

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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SANTA ROSA WATER  
SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
CONSERVATION CORPS NORTH BAY FOR LITTER  
ABATEMENT AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Water Department, that the Council, by resolution, approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Conservation Corps North Bay for litter abatement and vegetation management, and authorize the Chief Finance Officer to encumber funds.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is related to City Council Goal to Promote Environmental Sustainability as approval of this MOU will provide for creek cleanup assistance to address immediate public health, safety, and environmental impacts from trash on public lands, in parks, and along our creeks.

BACKGROUND

1. The City of Santa Rosa is regulated by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit for storm water and is responsible for storm water management and pollution prevention efforts.
2. The accumulation of trash and human waste along the City's creeks, parks, and public lands negatively impacts the community, storm water quality, and pose a threat to public health.
3. Despite the City's strong Creek Stewardship Program, work done by City staff, contract workers and volunteers, that include clean-ups to remove debris, trash, and solid waste, and recent coordination with social service providers, the level

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of staff and financial resources necessary to fully address these issues far exceed those available.

4. Additional resources are needed to address the increasing quantity of trash accumulating along the City's creeks, parks, and public lands.
5. The Water Department, in collaboration with Recreation and Parks, Police and Transportation and Public Works departments, applied for and has been awarded a CalRecycle Illegal Disposal Site Abatement grant for \$391,482.
6. The City received a Notice to Proceed January 7, 2016. The grant term ends June 30, 2018.
7. To date CalRecycle grant funds have been used to provide for increased funding to supplement existing efforts in trash cleanup, prevention, and education.
8. Part of this grant funding provides for and requires the use of youth corps cleanup crews.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On February 24, 2015, the City Council, by Resolution 28607, authorized submittal of a grant application for the CalRecycle Fiscal Year 2014-15 Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program requesting \$496,694 in funding. The City's request exceeded CalRecycle's remaining available funding for FY 2014-15, and therefore funding was not awarded at that time.

On September 1, 2015, the City Council, by Resolution 28683, authorized submittal of a grant application for the CalRecycle Fiscal Year 2015-16 Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program requesting \$391,482 in funding. The City was awarded the total amount of grant funding requested, and received a Notice to Proceed January 7, 2016.

ANALYSIS

1. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has awarded grant funding of \$391,482 to the City of Santa Rosa for Illegal Disposal Site Abatement.
2. This grant provides funding for and requires the use of youth corps for cleanup activities, of which \$4,953.60 remains available. The remaining \$5,182.40 will come from Storm Water & Creeks restoration resources also appropriated in the 2017-18 budget for youth corps.
3. In order to utilize these remaining CalRecycle grant funds and meet the

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conditions of the existing grant agreement, the City needs to enter into the MOU with the Conservation Corp to provide vegetation and trash removal services.

4. The total amount of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservation Corps North Bay \$10,136.

FISCAL IMPACT

Award of this Memorandum of Understanding does not have a fiscal impact on the City's adopted budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A - Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservation Corps North Bay

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