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PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to urban trees, including the City's tree inventory, fines for illegal tree pruning removal, and the 2015 State of the Street Trees Report.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to proceed in the next round of consideration for a CalFire Urban and Community Forestry Proposition 68 Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to fund a street tree inventory; and, if awarded, INSTRUCT the BSS to report to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to receive authorization to accept the grant.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the BSS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 20, 2019, your Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a BSS report relative to urban trees, including the City's tree inventory, fines for illegal tree pruning removal, and the 2015 State of the Street Trees Report. The BSS reports that several detailed reports on the management of the City's urban forest have been published over the past four years. Created by different entities, these reports share a common set of recommendations that will guide the strategic development of the BSS Urban Forestry Division in the coming years. The BSS concurs with these recommendations, and is in the process of identifying funding and/or implementing each recommendation. All three reports recommended the creation of an updated street tree inventory as a necessary step towards the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan. It is likely that the completion of a street tree inventory will assist the BSS in competing for grant funding pertaining to implementation of an Urban Forest Management Plan. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations made in Committee, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

O'FARRELL YES
MARTINEZ: YES

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