



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARD: 3

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO PROTECT THE PARENT NAVEL ORANGE TREE AGAINST THE ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID AND THE HUANGLONGBING CITRUS GREENING DISEASE AND THE APPROPRIATION OF DONATION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500.00 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Accept \$16,500.00 in donations received by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for the protection of the Parent Navel Orange Tree (California Historic Landmark No. 20 and City of Riverside Landmark 15) against the Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing citrus greening disease and approve a funds transfer and supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept monetary donations in the amount of \$16,500.00 received by Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for the protection of the Parent Naval Orange Tree against the Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing citrus greening disease; and
2. Authorize a supplemental appropriation from the Recreation Revolving account in the amount of \$16,500.00 to the Tree Maintenance Account.

BACKGROUND:

The Parent Navel Orange Tree (PNOT) is California Historic Landmark No. 20, and is the City of Riverside Landmark No. 15.

On August 8, 2017, the Community and Economic Development Department presented to the City Council an update on Huanglongbing citrus greening disease and its impact on the citrus industry.

On July 28, 2018, a City of Riverside Press Release urged vigilant inspection of citrus trees for signs of citrus greening after the disease was found on a tree in northeast Riverside. In a joint effort with the City, experts from UC Riverside, the Citrus Research Board and the United States Department of Agriculture developed recommendations for protection of the PNOT.

On February 13, 2019 a recommendation to remove the two companion trees adjacent to the PNOT was presented to the Community Services and Youth Committee. A scientist from UC Riverside provided background information on the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) and Huanglongbing (HLB) citrus greening disease and reasons why removal of the companion trees was necessary. City Council approved the removal of the two companion trees on April 2, 2019.

DISCUSSION

Donations supporting efforts to protect the PNOT have been received from a variety of sources, including: Mulholland Citrus, Gless Ranch, TABCOMP, BIOGOLD North America, Wonderful Citrus Packing, CA Citrus Nursery Society, and Dr. Georgios Vidalakis & Dr. Deborah Pagliaccia. Contributions total \$16,500 and will be used to take additional measures to protect the PNOT.

Donating Organization	Amount
BIOGOLD North America	\$3,000.00
CA Citrus Nursery Society	\$500.00
Dr. Deborah Pagliaccia & Dr. Georgios Vidalakis	\$1,000.00
Gless Ranch	\$3,000.00
Mulholland Citrus	\$3,000.00
TABCOMP	\$3,000.00
Wonderful Citrus Packing	\$3,000.00
Total	\$16,500.00

Donations will be used to offset costs associated with the construction of the structure, protective screen material and upgrades to the site.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A transfer of \$16,500 from the Recreation Revolving Account 0000720-225070 is requested to fully offset supplemental appropriations in tree maintenance expenditure account to reimburse expenses incurred to install protective measures of the Parent Navel Orange Tree. The tables below summarize the transfer and supplemental appropriations requested:

Liability Account No.	Transfer Out	Account
0000720-225070	\$16,500.00	Revolving Account, Recreation
Total Transfer Out	\$16,500.00	

Expenditure Account No.	Supplemental Appropriation	Account
5215000-421205	\$16,500.00	Tree Maintenance Account
Total Appropriation	\$16,500.00	

PNOT Donations Report

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