



**Agenda Item B.4**  
**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
**Meeting Date: May 20, 2008**

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**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Daniel Singer, City Manager

**CONTACT:** Bill Millar, Parks and Open Spaces Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 3 for Parks Maintenance Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to execute amendment No. 3 to the contract with Valley Crest to provide parks maintenance services, increasing the contract authority from \$250,000 to \$305,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City contracts with Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance Corporation for citywide landscape maintenance services. This contract provides personnel, tools, materials, and management for all park landscape maintenance services. The scope of the contract includes both scheduled maintenance activities as well as annual and as needed maintenance activities. The current contract was approved in 2005 and has been amended on an annual basis subject to budget approval.

**DISCUSSION:**

City of Goleta landscape maintenance tasks vary from site to site. A typical developed park with irrigation and amenities can be more demanding than an undeveloped open space area due to the frequency of required maintenance activities. However, certain open space areas require specific maintenance efforts that can become very expensive if not performed in a timely manner. One such location is Lake Los Carneros. In addition to the maintenance of the dam structure, the City is required to maintain the vegetation around the lake. Over the last several years growth of the Tules and Pampas Grass along the lake shore began to impact the lake ecosystem in several ways. Most significant was the reduction of open water surface area and associated filling in of the upper parts of the lake. The Tule growth also significantly impacted the ability to treat the lake for mosquito larvae.

In order to mitigate the impacts of the Tule growth, a Tule management plan was developed that consisted of removal of Tules and Pampas Grass by boat. A Tule cutter boat was purchased by the City and the first phase of the removal was to commence this fiscal year. Due to the amount of Tules that needed to be removed, the project was

going to be phased over several years. The total cost associated with the removal of the Tules was estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.

The low water level in the Lake last fall prior to the winter rainfall season provided an opportunity to trim and remove a large portion of the Tules by hand at a much lower cost than by boat. Valley Crest provided a work crew and removed over 50 tons of vegetation material. The work completed eliminated the need for significant removal in future years. The cleared areas will be maintained on an annual basis as needed using the Tule cutter boat at a lower cost. The total cost for the removal of the Tules and Pampas Grass was \$55,000. An amendment to the Valley Crest landscape maintenance contract increasing the contract authority from \$250,000 to \$305,000 is therefore recommended for approval. This amendment will allow for the continuation of regular park maintenance at all City facilities through the end of the fiscal year.

**GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Valley Crest Maintenance Contract is for the maintenance of all City Parks and Open Spaces as stated in the Goleta Strategic Plan. This increase in contract authority is consistent with the Goal in the Goleta Strategic Plan entitled, "Prioritize Maintenance of City Streets, Parks, & Facilities." Specifically, it meets the Objective to "Maintain Parks & Open Space" and moves the City closer towards realizing its vision as defined within the City's Strategic Plan.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may choose to eliminate the practice of trimming the Tules and Pampas Grass in the future. However, doing so would cause adverse impacts to the waterway and the native habitat.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The FY 2007/08 amended budget includes \$305,000 in account 101-5-5400-403. The current Valley Crest contract value is \$250,000. An amendment to the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to account for all costs associated with the removal of the Tules and Pampas Grass is recommended. If approved, the revised total contract is \$305,000 which is within the amended budget.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved By:

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Steve Wagner  
Community Services  
Director

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Michelle Greene  
Administrative Services  
Director

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Daniel Singer  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Amendment 3 Agreement For Maintenance Services Between The City Of Goleta And Valley Crest

**AMENDMENT 3  
AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES  
BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF GOLETA  
AND  
VALLEY CREST**

**WHEREAS**, An Agreement for Maintenance Services (“AGREEMENT”), was entered into the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2005, by and between the City of Goleta, a California municipal corporation (“CITY”) and Valley Crest, a California corporation, (“CONSULTANT”) for maintenance of the parks and open space in the City of Goleta,

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of said Agreement provides for the revision of the term of the Agreement upon written agreement of both parties; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of said Agreement sets forth the scope of services to be performed; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of said Agreement sets forth the compensation to be paid to Consultant for work performed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:**

1. The not to exceed amount shall not exceed \$305,000 as shown.

Except as amended in this Amendment No. 3, all other provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

CITY OF GOLETA

CONSULTANT:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Singer, City Manager  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Hayward Biggs, City Attorney  
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