



## Legislation Text

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Staff Report for a City of San Leandro City Council Resolution Approving Appropriation of \$49,500 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to Account 010-33-001-5340 Street Trees Maintenance for Storm-Related Emergency Tree Removal Work

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve appropriation of \$49,500 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to the Public Works street trees maintenance account to pay for emergency tree removal work required during the October 26-27 windstorms.

### **BACKGROUND**

The windstorms of late October resulted in a total of 131 distinct addressed calls for service. The magnitude of the damage to City trees was such that even utilizing other Public Works staff to assist the 2-man trees crew, it was evident that contract assistance would be required in order to provide more than a minimal level of service that would allow for a quicker return to normal service operations.

Public Works staff contacted vendors that it uses on such occasions, with one vendor, AAA Tree Service Inc. being responsive. The scope of work included visual inspection of damaged trees in order to determine which could be saved by trimming damaged branches, and which necessitated removal. In total, 49 trees were removed by the contractor. In order to save funds, staff indicated to the contractor that City staff would do the stump removals/grinds for those trees that were removed.

The Street Trees Maintenance account is 100% General Fund and does not budget for potential storm damage as storm severities vary from year-to-year. Public Works does budget for annual contract tree maintenance services, but the funds for this fiscal year have already been encumbered with normal maintenance contract work currently underway.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

This General Fund project will cost \$49,500, which requires increasing the FY2020-21 budget by the same amount and will be funded by appropriating from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to Account 010-33-001-5340.

### **Budget Authority**

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
010-33-001-5340	\$49,500

### **ATTACHMENT**

#### **Attachment to Staff Report**

- AAA Tree Service Inc. Invoice

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