

**CONTRACT**  
**CITY OF COACHELLA**  
**TREE TRIMMING MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**PARTIES AND DATE.**

This Agreement is made and entered into this 24th day of June, 2020 by and between the City of Coachella, a municipal organization organized under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business at 1515 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coachella, California 92236, (hereinafter referred to as "City") and West Coast Arborists, Inc., a corporation with its principal place of business at 2200 E. Via Burton, Anaheim, CA 92806 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor"). City and Contractor are sometimes individually referred to as "Party" and collectively as "Parties" in this Agreement.

**RECITALS.**

**2.1 Contractor.**

Contractor desires to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of certain maintenance services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Contractor represents that it is experienced in providing tree trimming services to public clients, that it and its employees or subcontractors have all necessary licenses and permits to perform the Services in the State of California, and that is familiar with the plans of City.

**2.2 Project.**

City desires to engage Contractor to render such services for the Tree Trimming Maintenance Services Agreement ("Project") as set forth in this Agreement.

**TERMS.**

**3.1 Scope of Services and Term.**

3.1.1 Incorporation of Documents. The "Contract Documents" include the following:

- Notice Inviting Bids
- Instructions to Bidders
- Contractor's Bid Forms
- Contractor's Certificate Regarding Workers' Compensation
- Bid Bond
- Designation of Subcontractors
- Information Required of Bidders
- Non-Collusion Affidavit form
- Contract
- Performance Bond
- Payment (Labor and Materials) Bond
- General Conditions

Special Provisions (or Special Conditions)  
Technical Specifications  
Greenbook Standard Specifications (Sections 1-9 Excluded)  
Addenda  
Plans and Contract Drawings  
Approved and fully executed change orders  
Any other documents contained in or incorporated into the Contract

The Contactor shall complete the Work in strict accordance with all of the Contract Documents.

All of the Contract Documents are intended to be complementary. Work required by one of the Contract Documents and not by others shall be done as if required by all. This Contract shall supersede any prior agreement of the parties.

3.1.2 General Scope of Services. Contractor promises and agrees to furnish to the City all labor, materials, tools, equipment, services, and incidental and customary work necessary to fully and adequately supply the tree trimming maintenance services necessary for the Project ("Services"). The Services are more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. All Services shall be subject to, and performed in accordance with, this Agreement, the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

3.1.3 Term. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, unless earlier terminated as provided herein. Contractor shall complete the Services within the term of this Agreement, and shall meet any other established schedules and deadlines.

### **3.2 Responsibilities of Contractor.**

3.2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Contractor or under its supervision. Contractor will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. City retains Contractor on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Contractor retains the right to perform similar or different services for others during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Contractor shall also not be employees of City and shall at all times be under Contractor's exclusive direction and control. Contractor shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations respecting such additional personnel, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Schedule of Services. Contractor shall perform the Services expeditiously, within the term of this Agreement, and in accordance with the Schedule of Services set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Contractor represents that it has the professional and technical personnel required to perform the Services in conformance with such conditions. In order to facilitate Contractor's conformance with the Schedule, City shall respond to Contractor's submittals in a timely

manner. Upon request of City, Contractor shall provide a more detailed schedule of anticipated performance to meet the Schedule of Services.

3.2.3 Conformance to Applicable Requirements. All work prepared by Contractor shall be subject to the approval of City.

3.2.4 City's Representative. The City hereby designates the City Manager, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("City's Representative"). City's Representative shall have the power to act on behalf of the City for all purposes under this Agreement. Contractor shall not accept direction or orders from any person other than the City's Representative or his or her designee.

3.2.5 Contractor's Representative. Contractor hereby designates Victor Gonzalez, or his or her designee, to act as its representative for the performance of this Agreement ("Contractor's Representative"). Contractor's Representative shall have full authority to represent and act on behalf of the Contractor for all purposes under this Agreement. The Contractor's Representative shall supervise and direct the Services, using his best skill and attention, and shall be responsible for all means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for the satisfactory coordination of all portions of the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.6 Coordination of Services. Contractor agrees to work closely with City staff in the performance of Services and shall be available to City's staff, consultants and other staff at all reasonable times.

