



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** AGUST 10, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** DAVID JACOBS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**TITLE:** CLEAN CALIFORNIA MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution approving an agreement with the State of California acting by and through the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) related to the maintenance of Caltrans right-of-way.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Council approve a resolution approving an agreement with the State of California acting by and through the Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On October 8, 2021 Caltrans sent a letter to the City of Salinas requesting collaboration in addressing litter and graffiti on state highways within the City of Salinas. The initiative is called Clean California. Caltrans has developed the Clean California Maintenance Agreements (CCMA) to take direct aim at the trash that plagues the highways within the City (and cities across the state).

**BACKGROUND:**

Caltrans has proposed entering into a CCMA to remove litter and graffiti from the state highways with the City of Salinas. The agreement is for State Route 68, South Main Street from approximately 1,500 feet south of Stephanie Dr to John St, and John St from S. Main St. to State Route 101 and State Route 183, N. Main St from State Route 101 to W. Market St., and W. Market St from N. Main St to the S. Davis Rd undercrossing. The agreement is for 3 years with a total estimated value of \$165,000 (\$55,000 per year).

The agreement shall reimburse the City's actual and necessary costs incurred to perform the litter, debris and graffiti removal. The agreement also states the City shall provide services at a minimum of biweekly. This agreement aligns with the current goals of Amor Salinas to try to clean up the City.

At this point in time the plan is to reach out to Downtown Streets Team and assess their availability and capacity to perform some litter and debris removal. We will also be looking at the current staffing levels in Public Works to determine how much work they can perform. The remainder of the work would require the hiring of a contractor to perform the necessary litter, debris, and graffiti removal.

The agreement specifically excludes unsheltered encampment cleanups, hazardous material cleanups, and weed abatement. When an unsheltered encampment is encountered, the agreement references the "Interim Guidance on Encampments, Prioritizing and Addressing Encampments on Caltrans-owned Property". This document lays out the steps required to address the encampment, which starts with contacting Caltrans for an assessment of the encampment.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This relates the Council's Strategic Goal of New Revenue.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Public Works Department worked with the City Attorney and the City Manager's office to finalize the agreement.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This agreement will pay the City to clean up litter and graffiti on highways within the City. There will be no impact on the general fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Clean California Maintenance Agreement