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STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY  
GRANT AGREEMENT

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**GRANTEE NAME:** City of Chino Hills

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hickory Creek Nature Park Project

**AUTHORITY:** Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56

**PROGRAM:** Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation

**AGREEMENT NUMBER:** E24006-0

**TERM OF LAND TENURE:** 20 years from date of project completion as evidenced by the Certification of Completion Form

**PROJECT PERFORMANCE PERIOD:** August 1, 2025 to April 1, 2028

Under the terms and conditions of this agreement, the applicant agrees to complete the project as described in the project scope set forth in Exhibit A and any subsequent amendments, and the State of California, acting through the Natural Resources Agency, agrees to fund the project up to the total grant amount indicated pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** See project description on page 1 and Exhibit A of the Agreement

Total State Grant not to Exceed **\$214,232.00** (or project costs, whichever is less)

**The Special and General Provisions attached are made a part of and incorporated into the Agreement.**

CITY OF CHINO HILLS		STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY	
By: <u>Ben Montgomery</u>	By: <u>Andrea Scharffer</u>		
Title: <u>City Manager</u>	Title: <u>Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bonds &amp; Grants</u>		
Date: <u>8/11/2025</u>	Date: <u>8/11/2025</u>		

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING											
AMOUNT OF ESTIMATE FUNDING			AGREEMENT NO.		FUND						
\$214,232.00			E24006-0		0183 – Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation						
ADJ. INCREASING ENCUMBRANCE					FISCAL PO NO.						
ADJ DECREASING ENCUMBRANCE			FUNCTION								
			Local Assistance								
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE		REF NO.		FUND		ENACTMENT YEAR		ACCOUNT NO.		ALT ACCOUNT	
		101		0183		2024		5432000		5432000000	
PROGRAM	PCBU	PROJECT		ACTIVITY	RPTG STRUCTURE		SVC LOCATION		AGENCY USE		BUDGET PERIOD
0320	0540	0540E240060		30139	05402001		30139				2025

I hereby certify upon my personal knowledge that budgeted funds are available for this encumbrance.

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

8/13/2025  
DATE

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Project to enhance urban forest health and reduce the environmental impacts of transportation infrastructure by removing dead and diseased non-native trees and planting native, drought tolerant trees and other landscaping in Hickory Creek Park.

A detailed project scope and activities, project schedule and project budget are described and attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Grant funds are to be used to contribute to mitigation of the environmental effects of transportation facilities in accordance with the provisions contained in the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program and this Agreement.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT**

**Special Provisions**



1. Recipients of Grant Funds shall post signs acknowledging the source of the funds pursuant to the Application Guidelines. Size, location, and number of signs shall be approved by the State. Required signage must be in place before Grant Funds for construction will be released.
2. Upon completion of detailed Project design, plans and specifications, Grantee shall provide to the State for review and approval a revised detailed Project Budget, Project Scope, and detailed site plan. If Project includes habitat restoration or landscaping, Grantee shall provide a planting palette demonstrating how native, low-water, drought-resistant vegetation will be used in the Project. If the plant palette includes non-natives, provide justification for review and approval by the State. All plantings will be no greater than fifteen gallons. Approval of said plans is a condition precedent to the State's obligation to make any construction funding available pursuant to this agreement. Approval by the State of such plans and specifications, or any other approvals provided for in this Agreement, shall be for scope of work as described in Exhibit A and shall not relieve Grantee of the obligation to construct and maintain the facilities, or carry out any other obligations required by this Agreement, in accordance with applicable law or any other standards ordinarily applied to such work or activity.
3. The Grantee may be required to record Deed Restrictions, incorporating by reference this Grant Agreement and giving public notice that the Grantee received Funds under this Agreement in

order to assist Grantee in developing the real property and that, in consideration for the receipt of the Grant Funds, the Grantee has agreed to the terms of this Agreement.

