

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



DATE: March 20, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Nils Bentsen, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Earth Development Contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment in the amount of \$15,000 to the contract with Earth Development. This will result in a total contract of \$65,000 for Earth Development to continue to conduct abatements as needed through the end of Fiscal Year 2017-18.

BACKGROUND

Code Enforcement is in the third year of a 3-year contract with Earth Development to perform contract abatement services. Over the course of this contract Code Enforcement has seen an increase in abandoned properties due to continuing foreclosures. While Code Enforcement is able to secure many of these properties without assistance, Earth Development has been utilized to abate the various items left behind by the homeowners.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The current 3-Year contract with Earth Development (2015-16-058) is for \$50,000. Of this amount, staff has expended approximately \$45,000 in abatement services. Staff currently has five (5) properties that will require abatement before the end of the Fiscal Year. Additional contingency abatements may also be necessary during that time period.

FISCAL IMPACT

Contract abatement for Fiscal Year 2017-18 was approved by the City Council under the annual Budget adoption. At this time it is estimated that Staff can absorb this increase by economizing in other budget accounts. If there are insufficient funds staff may require an adjustment to cover the deficiency at year end.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternate direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None