To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation and Waterfront
Subject: Contract No. 10200 Amendment: Freitas Landscaping for Reduction of Hazardous Vegetation

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10200 with Freitas Landscaping for the reduction of hazardous vegetation during the high-risk fire season, increasing the current contract amount of $447,000 by $50,000, for a total not to exceed of $497,000, and extending the contract term through December 31, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
This proposed contract amendment will provide funding through the end of the fire season in 2018. Funding of $50,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 is available in:

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This amendment has been entered into the Contract Management System as CMS No. TA6ZY.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
The current contract for the reduction of hazardous vegetation with Freitas Landscaping expires on June 30, 2018. At this time, substantial work on the hazardous vegetation will be underway and hazard abatement will not yet be completed. The proposed extension will permit the work to continue during this critical abatement period.

In the meantime, the City will conduct a competitive process to procure these services for future hazard abatement. It is anticipated that a recommendation to execute a contract with the next contractor will go before the City Council in September 2018.
BACKGROUND
On April 17, 2015 the City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the reduction of hazardous vegetation during the high-risk fire season. The City received four proposals. After evaluation by a review panel, Freitas Landscaping was selected. On September 29, 2015, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Freitas Landscaping for an amount not to exceed $119,000 for the first year, with an option to renew for two additional years, for a total contract amount not to exceed $447,000, contingent upon annual budget appropriation (Resolution No. 67,213-N.S.)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
This program preserves natural habitat by removing unwanted invasive plant species. Vegetative debris from this project will be recycled and converted into usable compost. This project prepares for the impacts of climate change such as increased temperatures, which may increase the risk of vegetation fires and associated air pollution. As such, this work advances the City’s Climate Action Plan goals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
Freitas Landscaping has consistently provided excellent, cost effective, and timely professional hazardous vegetation removal services for the City.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
None

CONTACT PERSON
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Attachments:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ##.###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 10200 AMENDMENT: FREITAS LANDSCAPING FOR REDUCTION OF HAZARDOUS VEGETATION

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2015 the City released a Request for Proposal (Specification No. 15-10919-C) seeking firms or individuals to provide the reduction of hazardous vegetation during the high-risk fire season; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2015, Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Freitas Landscaping for an amount not to exceed $119,000 for the first year, with an option to renew for two additional years, for a total contract amount not to exceed $447,000, contingent upon annual budget appropriation (Resolution No. 67,213-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, funding for this amendment is available in Parks Tax Fund budget code 450-5809-450.30-38 and Marina Fund 825-5905-450.30-38. CMS No. TA6ZY.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10200 with Freitas Landscaping for the reduction of hazardous vegetation during the high-risk fire season increasing the amount by $50,000 for a revised contract amount not to exceed $497,000, and extending the contract term through December 31, 2018.