3.2.7 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Contractor shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Contractor represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Contractor warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Contractor represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, including a City Business License, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Contractor shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the City, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Contractor's failure to comply with the standard of care provided for herein. Any employee of the Contractor or its subcontractors who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of the Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform the Services in a manner acceptable to the City, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Contractor and shall not be re-employed to perform any of the Services or to work on the Project.

3.2.7.1 Period of Performance and Liquidated Damages. Contractor shall perform and complete all Services under this Agreement within the term set forth in Section 3.1.2 above ("Performance Time"). Contractor shall perform the Services in strict accordance with any completion schedule or Project milestones described in Exhibits "A" or "B" attached hereto. Contractor agrees that if the Services specified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, are not completed within the aforementioned Performance Time and/or

pursuant to any such completion schedule or Project milestones developed pursuant to provisions of this Agreement, it is understood, acknowledged and agreed that the City will suffer damage. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.85, Contractor shall pay to the City as fixed and liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, the sums as reflected in the General Specifications Section of the Request for Proposals for performance deficiencies.

3.2.8 Laws and Regulations. Contractor shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of the Project or the Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Contractor shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with Services. If the Contractor performs any work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to the City, Contractor shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold City, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents free and harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.

### 3.2.9 Insurance.

3.2.9.1 Time for Compliance. Contractor shall not commence Work under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Contractor shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that the subcontractor has secured all insurance required under this section.

3.2.9.2 Minimum Requirements. Contractor shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Contractor shall also require all of its subcontractors to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

(A) Minimum Scope of Insurance. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the latest version of the following: (1) *General Liability*: Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability coverage (occurrence form CG 0001); (2) *Automobile Liability*: Insurance Services Office Business Auto Coverage form number CA 0001, code 1 (any auto); and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

(B) Minimum Limits of Insurance. Contractor shall maintain limits no less than: (1) *General Liability*: \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. If Commercial General Liability Insurance or other form with general aggregate limit is used including, but not limited to, form CG 2503, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this Agreement/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit; (2) *Automobile Liability*: \$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury and property damage; and (3) *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability*: Workers' Compensation limits as

required by the Labor Code of the State of California. Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000.00 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

3.2.9.3 Insurance Endorsements. The insurance policies shall contain the following provisions, or Contractor shall provide endorsements on forms supplied or approved by the City to add the following provisions to the insurance policies:

General Liability. The general liability policy shall be endorsed to state that: (1) the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be covered as additional insured with respect to the Work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor, including materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection with such work; and (2) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of the Contractor's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it in any way.

Automobile Liability. The automobile liability policy shall be endorsed to state that: (1) the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be covered as additional insureds with respect to the ownership, operation, maintenance, use, loading or unloading of any auto owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor or for which the Contractor is responsible; and (2) the insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, or if excess, shall stand in an unbroken chain of coverage excess of the Contractor's scheduled underlying coverage. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not be called upon to contribute with it in any way.

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Coverage. The insurer shall agree to waive all rights of subrogation against the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers for losses paid under the terms of the insurance policy which arise from work performed by the Contractor.

All Coverages. Each insurance policy required by this Agreement shall be endorsed to state that: (A) coverage shall not be suspended, voided, reduced or canceled except after thirty (30) days prior written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, has been given to the City; and (B) any failure to comply with reporting or other provisions of the policies, including breaches of warranties, shall not affect coverage provided to the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.

3.2.9.4 Separation of Insureds; No Special Limitations. All insurance required by this Section shall contain standard separation of insureds provisions. In addition, such insurance shall not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers.

3.2.9.5 Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. Contractor shall guarantee that, at the option of the City, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers; or (2) the Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.

3.2.9.6 Acceptability of Insurers. Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating no less than A:VIII, licensed to do business in California, and satisfactory to the City.

3.2.9.7 Verification of Coverage. Contractor shall furnish City with original certificates of insurance and endorsements effecting coverage required by this Agreement on forms satisfactory to the City. The certificates and endorsements for each insurance policy shall be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf, and shall be on forms provided by the City if requested. All certificates and endorsements must be received and approved by the City before work commences. The City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

3.2.9.8 Reporting of Claims. Consultant shall report to the City, in addition to Consultant's insurer, any and all insurance claims submitted by Consultant in connection with the Services under this Agreement.