### **General Provisions**

#### **A. Definitions**

1. The term "Acquisition" means obtaining a fee interest or any other interest, including easement, leases, and development rights.
2. The term "Agreement" means this Grant Agreement
3. The term "Application" means the individual application form, its required attachments for grants pursuant to the enabling legislation and/or program and any applicable materials supplied by applicant to the Natural Resources Agency prior to award.
4. The term "Application Guidelines" means the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Grant Program Guidelines.
5. The term "Development" means improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection and interpretation or other similar activities.
6. The term "Fair Market Value" means the value placed upon the property as supported by an appraisal that has been reviewed and approved by the California Department of General Services (DGS).
7. The term "Grant" or "Grant Funds" means the money provided by the State to the Grantee in this Agreement.
8. The term "Grant Agreement" means a contractual arrangement between the State and grantee specifying the payment of funds by the State for the performance of specific EEM project objectives within a specific project performance period by the grantee.
9. The term "Grantee" means an applicant who has a signed agreement for Grant Funds.
10. The term "Interpretation" means visitor-serving amenities that communicate the significance and value of natural, historical, and cultural resources in a manner that increases the understanding and enjoyment of these resources, or other similar activities.
11. The term "Other Sources of Funds" means cash or in-kind contributions that are required or used to complete the project beyond the Grant Funds provided by this Agreement.
12. The term "Payment Request Form" means Form RA212.
13. The term "Project" means the Development activity described in the application as modified by Exhibit A to be accomplished with Grant Funds.
14. The term "Project Budget" means the State approved cost estimate included as Exhibit A-1 to this Agreement.
15. The term "Project Scope" means the description or activity for work to be accomplished by the EEM Project.

16. The term "Public Agency" means any State of California department or agency, a county, city, public district, or public agency formed under California law.
17. The term "State" means the Secretary for Natural Resources or his/her representatives, or other political subdivision of the State.

B. Project Execution

1. Subject to the availability of funds in the Streets and Highway Code, the State hereby grants to the Grantee a sum of money (Grant Funds) not to exceed the amount stated on the signature page in consideration of and on condition that the sum be expended in carrying out the purposes as set forth in the description of the Project in this Agreement and its attachments and under the Terms and Conditions set forth in this Agreement.
2. Grantee shall furnish any and all additional funds that may be necessary to complete the Project.
3. Grantee shall complete the Project in accordance with the Project Performance Period set forth on the signature page unless an extension has been formally granted by the State and under the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement. Extensions may be requested in advance and will be considered by the State, at its sole discretion, in the event of circumstances beyond the control of the Grantee, but in no event beyond **March 1, 2029**.
4. Grantee shall at all times ensure the Project complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, Division 13, commencing with section 21000, et. seq., Cal Code Regs tit. 14, section 15000 et. seq.) and all other environmental laws, including but not limited to obtaining all necessary permits. Grant Funds will not be disbursed before the close of the period for legal challenge under CEQA.

Grant Funds for planning and document preparation may be available sooner if included in the grant Project Scope (Exhibit A) and approved by the State. CEQA compliance shall be completed within one (1) year from the Grant Agreement start date unless an extension is granted by the State.

Changes to the scope resulting from CEQA compliance are permitted provided the State determines the project continues to meet all objectives of the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program and is consistent with the intent cited in the original Application.

If Grantee's project is disapproved on grounds related to the Natural Resource Agency's CEQA determination, the grantee shall have the option of either: (1) reimbursing the Natural Resources Agency for all State-reimbursed preliminary costs (e.g., planning, design, etc.), or (2) relinquishing any planning/design documents, including all copies, reproductions, and variations resulting from said funding, without a license to use or otherwise retain in any form.

5. Projects must comply with any applicable laws pertaining to prevailing wage and labor compliance.
6. Grantee certifies that the Project does and will continue to comply with all current laws and regulations which apply to the Project, including, but not limited to, legal requirements for construction contracts, building codes, environmental laws, health and safety codes, and

disabled access laws. Grantee certifies that prior to commencement of construction all applicable permits and licenses (e.g., state contractor's license) will have been obtained.

7. Grantee shall provide access to the State upon 24-hours notice to determine if Project work is in accordance with the approved Project Scope, including a final inspection upon Project completion.
8. Prior to the commencement of any work, Grantee agrees to submit in writing to the State for prior approval any deviation from the original Project Scope per Exhibit A and the Application. Changes in Project Scope must continue to meet the need cited in the original application or they will not be approved. Any modification or alteration in the Project as set forth in the Application on file with the State must be submitted to the State for approval. Any modification or alteration in the Project must also comply with all current laws and regulations, including but not limited to CEQA.
9. Grantee shall provide for public access and/or educational features where feasible.
10. Grantee must have: (1) fee title, (2) leasehold, or (3) other interest to Project lands and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the State that the proposed Project will provide public benefits that are commensurate with the type and duration of the interest in land. Any acquisition of Project lands by Grantee following award shall not involve eminent domain proceedings or threat of eminent domain proceedings.
11. Grantee shall promptly provide photographs of the site during and after implementation of the Project at the request of the State.
12. If a nonprofit organization, Grantee certifies the corporation is qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, has an active status with the Secretary of State, and is current with the Attorney General's Registry of Charities and Fundraisers. Failure by the Grantee to remain in compliance with these nonprofit requirements may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the State hereunder and termination of this Agreement.

