

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE,  
CALIFORNIA, DISPENSING WITH COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING  
A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO CONTRACT NO. C106241A WITH WEST COAST  
ARBORISTS, INC. FOR POWER LINE CLEARANCE TREE TRIMMING AND  
REMOVAL SERVICES FOR GLENDALE WATER AND POWER FOR AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 FOR THE ONE YEAR TERM THROUGH  
AUGUST 2022**

**WHEREAS**, tree branches making contact with power lines is one of the most common causes of unplanned outages to the electrical system; and

**WHEREAS**, as a part of Glendale Water and Power Department's (GWP) reliability and wildfire mitigation program, the City of Glendale (City) contracts with certified arborists to trim trees that encroach near high voltage power lines in order to prevent and mitigate potential outages; and

**WHEREAS**, GWP has an ongoing program to trim trees, and remove trees in some cases, from under and around its overhead power lines, as mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Senate Bill (SB) 901 for electric system reliability and wildfire safety;

**WHEREAS**, in July 2016, after a competitive bid process, the City Council awarded a five-year contract to West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) to furnish equipment and labor for tree trimming and removal services for power line clearances; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the award of the above-referenced contract, in October 2019, SB 247 added provisions to the Public Utilities Code requiring all electrical line clearance tree trimmers to be qualified line clearance tree trimmers, or trainees under the direct supervision of qualified line clearance tree trimmers, and further requires that they be paid no less than the specified prevailing wages as explained in the Report dated June 29, 2021 by the Interim General Manager of GWP; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2020 the City Council authorized an amendment to the WCA contract to cover costs associated with the new increased labor rates for continued power line clearance tree trimming services through the remainder of the contract term until August; and

**WHEREAS**, the schedule of compensation provided by WCA sets the labor rates and prices through August 23, 2022 with an increase in the service rates per the latest Consumer Prices Index (CPI); and

**WHEREAS**, GWP staff is currently in the process of preparing Specifications for tree trimming services and incorporating all of the latest requirements set by applicable regulations and the City's wildfire mitigation program and expects to issue same and with Council's approval and authorization to award a new contract, through a formal competitive bid process, during Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Glendale Charter, Article VI, Section 9, provides an exemption to competitive bidding where the City Council determines it is in the best interests of the City to dispense with competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to not have interruption of services in clearing vegetation from high voltage power lines and in order to avoid adverse implication on electric system reliability and wildfire danger, WCA's current contract is extended by one year through August 2022, in the not to exceed amount of \$2,500,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA:**

Pursuant to Glendale Charter, Article VI, Section 9, the City Council hereby dispenses with competitive bidding and authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into and execute a one-year extension to Contract No. C106241A with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for power line clearance tree trimming and removal services for Glendale Water and Power (GWP) for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the one-year term through August 2022, as outlined in the Report dated June 29, 2021 by the Interim General Manager of GWP.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ) SS.  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )

I, Aram Adjemian, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ was adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

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City Clerk