

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROPRIATING \$370,000 FROM GAS TAX FUNDS TO OP226 FOR SAFETY TREE TRIMMING, PRUNING, AND REMOVAL AND AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 FROM \$150,000 TO \$520,000

WHEREAS the Public Works Department manages the City's urban forest trees, including street trees, park trees, and trees located on City Property, for overall public safety and tree health; and

WHEREAS the City's partial urban forest tree inventory is estimated at 35,000 trees; and

WHEREAS the trim cycle for these trees is 5 years. Therefore, the City should be trimming approximately 7,000 trees annually; and

WHEREAS annual funding for tree trimming is sufficient for only 1,200 trees, leaving an annual deficit of 5,800 trees and a funding shortage of \$699,625; and

WHEREAS as a result of the tree trimming deficit, the City has experienced an increase in the number of tree failures and requests for tree service citywide. Additionally, an El Niño event with its associated strong rainfalls is expected this winter, and staff anticipates that this will create an upsurge in tree failures; and

WHEREAS the City's tree trimming needs are currently backlogged by over 15,000 trees due to multi-year budget constraints; and

WHEREAS West Coast Arborists (WCA) is currently under contract with the City to perform tree trimming, pruning, and removal services. The contract was competitively bid in 2012 and will expire on October 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS staff is requesting an additional appropriation of \$370,000 from Gas Tax Funds to pay for additional tree trimming to reduce the current backlog and to avoid a significant number of tree failures in the upcoming rainy season; and

WHEREAS the additional tree trimming work will be performed from November 5 to December 31, 2015 in preparation for the El Niño storm activity. The additional trees to be trimmed are located in the following places: Bay Boulevard Park, Bonita Long Canyon Park, Chula Vista Community Park, Discovery Park, Explorer Park, Memorial Park, Friendship Park, Sunbow Park, D Street, E Street, F Street, G Street, I Street, J Street, K Street, L Street, East L Street, Naples Street, Palomar Street, and East Palomar Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it does hereby approve an amendment to a contract with West Coast Arborists to increase the not-to-exceed amount in Fiscal Year 2015-16 from \$150,000 to \$520,000 to perform the additional tree trimming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it does hereby approve an appropriation of \$370,000 from Gas Tax Funds to CIP OP226.

Presented by

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Approved as to form by

Glen R. Googins
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