#### C. Project Costs

1. Any Grant Funds provided to Grantee under this Agreement will be disbursed for eligible costs on a reimbursement basis as follows, but shall not exceed in any event the amount set forth on the signature page of this Agreement:
  - a. Approved direct management costs or construction and development costs. Up to ten percent (10%) of the reimbursement amount will be held back and issued as a final payment upon completion of the Project.
  - b. Remaining Grant Funds shall be paid up to the total amount of the Grant Funds or the actual Project cost, whichever is less, upon completion of the Project, receipt of a detailed summary of Project costs from the Grantee found to be satisfactory by the State, and the satisfactory completion of a site inspection by the State.
2. Payment Documentation:
  - a. All payment requests must be submitted using a completed Payment Request Form. This form must be accompanied by an itemized list of all expenditures that clearly

documents the check numbers, dates, recipients, line-item description as described in the Project Budget approved by the State, and amounts. Grantee should retain for audit proof of payment of expenditures, such as receipts, paid invoices, canceled checks or other forms of documentation demonstrating payment has been made.

- b. Any payment request that is submitted without the required itemization and documentation will not be authorized. If the payment request package is incomplete, inadequate, or inaccurate, the State will inform the Grantee and hold the payment request until all required information is received or corrected. Any penalties imposed on the Grantee by a contractor, or other consequence, because of delays in payment will be paid by the Grantee and is not reimbursable under this Agreement.
3. Grant Funds in this award have a limited period in which they must be expended. Grantee expenditures funded by the State must occur within the time frame of the Project Performance Period as indicated in this Agreement.
4. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Grantee shall expend Grant Funds in the manner described in Exhibit A approved by the State. The total dollars of a category in the Project Budget may be increased by up to ten percent (10%) through a reallocation of funds from another category, without approval by the State. However, the Grantee shall notify the State in writing when any such reallocation is made and shall identify both the item(s) being increased and those being decreased. Any cumulative increase or decrease of more than ten percent (10%) from the original budget in the amount of a category must be approved by the State. In any event, the total amount of the Grant Funds may not be increased, nor may any adjustments exceed the limits for management costs as described in the Application Guidelines.

#### D. Project Administration

1. Grantee shall promptly provide Project reports and/or photographs upon request by the State. In any event Grantee shall provide the State a report showing total final Project expenditures with the final payment request and required closing documents.
2. Grantee shall make property and facilities developed pursuant to this Agreement available for inspection upon request by the State.
3. Grantee shall use any income earned by the Grantee from use of the Project to further Project purposes or, if approved by the State, for related purposes within the jurisdiction.
4. Grantee shall submit all documentation for Project completion, including a notice of completion as applicable and final reimbursement within ninety (90) days of Project completion, but in no event any later than **March 1, 2029**.
5. Final payment is contingent upon State verification that the Project is consistent with the Project Scope as described in Exhibit A, together with any State approved amendments.
6. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement in writing between Grantee and State. Any request by the Grantee for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and reason for the request. The Grantee shall make requests in a timely manner and in no event less than sixty (60) days before the effective date of the proposed amendment.

