



Report to the City Council
Council Meeting of September 27, 2016

Agenda Section: Consent

Subject: Consideration and proposed approval of a resolution authorizing a budget increase of \$2,000 to 101-4000-2999, a \$2,000 transfer from 101-4000-2999 to Tree City USA 283-5026-2136, and a \$2,000 budget adjustment to increase revenue account 101-3470-0000 for mitigation received from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for gas safety work being conducted as part of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in the City of St. Helena.

CEQA Status: Project is deemed to qualify for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Section 15282 (K) and a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Section 15301 and is therefore exempt from the requirements of CEQA

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Approved By: Jennifer Phillips, City Manager

BACKGROUND

On April 12, 2016 Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) made a presentation to the St. Helena City Council regarding their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative. On May 12, 2016 PG&E conducted a follow-up presentation to the City of St. Helena's Tree Committee. In both presentations PG&E provided information to inform the public on what PG&E is doing to improve gas pipeline safety and reliability. The Community Pipeline Safety Initiative has several components including evaluating the area above the gas transmission pipeline for trees and structures that pose an emergency access or safety concern. For trees which need replacing PG&E offered three Options, one of which was an in-lieu payment to the City on a 4:1 basis. For every 1 tree removed, PG&E will pay for 4 more trees to be planted.

DISCUSSION

Following the informational items presented to the City Council and the Tree Committee, PG&E worked with the City in identifying which trees posed an emergency access or safety concern. During the overview of vegetation in St. Helena, PG&E conducted 32 tree assessments and deemed that 6 of the trees were unacceptable. Following the

assessment PG&E determined one (1) tree on the northwest corner of Main Street and Pope Street needed to be removed. The Tree Committee approved the removal of the tree, PG&E pulled the necessary permits, and removed the tree as approved.

As stated in the Background section PG&E agreed to make an in-lieu payment of \$2,000 to the City to mitigate for the removal of one tree on a 4:1 basis. City Staff and the Tree Committee determined that this amount would cover the cost for City staff to purchase and plant four (4) trees, and the Tree Committee accepted PG&E's offer.

On August 23, 2016 the City of St. Helena received a check from PG&E in the amount of \$2,000 as a mitigation for the gas safety work being conducted as part of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in the City of St. Helena. Funds are to be used to replace/plant new trees within the City of St. Helena. City staff is requesting a budget increase to allow the funds to be used in FY 16/17 for tree replacement/planting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Impact will be an increase to 101-4000-2999 of \$2,000, a transfer to Tree City USA account #283-5026-2136 of \$2,000, and an increase to revenue account #101-3470-0000 of \$2,000. The increase in expenses is offset by the increase in revenues.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the resolution authorizing the budget amendments and transfers.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 2016-_____

CITY OF ST. HELENA

RESOLUTION No. 2016-

Resolution authorizing a budget increase of \$2,000 to #101-4000-2999, a \$2,000 budget transfer from #101-4000-2999 to Tree City USA #283-5026-2136, and a \$2,000 budget adjustment to increase revenue account #101-3470-0000 for mitigation received from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for gas safety work being conducted part of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in the City of St. Helena

RECITALS

- A. On April 12, 2016, PG&E made a presentation to the St. Helena City Council regarding their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative;
- B. On May 12, 2016, PG&E conducted a follow-up presentation to the City of St. Helena Tree Committee;
- C. Each presentation provided information for public awareness of the steps PG&E is taking to improve gas pipeline safety and reliability;
- D. It was determined one (1) tree on the northwest corner of Main Street and Pope Street needed to be removed;
- E. As part of the removal PG&E agreed to pay the City of St. Helena on a 4:1 basis for the tree removed;
- F. PG&E has paid the City of St. Helena a total of \$2,000 for the removal of one (1) tree; and
- G. Funds received are to be used to replace/plant new trees within the City of St. Helena.

RESOLUTION

The City Council of the City of St. Helena hereby resolves as follows:

1. Approves a \$2,000 budget increase to #101-4000-2999;
2. Approves a \$2,000 transfer from #101-4000-2999 to #283-5026-2136; and
3. Approves a \$2,000 revenue increase to #101-3470-0000 for revenue and expenses related to PG&E mitigation for the gas safety work conducted as part of PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the St. Helena City Council on September 27, 2016, by the following vote:

Mayor Galbraith: _____

Vice Mayor White: _____

Councilmember Crull: _____

Councilmember Dohring: _____

Councilmember Pitts: _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Alan Galbraith, Mayor

Cindy Black, City Clerk