



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 9, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Director, Public Works

Subject: Contract Amendment: East Bay Conservation Corps for Storm Drain
Cleaning and Graffiti Removal

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 7086A with East Bay Conservation Corps, adding graffiti removal to the scope of services, increasing the amount by \$100,000 to a total not to exceed \$150,000, and extending the agreement to include the period October 18, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The \$100,000 for this contract amendment is available in FY 2008 in the Clean Stormwater Fund and the General Fund as follows:

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| 831-5504-432-3038 | \$50,000 for storm drains cleaning |
| 610-5502-432-3038 | \$50,000 for graffiti removal |

The CMS number is HTXAD.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City's current contract (No. 7068A) with the East Bay Conservation Corps (EBCC) is for \$50,000 with a termination date of March 31, 2008. This contract is nearly depleted and the heavy leaf fall season is already here. In fact, All Storm Day, an annual event that inaugurates the fall/winter storm drains cleaning program, is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2007.

Public Works would like to add graffiti removal to the contract scope. The Streets Division does not have a pool of workers available for such non-routine programs. Employees are pulled from their routine assignments to remove graffiti as they are reported. Workers are reassigned from their usual teams for several hours or a day or more at a time. This reduces the efficiency of the routine work they usually perform with their assigned groups. With focused EBCC crews, Streets will be able to be more proactive in this area, as opposed to being only reactive to complaints.

BACKGROUND

In a September 26, 2006 Council report on storm preparation and response, Public Works presented its plan to take preventive steps to help mitigate localized flooding problems experienced in past years in certain areas of the city. Council agreed that youth/young adult work programs should be contracted for storm drain leaf and debris cleaning. The City Manager approved the original \$24,999 contract with the EBCC.

Storm Drains Cleanup. The original contract was quickly expended due to the heavy volume of vegetation and debris removal required at the Wildcat Canyon drainage channel bordering Tilden Park and a major cleanup of a block on Grizzly Peak. On January 16, 2007, Council approved a contract amendment with EBCC, increasing the total not to exceed amount to \$50,000. As of October 2007, the contract is close to depletion as EBCC crews were frequently called to assist the Streets Division in leaf and debris throughout the spring season.

Graffiti Removal. EBCC crews are usually hired for five-day workweeks. A crew of 10-15 young people will provide consistency and the necessary focus to provide efficient graffiti removal. This will allow the division to be more proactive in this cleanup activity. This work will be coordinated with the work of the Neighborhood Services Committee and the Parks Recreation & Waterfront and Police Departments.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

EBCC has provided excellent service in past years. This contract will benefit both the City in its clean storm water and graffiti abatement programs as well as the youth and young adult workers being trained in the EBCC.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSONS

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT 7086A AMENDMENT: EAST BAY CONSERVATION CORPS FOR
STORM DRAIN LEAF AND DEBRIS REMOVAL AND GRAFFITI REMOVAL

WHEREAS, the City has an existing contract (No. 7086A) with East Bay Conservation Corps; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department needs the assistance of the East Bay Conservation Corps youth crews in leaf and debris removal from storm drains during the winter storm season; and

WHEREAS, as graffiti removal is needed throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will extend the term of the contract from October 19, 2006 to December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will increase the existing contract amount of \$50,000 to a not to exceed total of \$150,000 with funds available in FY 2008 in the Capital Improvement Fund (\$50,000 in 831-5504-432-3038) for storm drain cleaning, and \$50,000 in the General Fund (610-5502-432-3038 for graffiti removal); CMS number HTXAD.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager execute an amendment to Contract No. 7086A with East Bay Conservation Corps, adding graffiti removal to the scope of services, increasing the amount by \$100,000 to a total not to exceed \$150,000, and extending the agreement to include the period October 18, 2006 to December 31, 2008.