7. Grantee must report to the State all sources of other funds for the Project.

E. Project Termination

1. Prior to the completion of Project construction, either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with thirty (30) days' written notice of such termination. The State may also terminate this Grant Agreement for any reason at any time if it learns of or otherwise discovers that there is a violation of any state or federal law or policy by Grantee which affects performance of this, or any other grant agreement or contract entered into with the State. The State may also terminate this Grant Agreement for any reason at any time if it learns that the Grantee made false representations during the evaluation process, either knowingly or because Grantee failed to act reasonably. This can include, but is not limited to, identifying conditions or uses at the site that would otherwise be inconsistent with the purposes of the award, or would have deemed the project less competitive. The State reserves the right, in such cases, to require Grantee to repay any amounts already expended.
2. If the State terminates the Agreement without cause prior to the end of the Project Performance Period, the Grantee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent further costs to the State under this Agreement. The State shall be responsible for and reimburse to Grantee any eligible, reasonable, and non-cancelable obligations and costs incurred by the Grantee in the performance of this Agreement prior to the date of the notice to terminate, but only up to the undisbursed balance of funding authorized in this Agreement.
3. If the Grantee fails to complete the Project in accordance with this Agreement or fails to fulfill any other obligations of this Agreement prior to the termination date, the Grantee shall be liable for immediate repayment to the State of all amounts disbursed by the State under this Agreement, plus accrued interest and any further costs related to the Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the previous sentence, Grantee shall not be liable for repayment to the State of any amounts disbursed by the State in the event Grantee fails to complete the Project or fails to fulfill any other obligations of this Agreement as a result of the negligent acts or omissions or the willful misconduct of the State or its agents, officers, or employees. The State may, at its sole discretion, consider extenuating circumstances and not require repayment for work partially completed provided that the State determines it is in the State's best interest to do so. This paragraph shall not be deemed to limit any other remedies available to the State for breach of this Agreement.
4. Failure by the Grantee to comply with the terms of this Agreement or any other Agreement under the Streets and Highway Code may be cause for suspension of all obligations of the State hereunder.
5. Failure of the Grantee to comply with the terms of this Agreement shall not be cause for suspending all obligations of the State hereunder if such failure was due to no fault of the Grantee. At the discretion of the State, any amount required to settle at minimum cost any irrevocable obligations properly incurred shall be eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement.
6. Because the benefit to be derived by the State from the full compliance by the Grantee with the terms of this Agreement is for the purposes as stated in the application for the people of the State of California and because such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable

and unascertainable extent the amount of money furnished by the State by way of Grant Funds under the provisions of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees that payment by the Grantee to the State of an amount equal to the amount of the Grant Funds disbursed under this Agreement by the State would be inadequate compensation to the State for any breach by the Grantee of this Agreement. The Grantee further agrees therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the Grantee of this Agreement shall be the specific performance of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by the State.

F. Hold Harmless

1. Grantee shall waive all claims and recourses against the State, including the right to contribution for loss or damage to persons or property arising from, growing out of or in any way connected with or incident to this Agreement, except claims arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of State, its officers, agents, and employees.
2. Grantee shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend State, its officers, agents and employees in perpetuity against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liability costs arising out of the Project, including Development, construction, operation or maintenance of the property described in the Project description which claims, demands or causes of action arise under Government Code Section 895.2 or otherwise, including but not limited to items to which the Grantee has certified, except for liability arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct of State, its officers, agents or employees. Grantee acknowledges that it is solely responsible for compliance with items to which it has certified.
3. Grantee and State agree that in the event of judgment entered against the State and Grantee because of the gross negligence of the State and Grantee, their officers, agents or employees, an apportionment of liability to pay such judgment shall be made by a court of competent jurisdiction. Neither party shall request a jury apportionment.

G. Financial Records

1. Grantee shall maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records for the Project and to make them available to the State for auditing at reasonable times. Grantee shall also retain such financial accounts, documents, and records for three (3) years after final payment and one (1) year following an audit.
2. Grantee agrees that during regular office hours, the State and its duly authorized representatives shall have the right to inspect and make copies of any books, records or reports of the Grantee pertaining to this Agreement or matters related thereto. Grantee shall maintain and make available for inspection by the State accurate records of all of its costs, disbursements, and receipts with respect to its activities under this Agreement.
3. Grantee shall use applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, unless otherwise agreed to by the State.

H. Use of Facilities

1. If Grantee owns the Project Property, Grantee shall not sell or transfer the Project Property (including any portion of it or any interest in it) during the Land Tenure Term defined in paragraph H.2. below without the written approval of the State of California, acting through the Natural Resources Agency, or its successor. Such approval shall not be unreasonably



withheld as long as the purposes for which the grant was awarded are maintained. If Grantee does not own the Project Property, Grantee shall notify the State within 30 days of any sale or transfer of the property, at which time the State may seek any and all remedies available under Section E of this Agreement.

