RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #2 TO CONTRACT NO. C21-28 WITH URBAN TILTH FOR THE ALBANY CREEKS & OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, investment into Albany's Natural and Open Spaces is a priority for ecosystem longevity, wildfire resilience, and community benefit; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the City Council adopted the Albany Hill Creekside Park Master Plan outlining policy and practice for future maintenance and restoration of the Hill, and in 2019 adopted the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, which included the vision of restored and resilient natural and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Urban Tilth, a Richmond-based 501(c)-3 non-profit, has a Basins of Relations Watershed Stewardship Program empowering young adults living in Richmond and surrounding communities as they restore critical riparian and watershed habitat in collaboration with local agencies and landowners since 2015, and Urban Tilth has a Watershed Stewardship Restoration Field Crew employing exceptional graduates from this program; and

WHEREAS, since 2017, the City has incorporated support from Urban Tilth to increase vegetation and other maintenance on Albany Hill and Cerrito Creek, and since 2019 the City has conducted vegetation maintenance along Codornices Creek per the MOU between the City of Albany, City of Berkeley, and University of California; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the City awarded Contract No. C21-28 to Urban Tilth four years ago for three years of vegetation and maintenance projects on Albany Hill, Cerrito Creek, and Codornices Creek, renewing the contract for a fourth year in 2024, and is pleased with the quality and value of work performed; and WHEREAS, for the past four years a continuous, year-round maintenance schedule on Albany Hill, Cerrito Creek, and Codornices Creek as performed by Urban Tilth and staff has more effectively kept ecosystems healthy, fire-safe, and accessible; and

6 WHEREAS, Urban Tilth has provided an updated schedule of tasks and costs for 7 stewardship and restoration services on Albany Hill, Cerrito Creek, and Codornices Creek for 8 an additional two years and four months, extending the contract and making it coterminous 9 with the fiscal year, which Staff has deemed to be worthwhile in light of the services 10 delivered to the City as well as the benefits and opportunities that will accrue to local young 11 adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby
authorizes the City Manager to execute Contract Change Order #2 for Contract No. C21-28
with Urban Tilth in the amount of \$162,817.65 for a total contract amount of \$563,136.57,
using funds previously appropriated as part of the Public Works Departmental Operating
Budget for the Creeks & Open Space Maintenance Program.

ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 3rd day of March, 2025, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, McQuaid, Miki and

Mayor López

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 4th

day of March, 2025.

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