3.2.10 Safety. Contractor shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Contractor shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and subcontractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

### 3.2.12 Bonds.

3.2.12.1 Performance Bond. If specifically requested by City in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Contractor shall execute and provide to City concurrently with this Agreement a Performance Bond in the amount of the total, not-to-exceed compensation indicated in this Agreement, and in a form provided or approved by the City. If such bond is required, no payment will be made to Contractor until it has been received and approved by the City.

3.2.12.2 Payment Bond. If required by law or otherwise specifically requested by City in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Contractor shall execute and provide to City concurrently with this Agreement a Payment Bond in the amount of the total, not-to-exceed compensation indicated in this

Agreement, and in a form provided or approved by the City. If such bond is required, no payment will be made to Contractor until it has been received and approved by the City.

3.2.12.3 Bond Provisions. Should, in City's sole opinion, any bond become insufficient or any surety be found to be unsatisfactory, Contractor shall renew or replace the affected bond within 10 days of receiving notice from City. In the event the surety or Contractor intends to reduce or cancel any required bond, at least thirty (30) days prior written notice shall be given to the City, and Contractor shall post acceptable replacement bonds at least ten (10) days prior to expiration of the original bonds. No further payments shall be deemed due or will be made under this Agreement until any replacement bonds required by this Section are accepted by the City. To the extent, if any, that the total compensation is increased in accordance with the Agreement, the Contractor shall, upon request of the City, cause the amount of the bonds to be increased accordingly and shall promptly deliver satisfactory evidence of such increase to the City. To the extent available, the bonds shall further provide that no change or alteration of the Agreement (including, without limitation, an increase in the total compensation, as referred to above), extensions of time, or modifications of the time, terms, or conditions of payment to the Contractor, will release the surety. If the Contractor fails to furnish any required bond, the City may terminate this Agreement for cause.

3.2.12.4 Surety Qualifications. Only bonds executed by an admitted surety insurer, as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, shall be accepted. The surety must be a California-admitted surety with a current A.M. Best's rating no less than A:VIII and satisfactory to the City. If a California-admitted surety insurer issuing bonds does not meet these requirements, the insurer will be considered qualified if it is in conformance with Section 995.660 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, and proof of such is provided to the City.

### **3.3 Fees and Payments.**

3.3.1 Compensation. Contractor shall receive compensation, including authorized reimbursements, for all Services rendered under this Agreement at the rates set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The total compensation shall not exceed **\$75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand dollars and no cents)** without written approval of City's City Council. Extra Work may be authorized, as described below, and if authorized, will be compensated at the rates and manner set forth in this Agreement.

3.3.2 Payment of Compensation. Contractor shall submit to City a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Contractor. The statement shall describe the amount of Services and

supplies provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. City shall, within 45 days of receiving such statement, review the statement and pay all approved charges thereon.

3.3.3 Reimbursement for Expenses. Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by City.

3.3.4 Extra Work. At any time during the term of this Agreement, City may request that Contractor perform Extra Work. As used herein, "Extra Work" means any work which is determined by City to be necessary for the proper completion of the Project,

but which the parties did not reasonably anticipate would be necessary at the execution of this Agreement. Contractor shall not perform, nor be compensated for, Extra Work without written authorization from City's Representative.

3.3.5 Prevailing Wages. Contractor is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Section 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1600, et seq., ("Prevailing Wage Laws"), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on "public works" and "maintenance" projects. Since the Services are being performed as part of an applicable "public works" or "maintenance" project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and since the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Contractor agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. City shall provide Contractor with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Contractor shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Contractor's principal place of business and at the project site. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

### **3.4 Accounting Records.**

3.4.1 Maintenance and Inspection. Contractor shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Contractor shall allow a representative of City during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Contractor shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

### **3.5 General Provisions.**

#### **3.5.1 Termination of Agreement.**

3.5.1.1 Grounds for Termination. City may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to Contractor of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Contractor shall be compensated only for those services which have been adequately rendered to City, and Contractor shall be entitled to no further compensation. Contractor may not terminate this Agreement except for cause.

3.5.1.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, City may require Contractor to provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data and other information of any kind prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Contractor shall be required to provide such document and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.

