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Folsom City Council Staff Report

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| MEETING DATE: | 11/12/2024 |
| AGENDA SECTION: | Consent Calendar |
| SUBJECT: | Resolution No. 11286 – A Resolution of the City Council Accepting Additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and Authorize Appropriation of General Fund (Fund 010) Contingency Budget for the Completion of Ladder Fuel Removal in all Identified General Fund Fire Hazard Areas Associated with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Received on June 23, 2022 |
| FROM: | Parks and Recreation Department |

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 11286 – A Resolution of the City Council Accepting Additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and Authorize Appropriation of General Fund (Fund 010) Contingency Budget for the Completion of Ladder Fuel Removal in all Identified General Fund Fire Hazard Areas Associated with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Received on June 23, 2022.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

The City of Folsom is responsible for the maintenance and servicing of approximately 1,100 acres of city-owned open space across 70 different sites. Of that 1,100 acres, 335 acres have been identified as containing ladder fuels. Ladder fuels are generally defined as any combustible material that could facilitate the spread of ground and surface fires into the tree canopies resulting in a crown fire. Crown fires are much harder to fight and threaten the health of trees more than a ground fire. Traditionally, the City has completed annual weed abatement to address seasonal grasses but has only recently implemented a program to address other combustibles that exist from low growth in trees to establish defensible space adjacent structures. This request is for the second and third phase of a three-phase program to systematically address the city-owned open spaces and establish tolerances so that in subsequent years less work will be required to address ladder fuel and thus the annual, more

routine work, will be more focused on the abatement of annual grasses and maintenance of adequate fuel breaks. Once completed there will be a defined separation between our developed and undeveloped areas.

POLICY / RULE

Section 3.02.030 (L) of the Folsom Municipal Code: Only the city council may transfer appropriations between funds and from unappropriated balances, contingency appropriations or accounts, or fund balances to any fund or appropriation account, or increase the total budget of any fund.

City of Folsom Finance Policies state that, “The Contingency Appropriation may be used to provide for unanticipated or unforeseen needs that arise during the year;” examples include, new public safety or health needs, service enhancements, or opportunities to achieve cost savings.

ANALYSIS

On June 12th, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution No. 10137 - A Resolution Authorizing the Application for Grant Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Folsom Defensible Space and Vegetation Management Plan.

On September 13, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 10918 - A Resolution Authorizing and Accepting a Grant Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and California Office of Emergency Services for the Implementation of the City of Folsom Defensible Space and Vegetation Management Plan.

Staff bid the project through the RFP process and the City Council awarded the contract to Loggers Unlimited on June 27, 2023, with Resolution No. 11058 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Loggers Unlimited for Shaded Fuel Break Creation and Ladder Fuel Removal.

On April 26, 2024, staff requested additional funds through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as the total cost of the project exceeded the 2018 grant request. On September 16, 2024, staff received a notification of approval of supplemental funds approving \$207,412.50 in additional funding. This additional funding increased the federal share from \$279,000 to \$486,412.50, and the total project cost to \$648,550.

Total project completion to date is 136.5 acres or 38 percent. Staff is requesting \$191,000 in contingency funds to complete the remaining 148.5 acres of general fund areas. The grant period ends on June 14, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Part of the grant award process for FEMA was to conduct an environmental review; their Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) is included below:

FEMA has determined that the Proposed Action is covered by the Region IX Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Recurring Actions in Arizona, California, and Nevada (PEA) under Section 2.5.1, Mechanical or Hand Clearing of Vegetation. This category covers the implementation of the above project elements and, therefore, the Proposed Action is consistent with this PEA category.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

On September 16, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program awarded the City additional grant funding in the amount of \$207,412.50, increasing the federal share of the grant award from \$279,000 to \$486,412.50. The remaining General Fund sites have a total ladder fuel removal cost of \$191,000 of which 75% is reimbursable through the additional grant funding awarded. If approved the additional grant award would increase revenue estimates and appropriations \$191,000 in the General Fund (Fund 010) and utilize \$47,750 of the General Fund contingency budget.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 11286 – A Resolution of the City Council Accepting Additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and Authorize Appropriation of General Fund (Fund 010) Contingency Budget for the Completion of Ladder Fuel Removal in all Identified General Fund Fire Hazard Areas Associated with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Received on June 23, 2022.
2. Site List and Cost breakdown

