



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 11/17/2020

ITEM NO: 3

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DATE: November 5, 2020  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a First Amendment Agreement for Consultant Services with Walter Levison for Arborist Services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Town Manager to execute a First Amendment Agreement for Consultant Services with Walter Levison for arborist services (Attachment 1).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Town Consulting Arborists assist Town staff and Town decision-makers in the application review process for most discretionary development projects. Consulting Arborists provide necessary information on existing tree health and suitability for retention, potential impacts to existing trees, and necessary mitigation measures to protect existing trees. The Consulting Arborists also assist in reviewing appeals of tree removal permits. Currently, Walter Levison and Monarch Consulting Arborists are the Town's Consulting Arborists.

**DISCUSSION:**

The original 2015 Agreement (Attachment 2) was for a 5-year term. During the original term of this Agreement, the Monarch Consulting Arborists Agreement was executed on May 1, 2017, for a 5-year term which exceeded the expiration date of the original Walter Levison Agreement. The proposed Walter Levison First Amendment would extend the agreement term to coincide with the expiration of the Monarch Consulting Arborists Agreement. This will allow the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for future consulting arborists to take place at the same time.

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CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a First Amendment Agreement for Consultant Services with Walter Levison for arborist services.

COORDINATION

The draft agreement was prepared in coordination with the Town Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as the cost for Consulting Arborist services are paid by the applicant/property owner.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This action is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Draft First Amendment Agreement with Walter Levison
2. Original 2015 Agreement