

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SANTA ROSA WATER
SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF
SONOMA FOR CITY'S CREEKS, PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

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 creekside trash and vegetation management.

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 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, there is not enough City staff available to fully address these issues.

4. Additional resources are needed to address the ongoing quantity of trash accumulating along the City's creeks, parks, and public lands.
5. Utilizing youth corps for creekside trash and vegetation management is cost effective, as well as providing on the job training, education and experience.
6. Approximately \$10,085.00 of funding is remaining from a 2016 settlement agreement with River Watch, which requires the City of Santa Rosa to utilize \$35,000.00 to support youth corps for these types of services.
7. The remaining approximate amount of \$15,930.00 needed for the contract will come from Storm Water & Creeks restoration resources, appropriated in the 2018-19 budget for youth corps.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None.

ANALYSIS

1. In order to satisfy the requirements of a settlement agreement with River Watch and utilize budgeted funds for creek stewardship, the City of Santa Rosa needs to enter into a MOU with the County of Sonoma to utilize youth corps for creekside trash and vegetation management.
2. The total amount of the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sonoma is \$26,015.04.

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 County of Sonoma

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