



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/20/2025

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: May 15, 2025
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Chris Constantin, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Sequoia Ecological Consulting Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a Third Amendment (Attachment 1) to the Agreement for Services with Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc. (Sequoia) to extend the agreement end date to December 31, 2025, for Vegetation Management – Townwide Open Spaces Project (CIP No. 832-4508).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This project supports the Core Goal of **Public Safety**. Sequoia Ecological Consulting provides environmental consulting services for the ongoing wildfire fuel reduction work in town-owned open spaces.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no fiscal impacts related to this action. The third amendment is an extension of time only.

BACKGROUND:

On August 6, 2024, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute an agreement with Sequoia in the amount of \$181,165 to provide environmental management and compliance services for vegetation management in Town owned open space areas.

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Parks and Public Works Director

Reviewed by: Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney and Finance Director

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SUBJECT: Authorize Second Amendment to Agreement for Services with Sequoia Ecological Inc.

DATE: May 20, 2025

On October 15, 2024, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute the First Amendment to the agreement to amend the scope of services and increase the compensation to \$231,355.

On January 16, 2025, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the agreement, amending the scope of services and increasing the total compensation to \$237,795.

DISCUSSION:

Sequoia continues to support staff in addressing the extensive environmental requirements associated with wildfire risk reduction in Town open spaces. Field work has been completed at La Rinconada Park, Novitiate Park, and Worcester Park. Work is ongoing at the Heintz and Santa Rosa open space areas. Sequoia is providing ongoing biological and environmental compliance monitoring during these efforts.

CONCLUSION:

Approving this amendment will allow Sequoia to support staff in implementing the open space vegetation management/wildfire risk reduction work that is planned to continue through spring and into summer 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Project Specific Analysis and Addendum concluded that all the effects of the proposed project: (a) have been covered in the CalVTP PEIR; and (b) all applicable Standard Project Requirements and mitigation measures identified in the CalVTP PEIR will be implemented. The proposed project is, therefore, within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR. A Notice of Determination has been submitted to the County of Santa Clara.

Attachments:

1. Third Amendment to Agreement for Consulting Services with Sequoia Ecological Consulting Inc., including Exhibit A – Original Agreement, Scope of Services, and Prior Amendments