2. Grantee shall maintain, operate, and use the Project in fulfillment of the purpose funded pursuant to this Grant for a minimum of **TWENTY (20) YEARS**, consistent with the Land Tenure/Site Control requirements included in the Application Guidelines. The Grantee, or the Grantee's successor in interest in the property may assign without novation the responsibility to maintain and operate the property in accordance with this requirement only with the written approval of the State. Grantee may be excused from its obligations for operation and maintenance of the Project site only upon the written approval of the State for good cause. "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to, natural disasters that destroy the Project improvements and render the Project obsolete or impracticable to rebuild.
3. Grantee agrees to use the Project Property (or shall ensure via written agreement with the landowner that the property will be used) solely for the purposes for which the Grant was made and no other use or sale or other disposition of the property shall be made during the Land Tenure Term. This Agreement shall not prevent the transfer of the property from the Grantee to a Public Agency, if the successor Public Agency assumes the obligations imposed by this Agreement.
4. Reimbursement of Grant with interest: At the State's sole discretion, if the Grantee owns the Project Property and the use of the property is changed to a use that is not permitted by the Agreement or if the property is sold or otherwise disposed of by Grantee, the State may seek an amount equal to: (1) the amount of the Grant plus accrued interest at the prime interest rate at the time of disposition, and (2) the amount of any increase in property value attributed to grant-funded improvements to the Project Property. If the Grantee does not own the Project Property, and the use of the Project Property is changed to a use that is not permitted by this Agreement or is sold or otherwise disposed of within the Land Tenure Term, at the State's sole discretion, the Grantee shall be liable for immediate repayment to the State of all amounts disbursed by the State under this Agreement, plus accrued interest at the prime interest rate at the time of disposition.
5. Grantee shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the Project Property as security for any debt during the Land Tenure Term. If the grantee does not own the Project Property, written approval of the State must be obtained for use of the Project Property (including any portion of it or any interest in it) to be used as security for any debt, provided such approval by the State shall not be unreasonable withheld as long as the purposes for which the Grant was awarded are maintained and does not make the State a guarantor or a surety for any debt, nor waive the State's rights to enforce performance under this Agreement.
6. Grantee shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the Project Property for mitigation without the written approval of the State. If the grantee does not own the Project Property, the grantee shall ensure via written agreement with the landowner that the landowner shall not use or allow the use of any portion of the Project Property for mitigation without the written approval of the State.

I. Nondiscrimination

1. During the performance of this grant, grantee and its subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass or allow harassment, against any person because of sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religious creed, marital status, denial of family and medical care leave, ancestry, national origin, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (40 and above), disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, denial of pregnancy disability leave or reasonable accommodation. Grantee and subcontractors shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of all persons, and particularly their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Grantee and its subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, § 12900 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 2, § 7285.0 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, § 12990 (a)–(f), are incorporated into this grant by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 2, § 7285.0 et seq.). Grantee shall include this non-discrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the grant.
2. The Grantee shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence except to the extent that reasonable difference in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence and pursuant to law.
3. The completed Project and all related facilities shall be open to members of the public generally, except as noted under the special provisions of this Agreement or under provisions of the Streets and Highway Code.

J. Application Incorporation

The Grant Guidelines and the Application and any subsequent changes or additions to the Application approved in writing by the State are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement as though set forth in full in this Agreement.

K. Severability

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

L. Waiver

No term or provision hereof will be considered waived by either party, and no breach excused by either party, unless such waiver or consent is in writing and signed on behalf of the party against whom the waiver is asserted. No consent by either party to, or waiver of, a breach by either party, whether expressed or implied, will constitute consent to, waiver of or excuse of any other, different, or subsequent breach by either party.

M. Assignment

Except as expressly provided otherwise, this Agreement is not assignable by the Grantee either in whole or in part.

#### N. Disputes

If the Grantee believes that there is a dispute or grievance between Grantee and the State arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Grantee shall first discuss and attempt to resolve the issue informally with the Agency Grants Administrator. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the Grantee shall follow the following procedures:

1. If the issue cannot be resolved informally with the Agency Grants Administrator, the Grantee shall submit, in writing, a grievance report together with any evidence to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Bonds and Grants for the Natural Resources Agency. The grievance report must state the issues in the dispute, the legal authority, or other basis for the Grantee's position and the remedy sought. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written grievance report from the Grantee, the Deputy Assistant Secretary shall make a determination on the issue(s) and shall respond in writing to the Grantee indicating the decision and reasons therefore. Should the Grantee disagree with the Deputy Assistant Secretary's decision, the Grantee may appeal to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Finance for the Natural Resources Agency.
2. The Grantee must submit a letter of appeal to the Assistant Secretary explaining why the Deputy Assistant Secretary's decision is unacceptable. The letter must include, as an attachment, copies of the Grantee's original grievance report, evidence originally submitted, and response from the Deputy Assistant Secretary. The Grantee's letter of appeal must be submitted within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Deputy Assistant Secretary's written decision. The Assistant Secretary or designee shall, within twenty (20) working days of receipt of Grantee's letter of appeal, review the issues raised and shall render a written decision to the Grantee. The decision of the Assistant Secretary or designee shall be final.

