



**STAFF REPORT**  
**1/24/2024**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to West Coast Arborists increasing compensation by \$32,000 for the pruning and vegetation removal at the city owned property located at 89711 Peter Rabbit Lane, Coachella; approve allocation from undesignated general fund reserves to the building maintenance division for \$57,000.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In 2023, the City acquired a property located at 89711 Peter Rabbit Lane (Coachella); the Hidden Harvest property. This property has significant vegetation overgrowth. To improve the city's ability to secure this site staff is recommending: 1) removal of the overgrown vegetation and 2) installation of four (4) solar lights at the entrance points to the property. The cost to complete the pruning and vegetation removal is \$32,000. The cost to install outdoor security lighting is \$25,000.

To address the needed pruning/overgrowth staff is requesting approval of the attached Amendment No. 1 with West Coast Arborist increasing the awarded compensation by \$32,000; an existing on-call city contractor can complete the solar lighting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The recommended action will have a financial impact. Staff is requesting approval of an allocation of \$57,000 from undesignated general fund reserves to the building maintenance division to allow for completion of these tasks.

Attachments:

Proposed Amendment No. 1