023.

