



Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Update on landslide at Cazadero Camp

During the third week of April, 2016, a landslide occurred at the City's Cazadero Camp in Sonoma County that damaged some structures and destabilized the ground above the dorm, pool and dining hall. The landslide area itself measures approximately 120 feet by 150 feet by 30 feet deep, and contains twelve large trees, which have the potential to fall into the main area of camp and therefore present a serious health and safety risk. City staff performed an evaluation of the landslide and tree damage and obtained additional consultation from outside contractors (geotech and arborist), and as of April 29, 2016, the camp was closed until the twelve trees within the slide area could be removed. The closure resulted in the cancellation of weekend reservations for four middle school band Jumpstart trips from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, and Marin, as well as one private wedding party on the weekend of June 3, 2016.

Due to the urgent nature of the work, City staff then conducted a rapid search for potential contractors to perform the emergency tree removal work by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). The City then selected Western Tree Removal Specialists as the contractor that best met the criteria identified in the RFP, and executed a contract with Western in the amount of \$136,050, with the possibility of change orders. The emergency work began on Monday, May 23, 2016 and completion is expected June 10, 2016, which will allow sufficient set up time for the first scheduled session of youth camp starting Monday, June 20, 2016. This contract will be brought to the Council on June 28, 2016 for final approval.

Over the long term, the landslide mass will need corrective action to prevent further damage to the camp. In addition, the dormitory building will need to be demolished and rebuilt, and the main power line into camp may need replacement. In the coming months, City staff will work with Sonoma County Transportation and Building Departments, the City's insurance adjusters, and geotechnical and other technical experts in order to develop plans to resolve the problems created by the landslide.

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