



## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Grant Yates, City Manager

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**Date:** December 10, 2019

**Subject:** Landscape Maintenance Agreement between the City and the State of California

### **Recommendation**

1. Adopt a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE FOR LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS INSTALLED ON STATE ROUTE 74 AT GRAND AVENUE; and
2. Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute LMA between the City and the California Department of Transportation in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

### **Background and Discussion**

As a condition of approval, Pardee Homes' "Westlake" single family residential development was conditioned to install landscape improvements on excess right-of-way owned by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) at the corner of SR-74 and Grand Avenue. Caltrans agreed to the improvements conditioned that the City execute a Landscape Maintenance Agreement (Exhibit A).

The LMA addresses the City's responsibility for the irrigation, trees, shrubs, ground cover, mulch, bio-swales, and litter (collectively the "Landscaping") placed within SR-74. The addition of Landscaping will provide for beautification of what would have remained a vacant, overgrown, littered parcel at a one of the first entries into the City (Exhibit C). While execution of the LMA will place ultimate responsibility for landscape maintenance on the City, the actual maintenance activity and cost are being passed on to the Home Owner's Association through the CC&Rs.

### **Fiscal Impact**

No direct Fiscal Impact resulting from executing the LMA.

### **Exhibits**

- A – LMA
- B - Resolution
- C – Vicinity Map