CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: March 5, 2020

From: Clay Holstine, City Manager

Subject: Formation of an Ad-hoc Subcommittee of City Council to review and provide recommendations of projects regarding Wildland Fire and City owned property fuel reduction.

Recommendation

Appoint two City Councilmembers to work as an Ad-hoc Subcommittee.

Background

City Staff, specifically the Fire Department, Public Works Department and City Manager's Office has had ongoing discussions regarding projects that could enhance the Communities safety from Fire danger.

Events throughout the State in recent years have demonstrated increasing risk due to drought and climate change issues. While some level of risk will always exist staff believes there are some projects that could enhance our communities safety as well as some demonstration projects that could provide a positive example of what homeowners can do on their property.

To better evaluate options and potential financial support staff would like to work with a Council Subcommittee. Staff anticipates up to three meetings over the next few months and a report back to the City Council timely for budget consideration.

Financial Impact

Cost for various programs could be significant. While there are some grants we will have to evaluate the value of pursuing them. Subcommittee will be helpful in evaluating those options.

Clay Holstine, City Manager

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