Submitted,

Kelly Gonzalez,
Parks & Recreation Director

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 11286

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND (FUND 010) CONTINGENCY BUDGET FOR THE COMPLETION OF LADDER FUEL REMOVAL IN ALL IDENTIFIED GENERAL FUND FIRE HAZARD AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT RECEIVED ON JUNE 23, 2022

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution 10137 - A Resolution Authorizing the Application for Grant Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the Folsom Defensible Space and Vegetation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution 10918 - A Resolution Authorizing and Accepting a Grant Award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and California Office of Emergency Services for the Implementation of the City of Folsom Defensible Space and Vegetation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, staff received a notification of approval of supplemental funds approving \$207,412.50 in additional funding; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation will allow the city to complete the ladder fuel removal in all designated hazard areas; and

WHEREAS, the city has received grant funding from FEMA to complete this project which expires on June 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, grant funding will allow the city to recover seventy-five percent of the total cost of work:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom authorizes the Finance Director to increase revenue estimates and appropriate \$191,000 in the General Fund (Fund 010) utilizing contingency budget in the amount of \$47,750 for the completion of ladder fuel removal in all identified General Fund areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom accepts the additional Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds awarded in the amount of \$207,412.50.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November 2024, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

ATTACHMENT 2

Attachment 2 Site List and Cost Breakdown

| Location Number | Location | Acres of Fuel ladder to be completed | Width of defensible space | Cost |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|
| 15 | BT Collins open spaces East of park | 11.5 | 30-50 ft wide | \$ 4,102.51 |
| 24 | BT Collins open spaces West of park | 12 | 50 ft average with one area out to 250 ft wide | \$ 8,205.00 |
| 25 | West of Rodeo Park | 4 | 30-100 ft wide | \$ 16,410.12 |
| 26 | Between Heaton Way and Teceira Way | 4.7 | 70 ft near homes | \$ 3,856.40 |
| 27 | Willow Hill reservoir and surrounding open spaces | 10.9 | up to 270 ft wide | \$ 5,589.74 |
| 28 | Natoma, Briggs Ranch, Folsom Lake crossing | 1.4 | up to 150 ft wide | \$ 574.35 |
| 29 | Humbug creek from riley to Cummings Park | 29.2 | up tp 200 ft wide | \$ 30,457.06 |
| 31 | Willow Creek From Riley to E Bidwell | 12.7 | up to 200 ft wide | \$ 13,025.50 |
| 46 | West side of John Kemp Park | 2.3 | 30-90 ft wide | \$ 2,370.59 |
| 47 | Dos Coyotes trail area | 5.5 | 30-100 ft wide | \$ 22,675.13 |
| 48 | Ponds SE of Iron Pt and Buckingham | 4.3 | 30-60 ft wide | \$ 19,261.55 |
| 49 | SE of Iron Pt Circle | 1 | 30-100 ft wide | \$ 2,061.37 |
| 50 | Parkshore outer limits | 19.9 | 30-100 ft wide | \$ 27,347.58 |
| 51 | JPA from Blue Ravine to Natoma Station Drive | 5.28 | entire lot between rail tracks and property boundaries 30-90 ft | \$ 3,627.99 |

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| 52 | Between Lembi Park and Station 35 | 1.1 | 80 ft wide | \$ 2,061.38 |
| 63 | Chinese Diggins Mine Site | 1.3 | 100 ft wide | \$ 2,061.37 |
| 64 | Empire Ranch Rd and Ritchie | 2.3 | 50-70 ft wide | \$ 2,061.38 |
| 65 | Mercy housing | 1.5 | 100 ft wide | \$ 2,061.38 |
| 66 | Sun Country | 3.9 | 30-100 ft wide | \$ 4,019.69 |
| 69 | Willow Creek Parkway-East Natoma | 13.7 | 10ft along road and both sides of trail, 30ft near homes | \$ 18,827.23 |
| | | | Total | \$ 190,657.32 |

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