3.5.1.3 Additional Services. In the event this Agreement is



terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

3.5.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

**CONTRACTOR:**

West Coast Arborists, Inc.  
2200 E. Via Burton  
Anaheim, CA 92806  
Attn: Victor Gonzalez, Vice President-Marketing

**CITY:**

City of Coachella  
53462 Enterprise Way  
Coachella, CA 92236  
Attn: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Department

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

3.5.3 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

3.5.4 Attorney's Fees. If either party commences an action against the other party, either legal, administrative or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such litigation shall be entitled to have and recover from the losing party reasonable attorney's fees and all other costs of such action.

3.5.5 Indemnification. Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents free and harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, costs, expenses, liability, loss, damage, or injury, in law or equity, to property or persons, including wrongful death, in any manner arising out of or incident to any alleged acts, omissions or willful misconduct of Contractor, its officials, officers, employees, agents, consultants, and contractors arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Services, the Project or this Agreement, including without limitation the payment of all consequential damages and attorneys fees and other related costs and expenses. Contractor shall defend, at Contractor's own cost, expense and risk, any and all such aforesaid suits, actions or other legal proceedings of every kind that may be brought or instituted against City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers. Contractor shall pay and satisfy any judgment, award or decree that may be rendered against City or its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, or volunteers, in any such suit, action or other legal proceeding. Contractor shall reimburse City and its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents, and/or volunteers, for any and all legal expenses and costs incurred by each of them in connection therewith or in enforcing the indemnity herein provided. Contractor's obligation to indemnify shall not be restricted to insurance proceeds, if any, received by the City, its directors, officials officers, employees, agents, or volunteers.

3.5.6 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both parties.

3.5.7 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue shall be in Riverside County.

3.5.8 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

3.5.9 City's Right to Employ Other Contractors. City reserves right to employ other contractors in connection with this Project.

3.5.10 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors and assigns of the parties.

3.5.11 Assignment or Transfer. Contractor shall not assign, hypothecate or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void,

and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

3.5.12 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Contractor include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Contractor, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to City include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content or intent of this Agreement.

3.5.13 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

3.5.14 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel or otherwise.

3.5.15 No Third Party Beneficiaries. There are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

3.5.16 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

3.5.17 Prohibited Interests. Contractor warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Contractor warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Contractor further agrees to file, or shall cause its employees or subcontractors to file, a Statement of Economic Interest with the City's Filing Officer as required under state law in the performance of the Services. For breach or violation of this warranty, City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer or employee of City, during the term of his or her service with City, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom.

3.5.18 Equal Opportunity Employment. Contractor represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any subcontractor,

employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination. Contractor shall also comply with all relevant provisions of City's Minority Business Enterprise program, Affirmative Action Plan or other related programs or guidelines currently in effect or hereinafter enacted.

3.5.19 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Contractor certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

3.5.20 Authority to Enter Agreement. Contractor has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

3.5.21 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

### **3.6 Subcontracting.**

3.6.1 Prior Approval Required. Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement, except as expressly stated herein, without prior written approval of City. Subcontracts, if any, shall contain a provision making them subject to all provisions stipulated in this Agreement.

**CITY OF COACHELLA**

**By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
William B. Pattison Jr.  
City Manager

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Best, Best & Krieger  
City Attorney

**WEST COAST ARBORIST INC.**

**By:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
License Number

## **EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **GRID TREE PRUNING**

Any tree work performed on a City tree must be done according to the City's specifications. The criterion for pruning depends on the type or purpose of pruning.

#### **1) General Specifications for hardwood tree pruning**

- a. The Contractor shall consult with the City's designated representative before making any cuts that could result in permanent disfigurement of the structure of any tree.
- b. The Contractor shall prune trees to prevent branch and foliage interference with safe public passage. The Contractor shall maintain street clearance to a safe distance above the public right-of-way at a minimum of eighty-four (84) inches above the surface of a public sidewalk or pedestrian way. Exceptions are allowed for young trees, which would be irreparably damaged by such pruning action. If pruning to these standards would result in permanent disfiguration of a tree, the Contractor shall not prune the tree until such time direction is obtained from the City's designated representative.
- c. The Contractor shall use best practices when removing a live branch and shall include pruning cuts in branch tissue just outside the branch bark ridge and collar, which are trunk tissue. If no collar is visible, the angle of the cut should approximate the angle formed by the branch bark ridge and the trunk.
- d. When removing a dead branch, the final cut should be made outside the collar of live callus tissue. If the collar has grown out along the branch stub, only the dead stub should be removed, the live collar should remain intact and uninjured.
- e. Whenever pruning involves the removal of limbs that are too large to hold securely in one hand during the cutting operation, the limb shall be cut off first at a point several feet beyond the intended final cut. The final cut shall be made in a manner to prevent unnecessary tearing back of the bark and wood. Cuts that result in tearing of tissue on limbs below cuts shall be corrected.
- f. All final tree pruning cuts shall be made in such a manner to favor the earliest possible covering of the wound by natural callus growth. Excessively deep flush cuts, that produce large wounds or weaken the tree at the cut, shall not be made. The branch collar should not be removed.
- g. All dead and dying branches and branch stubs shall be removed.
- h. All broken or loose branches shall be removed.

