

STAFF REPORT

To: Coastside County Water District Board of Directors

From: Mary Rogren, General Manager

Agenda: August 11, 2026

Report Date: August 7, 2026

Agenda Title: Authorize the General Manager to Award a Contract with Brush Hog Tree Care Inc. for Tree Maintenance and Removal Services

Recommendation/Motion:

Authorize the General Manager to award a contract with Brush Hog Tree Care Inc. for targeted tree maintenance, pruning, and hazardous tree removal services at the Carter Hill tank site and Nunes Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$50,000 for 5 days as a sole source procurement under Resolution No. 2025-07.

Background:

This project involves critical tree pruning, clearing, and selective removal around the Half Moon Bay Water Tanks and the Nunes Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The primary goal is to safeguard vital District infrastructure and to ensure uninterrupted water utility operations.

The proposed tree work will focus on three core areas:

1. Defensible Space: Clearing a buffer zone around the water storage tank infrastructure.
2. Evacuation Route Clearing: Pruning trees along roadways to maintain a minimum 15-foot vertical clearance, allowing emergency vehicles to pass safely and providing employees with unobstructed evacuation routes.
3. Hazardous Tree Removal: Identifying and removing diseased, structurally compromised, or highly volatile tree species (such as eucalyptus or unmaintained pines).

The District has utilized Brush Hog Tree Care Inc. (Brush Hog) on numerous occasions, and Brush Hog now has multi-year familiarity with the District's facilities and specific tree care needs. In November 2024, the District contracted with Brush

Hog to perform similar work at the Carter Hill tank site, and staff was very satisfied with the quality of their work.

This project also requires specialized equipment, including large cranes capable of operating in constrained urban areas, which is not readily available from other local tree care contractors. In addition, many of the local tree care companies are not registered with the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), which is a requirement on a project of this size.

Based on Brush Hog's demonstrated experience with the District and familiarity with the District's facilities, staff recommends contracting with Brush Hog as a sole source procurement under Resolution No. 2025-07.

Fiscal Impact: \$50,000 (included in the District's FY2026-2027 operating expense budget).

Attachments:

A. Brush Hog Tree Care Estimate



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RECIPIENT:

Coastside County Water District

766 Main Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 9019
Phone: (650) 726-4405

SERVICE ADDRESS:

Nunes Water Treatment Plant
500 Lewis Foster Drive
Half Moon Bay, California 94019

Estimate #4818

Sent on	Aug 06, 2026
Expiration Date	09/30/2026

Total	\$10,000.00
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Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Tree Services	TREE CREW 1-DAY STRAIGHT TIME RATE: One (1) senior tree trimmer and three (3) experienced ground operations specialists for up to eight (8) hours of tree removal services as discussed and directed by client or authorized representative. Chip all brush, haul all chips. Leave all oversized wood on site as lays. Price includes Track Chipper up to 18". Price includes prevailing wage rates and associated costs. SCOPE OF WORK: By main tank, at treatment plant; Remove approximately twenty (20) Eucalyptus trees to ground level as possible. Chip all brush, haul all chips. Leave all oversized wood on site as lays. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS= TBD Equipment to remain on job site in a secure location for the duration of the project.	1	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00*



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Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
Tree Services	KNUCKLEBOOM CRANE 1-DAY STRAIGHT TIME RATE*: BIK Tree-Care Series TC-104 Knuckleboom Crane & Operator for up to eight (8) hours of tree removal services, as discussed and directed by client or authorized representative. Price includes prevailing wage rates and associated costs. SCOPE OF WORK: By main tank, at treatment plant; Remove approximately twenty (20) Eucalyptus trees to ground level as possible. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DAYS= TBD Equipment to remain on job site in a secure location for the duration of the project.	1	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00*
Green Waste Hauling and Disposal	One (1) 30-yard debris box for hauling and disposing oversized wood. *Price contingent on debris box being loaded while Knuckleboom crane is on site. ESTIMATED # OF BOXES= TBD	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00*
Heavy Equipment Mobilization & Demobilization	Heavy Equipment Mobilization & Demobilization. - 18XP Track Chipper Equipment to remain on job site in a secure location for the duration of the project.	1	\$750.00	\$750.00*
Terms and Conditions	*Half-day rate minimum charge applies. *For the felling and removal of burned or fire-damaged trees, an additional surcharge will apply to cover the increased use of chainsaw fuel, bar and chain oil, chains, sharpening, and felling wedges. These trees accelerate equipment wear and require additional resources to ensure safe and effective removal. *One (1) ground operations specialist/fire watch and fire suppression may be required at mowing and/or masticating job sites due to severe drought conditions and increased risk of fire. *Fire suppression is required at all mowing and/or masticating job sites due to severe drought conditions and increased risk of fire. Contingent upon weather forecast, access and size of the project a 500-gallon water skid may be required. (Price=			



