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# CITY OF POMONA

## COUNCIL REPORT

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November 18, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)  
FOR VEGETATION/BRUSH CLEARANCE IN THE PHILLIPS RANCH  
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Approve an agreement with the California Conservation Corps (CCC), Pomona Center, in the amount of \$28,800 to provide vegetation and brush clearing in the Phillips Ranch area; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement in substantially the form submitted.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Approval of the attached Agreement (Attachment No. 1) will allow the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to perform vegetation and brush clearance to reduce the threat of wildfires in the Phillips Ranch Assessment District Area, Zones A and B, and surrounding hillsides.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is sufficient funding in the FY 2019-20 Phillips Ranch Assessment District Zone A and B budget (Account No. 256-4073-52920-00000) to cover the cost of the CCC contract to provide vegetation/brush clearance in Phillips Ranch.

**AUTHORIZATION:** City of Pomona Purchasing Ordinance, Section 2.969.b(4), states that sole source procurements exceptions can be exercised when purchasing from government agencies. CCC qualifies as a government agency, and therefore, this code citation can be applied. However, since the initial contract amount was \$30,000, and a subsequent amendment was \$60,000, the purchasing code requires Council approval for this additional \$28,800 amount.

**PUBLIC NOTICING REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:** On September 9, 2019, the City Council approved an agreement with the CCC to provide brush clearance in the Phillips Ranch Assessment District

Zones A and B in the amount of \$60,000. On June 17, 2019, the City Manager, within her authority, approved a \$30,000 contract for similar work to be performed.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** Utilizing the CCC to provide brush clearing services will assist in reducing the threat of wildfires.

**DISCUSSION:** As authorized by the City Manager on June 17, 2019, the City entered into an agreement with the CCC for \$30,000 to provide brush and vegetation clearance in the Phillips Ranch Assessment District Zones A and B to minimize the threat of wildfires. Soon after the start of work, it was determined that the amount of work required to clear the brush and vegetation was more extensive than originally anticipated, and as such, these funds were expended at a faster rate than expected.

On September 9, 2019, a new agreement was approved for \$60,000 for additional brush clearing, and this work has been completed. However, due to the continued dry weather and recent high winds, there is an increased threat of fire danger, and it is necessary to perform additional brush and vegetation clearance. It is estimated that this additional work will cost \$28,800.

The CCC offers job training and employment for young people throughout the state. Because the CCC provides employment training opportunities, California Labor Code, Section 1720.4(c) specifically exempts the CCC from paying prevailing state wages to CCC members when engaged in public works projects. Furthermore, the CCC is not subject to federal prevailing wage requirements as set forth in the Davis-Bacon Act (Title 40 USC 276A et seq.), when providing labor on Federal government contracts. The CCC charges a flat rate of \$24.00 per hour. This contract represents 1,200 hours of labor to be performed. The City provides materials and equipment.

The scope of services to be performed is described in detail in the attached contract and includes clearing v-ditch drains and corridors of debris, brush, and other vegetation, potentially including dead or live trees, and general clearing of dead, overgrown or other unwanted vegetation for wildfire prevention purposes. Methods of disposal will be coordinated at each location with the City's Parks and Landscape Supervisor or Parks and Facilities Manager.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Attachment No. 1: Agreement between the CCC and the City of Pomona to Provide Vegetation Clearing in Phillips Ranch Assessment District Zones A and B

Prepared by:

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