- j. Branches that are developing in such a manner as to become larger than the limbs they originate from shall be removed.
- k. When encountering limbs that are weighted with more foliage than the limb is likely to support, branches shall be selectively pruned toward the end of the limb in order to reduce end weight and thus decrease the likelihood of limb failure.
- l. Branches that create sight line conflicts with traffic control signs and/or devices shall be selectively pruned.
- m. Branches that are within five (5) feet of a structure shall be selectively pruned.
- n. Trees of sprout or sucker growth shall be cleared to a minimum height of ten (10) feet above ground level. Exceptions are allowed for young trees, which would be irreparably damaged by such pruning action.
- o. Trees shall be pruned to maintain a balanced appearance when viewed from the opposite side of the street immediately opposite the tree, unless authorized by the City's designated representative to do otherwise.
- p. All vines entwined in trees and on tree trunks shall be removed. Vine tendrils shall be removed without injury to trees. Vines include, but are not limited to, ivy and mistletoe.
- q. Tree limbs shall be removed and controlled in such a manner to cause no damage to other parts of the tree, or to other plants or property.
- r. All tools used on a tree known to contain an infectious tree disease shall be properly disinfected immediately before and after completing work on such tree.
- s. All pest infestations relating to termites, bees, hornets, or wasps shall be promptly reported to the City's designated representative.
- t. All cutting tools and saws used in tree pruning shall be kept sharpened to result in final cuts with an un-abrasive wood surface and secure bark remaining intact.
- u. All trees six (6) inches in diameter or less shall be pruned with hand tools only.
- v. Chain saws shall not be permitted to remove any branches two (2) inches or less in diameter. This is to prevent any unnecessary abrasions to cambial tissue that may predispose a tree to insect and/or future disease/decay problems. The use of climbing spurs or spike shoes in the act of pruning trees is prohibited, unless specifically directed by the City, to aid in the safety of climbers performing the removal of a tree.

## 2) Crown Raising/Clearance Prune:

A Crown Raising or Clearance Prune is performed when conditions within the crown of a hardwood tree are such that a certain objective needs to be met or a certain condition needs attention. A crown raising or clearance prune does not involve the detail of work found in a full prune. Crown raising or clearance pruning may consist of one or more of the following pruning types:

- a. Crown Raising: Crown Raising consists of removing the lower branches of a tree in order to provide clearance for buildings, vehicles and pedestrians. It is important that a tree have at least one-half of its foliage on branches that originate in the lower two-thirds of its crown to ensure a well-formed, tapered structure and to uniformly distribute stress within the tree.
- b. Clearance Prune: Clearance Prune is employed as a means of eliminating limbs from the crown of a hardwood tree when an entire pruning of the tree is not warranted. Clearance pruning does not involve the fine detail work described herein as "full prune."

## 3) General Trimming and Shaping of Broadleaf Trees

Follows the shape indicated by the natural growth habits of each tree species. Trimming and shaping of trees shall be as directed by the City's designated representative and in accordance with the following:

1. Cut to laterals to preserve the natural form of the tree, leaving the head open enough for the branching system to show and permitting the dead material to be easily cleaned out and light to show through the head. Tree foliage shall be reduced by at least twenty-five percent (25%) and up to thirty percent (30%).
2. In specific cases the City's designated representative may direct the Contractor to reduce the size of the tree crown in an effort to limit the height of specific trees.
3. Dead wood or weak, diseased, insect-infested, broken, low, or crossing limbs shall be trimmed and removed. Branches with an extremely narrow angle of attachment should normally be removed.
4. Small limbs, including suckers and waterspouts, shall be cut close to the trunk or branch from which they arise.

