

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate 1) Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) From The California Department Of Forestry And Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Fuel Reduction Program, And 2) Two Hundred And Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$224,000) From The CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grants Program, For A Total Of Eight Hundred And Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$824,000) For The Completion Of The Skyline Boulevard Evacuation Corridor Project Involving The Removal Of Dead And Hazardous Trees Along Skyline Boulevard, And The Planting Of One Hundred And Fifty (150) Oak Trees As Shaded Fuel Breaks.

WHEREAS, Oakland City Council adopted Resolution No. 87940 C.M.S. declaring Wildfire Prevention a top priority for the City of Oakland on November 19, 2019, and the City established a Wildfire Prevention Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the Wildfire Prevention Working Group consists of multiple City Departments working together to identify opportunities to reduce wildfire risk in the areas of Oakland identified by the State of California to be in a Very High Fire Hazard Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California, in cooperation with the California State Legislature, has enacted State of California Climate Investment, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grants enable local organizations to implement activities that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential for communities, as outlined in California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, as well as the State's Strategic Fire Plan; and

WHEREAS, OMC 12.32.020 states the City Administrator shall have full power and authority over the planting, removal and maintenance of trees and shrubs in or upon

any public street or public grounds and shall have the right and power to establish rules and regulations relating thereto. The City Administrator or his or her delegated representative shall have the power to cause the trimming or removal of any tree or shrub in or upon any public street or public grounds which is diseased or is endangering or which may endanger the security or usefulness of any public street, sewer or sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland will enter into agreement with the State of California to carry out the Skyline Boulevard Evacuation Corridor fire fuels mitigation project for the purpose of protecting this road from tree hazards that could hinder an evacuation or emergency response; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the filing of an application for “California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program”; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the contract awarded by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection offering the City of Oakland up to \$600,000 in funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the CAL FIRE grant award of \$224,000 to the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council certifies that the City of Oakland has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City of Oakland are available to begin the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council certifies that the City of Oakland will expend grant funds prior to June 30, 2024; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Administrator, as agent of the City of Oakland, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the appropriation of contract funds in the amount of \$600,000 and grant funds in the amount of \$224,000 to be received and appropriated into State of California – Other Grant fund (2159), Tree Services Org 30654, Trees Program NP09, in a project to be established upon execution of the agreement with the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO, AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California