

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MOU WITH COUNTY OF SONOMA TO PROVIDE
SUPERVISED ADULT CREW LABOR FOR DEBRIS AND
INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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 Landscape Services and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the MOU.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is related to City Council Goal to Promote Environmental Sustainability 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 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. A CalRecycle grant recently provided for 100 days of County of Sonoma Adult Supervised Crews for assistance with cleanup activities to be performed throughout a two-year period and ends March 2018.
6. Storm Water & Creeks has funds allocated in the 2017-18 budget and will return to the practice of annually allocating funding (as it has previous to the CalRecycle grant) throughout the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

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 was a two-year grant award with no match requirement. Funding for the maintenance and landscape services ends March 31, 2018.

ANALYSIS

1. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recently awarded grant funding of \$391,482 to the City of Santa Rosa for Illegal Disposal Site Abatement, which provided funding for 100 days of County of Sonoma Supervised Adult Crew maintenance and landscape services to support homeless encampment cleanup activities, and ends March of 2018.
2. Storm Water & Creeks staff have utilized the County of Sonoma Supervised Adult Crew for maintenance and landscape services for many years and believes the value of continuing to use this vital service is beneficial.
3. Storm Water & Creeks funds have been allocated for 2017-18 for utilizing the County of Sonoma Supervised Adult Crews, and will continue to be allocated throughout the life of the Memorandum of Understanding.
4. The total amount of the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sonoma is \$132,875.

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 County of Sonoma

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