Heading cuts and/or topping shall not be allowed under any circumstances. Heading, rounding over, or stubbing shall not be an accepted practice for reducing the size or the framework of any tree.

## SPECIALTY PRUNE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR HARDWOOD TREES

A Full Prune is performed when conditions within the crown of a hardwood tree are such that the entire tree needs to be fully pruned. Complete pruning is recommended when the primary objective is to maintain or improve tree health and structure, and

includes pruning to reduce overall canopy mass and excessive wood weight. Trees that are identified for a Full Prune shall have no more than thirty percent (30%) of the live foliage removed. A Full Prune typically consists of one or more of the following pruning treatments:

1. Crown Cleaning: Crown Cleaning or cleaning out is the removal of dead, diseased, crowded, weakly attached and low-vigor branches and water sprouts from the entirety of the tree crown. Care must be used to avoid stripping branches of all foliage at the interior of the tree crown. This practice, known as "lion tailing" disrupts the structural integrity of the tree, making it subject to limb and branch failure, especially during high winds.
2. Crown Thinning: Crown Thinning includes crown cleaning and the selective removal of branches to increase light penetration and air movement into and through the crown. Increased light and air stimulates and maintains interior foliage, which in turn improves branch taper and strength. Thinning reduces the wind-sail effect of the crown and the weight of heavy limbs. Care must be used to avoid stripping branches of all foliage at the interior of the tree crown. Thinning the crown can emphasize the structural beauty of the trunk and branches as well as improve the growth of plants beneath the tree by increasing light penetration. When thinning the crown of mature trees, up to thirty percent (30%) of the live foliage may be removed unless directed otherwise by the City's designated representative.
3. Crown Reduction: Crown Reduction is used to reduce the height and/or spread of a tree. Crown reduction varies from topping, a destructive practice, in that cuts are not made indiscriminately, resulting in large stubbed off limbs that are subject to decay. While reducing a crown, tree workers must adhere to basic tree trimming practices involving limb/branch size relationships and use of the branch bark collar to avoid the onset of decay at cut sites.
4. Crown Restoration: Crown Restoration is a corrective pruning used to restore the form of crowns that have been previously damaged. This treatment is best performed by tree workers who have a good understanding of the effects of pruning for the cultivation of tree canopies.

## PALM TREE PRUNING

Any tree work performed on a City tree must be done according to the City's specification. The criterion for pruning depends on the type or purpose of pruning. Palm Pruning consists of maintaining the crowns and trunks of palm trees including the pruning of spent or declining fronds, seed pods and the skinning or shaping of spent petiole bases into a ball or nut as applicable by palm type.

- 1) The specifications for the pruning of palm trees are as follows:



- a. While making an approach to the palm crown for pruning, the Contractor shall inspect the trunk of the palm tree for signs of decay, insect frass, bird nesting or any other condition suggestive of a structural abnormality. Upon finding any condition suggestive of a structural abnormality of the palm stem, the Contractor shall report to the City's designated representative immediately.
- b. Fronds shall be trimmed using a handsaw or pole saw that has been sterilized for no less than five (5) minutes by having the entirety of its cutting blade submersed in an equal solution of bleach and water before and after the handsaw is used to cut the fronds of any other palm tree.

At no time shall a chainsaw be used to prune any frond from any Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) in the City. The use of chainsaws to prune any frond from any Canary Island Date Palm will result in monetary penalties up to the cost of replacement of the palm. Live, healthy fronds, initiating at an angle of ninety degrees ( 90 ° ) or greater from the horizontal plane, shall not be removed. Fronds removed should be cut close to the petiole base, taking into consideration the role of petiole bases in the formation and maintenance of the ornamental ball at the base of the canopy, as applicable by species. Live trunk tissue should never be cut while pruning palm fronds.

- c. Using properly sterilized equipment as described herein, any fruit or flower structures in the crown of the palm shall be removed concurrently with frond pruning. At no time shall a chainsaw be used to cut any fruit or flower from any Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) in the City. The use of chainsaws to prune any fruit or flower structures from any Canary Island Date Palm shall result in severe penalties up to the replacement cost.