#### O. Audit Requirements

Grant projects are subject to audit by the State annually and for three (3) years following the final payment of Grant Funds. The audit shall include all books, papers, accounts, documents, or other records of the Grantee, as they relate to the Project for which the Grant Funds were granted.

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY  
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Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program  
Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56

**GRANTEE NAME:** City of Chino Hills

**PROJECT TITLE:** Hickory Creek Nature Park Project

**AGREEMENT NUMBER:** E24006-0

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 15445 Hickory Lane, Chino Hills, CA 91709

**PROJECT SCOPE:**

Project to enhance urban forest health and reduce the environmental impacts of transportation infrastructure by removing dead and diseased non-native trees and planting native, drought-tolerant trees and other landscaping in Hickory Creek Park.

Grant-funded project elements approximately include:

- Removal of 54 dead or diseased non-native trees
- Planting of 66 native, drought-tolerant trees
- Planting 32,234 square feet of meadow grassland seed mix
- Installation of funding acknowledgment sign
- Plant establishment
- One community site walk to educate the community about the trees, flowers, and habitat at the Nature Park
- Installation of ten digital brochure tags

The project site is located within Hickory Creek Park, which is accessible to the public without a fee and is open year-round.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:**

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	TIMELINE
Preliminary work on the project	August 2025
Submit final site design/plans/specifications to State	September – October 2025
Bid process	October – November 2025
Removal of dead plants	December 2025 – January 2026
Plant Establishment	February 2026 – March 2028
Record MOUGA and submit project closeout package with final Payment Request to State	April 2028

## **EXHIBIT A**

A plant palette for all plants within the footprint of the project must be submitted with final designs and reflect appropriate species for the site, with consideration given to carbon sequestration, inclusion of native species where feasible, pollinator habitat, and low water, drought tolerant plantings. Trees, regardless of the funding source, may not exceed 15 gallons in initial planting size.

All projects must comply with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO), all Governor Executive Orders, and local water ordinances.

Plant establishment reimbursed by the grant not to exceed two (2) years.

**COST ESTIMATE:** See Exhibit A-1

## EXHIBIT A-1

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**Grantee:** City of Chino Hills**Project:** Hickory Creek Nature Park Project**Agreement No:** E24006-0**Cost Estimate:**

Task	Description	Total*	EEM Grant	City of Chino Hills
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Non-Construction Costs</b>			
1.1	Staff Time - Public Works Environmental Coordinator	\$ 12,750.00	\$ -	\$ 12,750.00
1.2	Staff Time - Public Works Environmental Inspector	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00
1.3	Public Education	\$ 2,337.50	\$ 2,337.50	
<b>Non-Construction Subtotal (not to exceed 25% of grant)<sup>†</sup></b>		<b>\$ 22,587.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,337.50</b>	<b>\$ 20,250.00</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Construction Element - Contractual</b>			
2.1	Tree Removal	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -
2.2	Daily Crew	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 18,200.00	\$ -
2.3	Clearing	\$ 64,012.00	\$ 64,012.00	\$ -
2.4	Soil Preparation	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -
2.5	Tree Plant Health Assessment	\$ 3,272.50	\$ 3,272.50	\$ -
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Construction Element - Materials</b>			
3.1	Trees	\$ 6,740.00	\$ 6,740.00	\$ -
3.2	Seed Mix	\$ 8,002.00	\$ 8,002.00	\$ -
3.3	Funding Acknowledgment Sign	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Construction Element - Equipment</b>			
4.1	Tiller	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00	\$ -
4.2	Track Loader with Auger	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
4.3	Water Truck	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 2,845.00	\$ -
<b>Construction Subtotal</b>		<b>\$ 190,471.50</b>	<b>\$ 190,471.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	Contingency (not to exceed 10% of grant)	\$ 21,423.00	\$ 21,423.00	\$ -
<b>Project Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 234,482.00</b>	<b>\$ 214,232.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,250.00</b>

\*All invoices & receipts for project expenditures from all funding sources will be retained and made available in the event of any future State audit.

<sup>†</sup>In-service payroll may not include a "billable rate" or administrative cost allocation.