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Product/Service	Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
	\$350.00 per project) *Additional day(s) may be added/scheduled upon client request and contractor availability. *Upon client's request for services to be performed on Saturdays and/or Sundays an overtime rate at 1.5x will apply. Overtime rate at 1.5x will also apply for services performed over eight (8) hours. *Additional charge applies for debris box(es) for oversized wood and debris disposal upon client's request. *Additional costs apply for hauling and disposal of chips and/or green waste. *Additional charge applies for additional heavy equipment unit(s), as necessary; including Skid steer, Excavator, etc. *Additional ground crew may be added on upon client's request and contractor's availability. *Hazard pay premium rate applies for work performed in poison oak/ivy. *Equipment Mobilization/Transportation Fee=\$750.00 within 50 miles, per machine. Equipment to remain on job site in a secured location for the duration of the project. *Additional charges apply for cabling equipment as necessary. *Rate not applicable for emergency services. *Client to confirm and notify contractor of clients requested scope of work to be performed. Notification and confirmation of requested scope of work shall be provided to contractor seven (7) days prior to scheduled job date. *The base contract price does not include apprentice labor. Brush Hog Tree Care, Inc. reserves the right to submit a change order to cover apprentice wages, benefits, payroll burden, supervision, travel, training, and associated administrative compliance costs if apprentice utilization is required by the awarding agency, funding source, project specifications, or applicable labor compliance regulations.			

* Non-taxable

Total

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Reviews

TanyaGary GaryTanya



Brush Hog Tree Care did such a great job! Great team. Quick, efficient and courteous. They took out all the debris and cleaned up my yard. Everything looks great and I couldn't be happier.

Omar Said



Great communication and very attentive service. Their team did a great job. Very clean and effective. Thank you!!!

Sue DuHamel



We called Brush Hog recently after a redwood tree started coming down. We've never hired them before but that didn't matter - they were out within an hour and had the tree safely down within 4 hours. The crew was very friendly, efficient and had great communication. And prices were reasonable. I'll call them again

Price(s) estimated above are contingent upon all line items accepted and scheduled to be completed at the same time. Modification or selection of individual line items will result in additional charges. A change in the scope of work may void any previously offered discounts.

Tree work is performed to ANSI A300 Tree Care Standards unless otherwise noted.

This estimate DOES NOT include assessments of risk, both current and future, including tree risk assessments and site risk assessments.

It shall be the responsibility of the client, owner, the owner's agent, or the controlling authority to select and implement the mitigation, schedule repeat or advanced assessments, and to schedule future monitoring and maintenance.

When a tree removal permit is required it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay for, obtain, and submit the approved permit to Brush Hog Tree Care, Inc (Brush Hog) prior to confirmed scheduling of services. Upon customer request, Brush Hog may provide permit application services for an additional fee, plus the actual cost of the permit(s).

Brush Hog is not responsible for any underground utilities, irrigation or low voltage lines.

A 10% deposit is required to confirm scheduling of work. Please sign, date and return estimate with deposit. Prices are valid for 90 days. Invoices Terms: Due Upon Receipt.

A prorated late charge of 1% interest per month applies if full payment is not received on any invoice within 30 days (12% maximum per year). Partial payments will be deducted from the interest calculation.

See Addendum A and B for other information and terms regarding your agreement with Brush Hog effective as of the date accepted by you below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____