Care shall be taken in the handling of fruit and flowers as they are likely to release clear liquids that react with and can cause staining to hardscape elements. The Contractor shall be responsible for removing palm fruit related stains from private property hardscape elements.

- d. Maintenance of the ornamental ball located at the base of the palm canopy, directly below the live fronds, shall be as described by species as follows:
  1. Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*): dead petiole bases shall be formed into an ornamental ball which begins directly below the lowest green fronds and acts to provide a base of support to the palm crown. This ornamental ball shall be uniform and smooth in appearance and shall extend no less than four (4) feet and no more than eight (8) feet below the lowest live frond in the crown. Ornamental balls with flattened or "stop sign" sides will not be accepted. The upper portion of the ornamental ball shall not taper in, resulting in a "pineapple" appearance as this treatment defeats the support capacity of the ball. The distal portion of the ball shall begin at a point flush with the periphery of the palm trunk and make a

gradual taper upwards until it reaches the periphery of the shaped ornamental ball. While forbidden to use chainsaws for pruning fronds, fruit and flowers from any palm tree in the City, the Contractor may use a clean chainsaw in forming and/or shaping the ornamental ball of a Canary Island Date Palm. The use of a sharpened shovel in shaping and maintaining ornamental balls often results in ornamental balls which have flat, un-tampered bottoms that are likely to relax and collapse into pedestrian and vehicular traffic zones with grave consequences.

The Contractor shall use care not to cut into live trunk tissue while maintaining the ornamental ball. The Contractor shall remove any foreign plant material that has sprouted in an ornamental ball. The Contractor shall verify that the ornamental ball meets the standard described herein each time a Canary Island Date Palm is pruned.

2. Date Palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*): spent petiole bases are left to form a supportive "base" below the lowest green fronds of the crown. Unlike the ornamental ball of a Canary Island Date Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*), the base does not require ornate shaping.

Instead, spent petiole bases are left uniformly long to form the base of the canopy, which shall extend no less than four (4) feet and no more than six (6) feet below the lowest live frond in the crown. While forbidden to use chainsaws for pruning fronds, fruit and flowers from any palm tree in the City, the Contractor may use a chainsaw in forming and/or shaping the base of a Date Palm by shortening a number of the lower petiole bases to bring the length of the nut to standard. The Contractor shall use care not to cut into live trunk tissue while maintaining the nut. The Contractor shall verify that the base meets the standard described herein each time a Date Palm is pruned.

3. Queen Palm (*Syagrus romanzoffianum*): loose petiole bases are to be removed each time the crown of a Queen Palm is maintained. Petiole bases that are attached to live trunk tissue shall be left undamaged.
4. King Palm (*Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*): loose petiole bases are to be removed each time the crown of a King Palm is maintained. Petiole bases that are attached to live trunk tissue shall be left undamaged.
5. Mexican Fan Palm (*Washingtonia robusta*): spent petiole bases are left uniformly long to form a base which shall extend no more than four (4) feet below the lowest live frond in the crown. Using hand tools, the Contractor shall skin the trunk area below the base clean without causing damage to live trunk tissue. The Contractor shall verify that the base meets the standard described herein each time a Mexican Fan Palm is pruned.

6. California Fan Palm (*Washingtonia filifera*): spent petiole bases are left uniformly long to form a nut which shall extend no more than eight (8) feet below the lowest live frond in the crown. Using hand tools, the Contractor shall skin the trunk area below the base clean without causing damage to live trunk tissue. The Contractor shall verify that the base meets the standard described herein each time a California Fan Palm is pruned.
7. *Washingtonia filifera* (California Fan Palm): spent petiole bases are left uniformly long to form a nut which shall extend no more than eight (8) feet below the lowest live frond in the crown. Using hand tools, CONTRACTOR shall skin the trunk area below the nut clean without causing damage to live trunk tissue. CONTRACTOR shall verify that the nut meets the standard described herein each time a California Fan Palm is pruned.

## TREE REMOVAL

Tree removal consists of the removal of the entirety of a hardwood tree or palm tree and the removal of its root system.

