

# REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From the City Manager

March 23, 2009

**SUBJECT**

Resolution in support of Public Works Services Department submission of a CAL FIRE grant request in the amount of \$51,934 for an Urban Forestry Inventory

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution in support of the request by Public Works Services to CAL FIRE for a \$51,934 grant to perform an inventory of the City's publicly maintained trees in the urban forest.

**BACKGROUND**


The City needs to improve the existing inventory of the estimated 31,000 public trees in the right of way, city parks and around city facilities. The Public Works Services Department submitted an Urban Forestry Inventory Concept Application and was informed on January 9, 2009 that the Concept Application was deemed eligible for the next step in the application process, submission of a full grant request. As part of the full grant request, the City Council should adopt a resolution in support of the grant request. The actual inventory services will be performed by a qualified contractor who will collect specific information as required in the grant application.

**ALTERNATIVES**

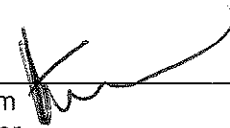
Do not adopt this resolution which may potentially affect the acceptance of the City's grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Although there is not direct cost associated with adopting this resolution, the estimated cost of the inventory of all 31,000 trees is approximately \$107,000.00. Funding from the Tree Preservation and Sidewalk Replacement Program may provide the additional resources to make up the difference between the grant award and the cost of inventory services. Staff will return to the City Council at a later date to seek approval for contracting for inventory services.

  
Michael Gibbons  
Public Works Superintendent

  
Larry Barwatz  
Public Works Services Director

  
Peter Ingram  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

None

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED, "AN URBAN FOREST FOR EVERY CITY", AS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPOSITIONS 40 AND 84**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted Propositions 40 and 84, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Approved the filing of an application for "PROPOSITION 40 and 84" urban forestry grant program funds; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and

3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City of Redwood City are available to begin the project.

4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 31, 2011.

5. Appoints the Public works Services Department as agent of the City of Redwood City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

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