

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: HEAVEN MOORE, SUPERVISING ENGINEER  
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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF  
SONOMA FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING  
SERVICES

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 County of Sonoma for General Maintenance and Landscaping Services, appoint the City Manager or his designee to execute the MOU, and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to encumber \$122,690 of grant and Storm Water Creek Restoration funds.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is related to City Council Goal #3: Provide Leadership for Environmental Initiatives as approval of this Memorandum of Understanding 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 poses a threat to public health.
3. Despite the City's strong Creek Stewardship Program, work done by City staff, contract workers and volunteers, that includes clean-ups to remove debris, trash,

and solid waste, and recent coordination with social service providers, the level of staff and financial resources necessary to fully address these issues far exceeds 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 the 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 which provides for increased funding to supplement existing efforts in trash cleanup, prevention, and education.
6. The City received a Notice to Proceed January 7, 2016. The grant term ends June 30, 2018.
7. Part of this grant funding provides for 100 days of County of Sonoma Adult Supervised Crews for assistance with cleanup activities to be performed throughout a two-year period.

#### 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. This is a two-year grant award with no match requirement.

#### 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 100 days of County of Sonoma Supervised Adult Crew maintenance and landscape services to support homeless encampment cleanup activities.
3. The total amount of the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sonoma is \$122,690.

## 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) under Section 15301(h) because it involves creek maintenance including removal of trash and other debris.

## BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

## NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

## ATTACHMENTS

Resolution/Exhibit A - Memorandum of Understanding with County of Sonoma

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