1. The Contractor shall comply with all general specifications standards described herein.
2. The price given by the Contractor for tree removals shall be inclusive of all staff, materials and equipment necessary to remove trees as described herein. landscape irrigation components prior to the removal of a tree and its root system. The Contractor shall notify the City's designated representative in writing of any condition that prevents the removal of a tree and/or the grinding of its root system. The Contractor shall take all responsibility for any damage that occurs once the process of removing a tree and/or associated root grinding begins.
3. The Contractor shall comply with wildlife protection standards described herein whenever removing a tree.
4. The Contractor shall not remove any tree without first confirming that the tree being considered is indeed the tree to be removed. Any confusion should be resolved by contacting the City's designated representative for assistance. The errant removal of trees shall be penalized up to the cost of the replacement.
5. During a tree removal, the Contractor shall maintain control of the tree and its parts at all times, which shall include the selection and use of proper techniques and equipment. At no time shall branches, limbs or tree trunks be allowed to freefall and create damage of any type. The Contractor will be held liable for loss of control incidents and shall pay for all damages and associated costs.

6. Cranes and other rigging equipment shall be properly certified, with evidence of such available for inspection prior to use of said equipment in the City. Crane operators shall be certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) and shall display current certification prior to operating a crane in the City. The use of cranes and certified operators shall not result in additional charges to the City beyond the unit price for the work being performed (e.g., the price for tree removal).
7. While loading and handling debris, the Contractor shall maintain control at all times so as not to result in damage to the public rights of way or private property. In addition, the Contractor shall not drop logs or trunks as to create undue noise or shock impact related damages to public and/or private property.
8. Except in hillside areas where the stump needs to remain for soil stability, in the event that the stump is not removed the same day as tree removal, the stump shall be removed as described herein, no more than thirty (30) days from the initial tree removal. The Contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a Tree Stump Removal List on a daily basis with such list provided to the City weekly. Should the removal of any stump not occur within the thirty (30) day period, the Contractor will remove the stump, within forty-eight (48) hours of notification by the City, at the Contractor's expense. Stumps, including the root flare shall be ground to a depth of no less than eighteen (18) inches. Surface roots shall be traced and ground to a depth of no less than eight (8) inches.
9. Debris generated by stump grinding and root removal shall be removed from the site and replaced with a topsoil mix. Chips and stump grindings shall not be used as a backfill material.
10. As directed by the City's designated representative, trees on hillsides should be removed to a depth of one inch below grade, cut at the angle of the grade. The indentation shall be filled by the Contractor with wood chips.
11. The Contractor shall be responsible for the repair of any private property including any irrigation system components damaged during a tree removal or stump grinding. Repairs shall be made using components matching those that were damaged.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

## EXHIBIT C COMPENSATION

Awarded contract compensation is not to exceed \$75,000 and unit pricing as noted below.



## CITY OF COACHELLA

### Schedule of Compensation for Year 2020 - 2021

#### Tree Maintenance Services performed by WCA, Inc.

Item	Description	Unit	Proposed Prices
1	Grid Pruning	Each	\$52.00
2	Grid Palm Pruning	Each	\$52.00
3	Svc Rqst Pruning 0-6 DSH	Each	\$52.00
4	Svc Rqst Pruning 7-12 DSH	Each	\$82.00
5	Svc Rqst Pruning 13-18 DSH	Each	\$122.00
6	Svc Rqst Pruning 19-24 DSH	Each	\$172.00
7	Svc Rqst Pruning 25-30 DSH	Each	\$212.00
8	Svc Rqst Pruning 31+ DSH	Each	\$272.00
9	Svc Rqst Fan Palm Pruning	Each	\$75.00
10	Svc Rqst Date Palm Pruning	Each	\$175.00
11	Palm Skinning	Foot	\$12.00
12	Root Pruning	Foot	\$20.00
13	Tree & Stump Removal 0-29 DSH	Inch	\$27.00
14	Tree & Stump Removal 29+ DSH	Inch	\$33.00
15	Tree Only Removal 0-29 DSH	Inch	\$22.00
16	Tree Only Removal 29+ DSH	Inch	\$28.00
17	Stump Only Removal	Inch	\$10.00
18	Arborist Services	Man Hour	\$150.00
19	Specialty Equipment Rental	Hour	\$150.00
20	Crew Rental - per man	Man Hour	\$75.00
21	Emergency Call Out - per man	Man Hour	\$100.00

The proposed rates for FY20-21 are based on the current contract rates for the City of Coachella LLMD (Project No. 030619B.)  
Upon approval, the rates will be valid through June 30, 2021.