



**REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Resolution for Proposition 40 & 84 Tree Inventory Grant

**Report in Brief**

A Pre-Application for a Tree Inventory Grant was prepared and submitted by the Parks & Recreation Department in September 2007. The California State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as the delegated administrator of the Proposition 40 & 84 funded program, accepted the City's proposal in January 2008. The \$31,000 grant will help fund a comprehensive inventory of all public trees within the City of Woodland right-of-way.

Attached for Council's consideration is a Resolution appointing the Parks & Recreation Department to enter into and execute a contract for the tree inventory project and any other documents deemed necessary by the Proposition 40 & 84 Grant for the completion of the project. This is a matching grant program, and the balance of the project costs (\$31,000) will be funded through existing Urban Forest Master Plan funding (\$50,000) already authorized by City Council.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ appointing the Parks & Recreation Department to negotiate and execute the Proposition 40 & 84 Tree Inventory Grant and conduct all grant administration tasks, and approve the attached PPSS (capital budget) funding for the tree inventory project.

**Background**

The City of Woodland Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) is still a key element in the management of the City's urban forest. Early in 2006 a Request for Proposals (RFP) was developed which detailed objectives for development of the City of Woodland UFMP. The objectives were based on the Sacramento Regional Greenprint; a legislatively adopted program constructed by the Sacramento Tree Foundation to guide cities and counties in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) toward comprehensive and complimentary urban forestry objectives. The City of Woodland became a signatory and supporter of the Greenprint Initiative in 2005. Just one high priced proposal was received in response to the RFP. Although Council had approved \$50,000 funding toward UFMP development, it was not sufficient for the \$250,000 proposal.

Later in 2006, a State grant opportunity was presented that was expected to help fund development of the UFMP. Staff prepared “An Urban Forest for Every City” grant application requesting \$75,000 to add to the City’s \$50,000, for a pared down master plan effort. In March 2007, staff received the letter stating that our application would not be funded and that there was \$10.5M worth of applications submitted for the \$2.4M available funds.

Soon thereafter, the Proposition 40 & 84 Tree Inventory Grant was advertised for which the City applied in September 2007 and for which the City is now eligible to receive \$31,000 for the tree inventory portion of the UFMP.

### **Discussion**

The Proposition 40 & 84 Tree Inventory Grant of \$31,000, coupled with matching funds from the Council approved UFMP Project 05-36, will allow staff to proceed with a comprehensive inventory of all public trees in the City - a key element toward full development of the UFMP.

The project will allow City staff - Park Planner, GIS Specialist, and Street Tree Supervisor - to organize and manage the project, while hired interns collect detailed statistics on each tree, GPS locations, and photographs for download to the City’s GIS mapping system. Once mapped, links will be provided to allow interactive public access to the tree map, and all information gathered for each tree. The inventory information will be used extensively and well into the future to help develop and monitor maintenance objectives, analyze various economic values, and provide detailed data for scientific study. The Parks Department and Public Works Street Tree Division will maintain the database by updating each tree’s statistics and photos every seven years.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The \$31,000 grant funds will be matched with City of Woodland funds to meet the \$62,000 estimated cost. \$50,000 in City funds was approved by Council in July 2005 from Fund No. 510 proceeds from the sale of storm drainage fees on the Regional Park. No General Fund expenditures are required.

### **Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council agenda.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ appointing the Parks & Recreation Department to negotiate and execute the Proposition 40 & 84 Tree Inventory Grant and conduct all grant administration tasks, and approve the attached PPSS (capital budget) funding for the tree inventory project.

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Attachments:  
Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved PPSS  
Revised PPSS  
Pre-Application  
Letter from Department of Forestry and Fire Protection