

**FIRST AMENDMENT
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
25C5097
(PREVAILING WAGE NO-BID)**

This First Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement dated May 12, 2025, by and between the COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ , hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY,” and THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY DBA LEWIS TREE SERVICE A DAVEY COMPANY, hereinafter called “CONTRACTOR” is entered into this ___ day of _____ 2025.

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services Department desired to contract for tree removal and tree pruning at Moran Lake County Park; and

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to amend certain provisions of the Agreement by replacing Attachment A, “Scope of Services”, in its entirety in order to provide a more detailed description of the work that is to be performed.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties mutually agree as follows:

1. Attachment A, “Scope of Services,” of the Agreement is hereby replaced with the attached Amended Attachment A, “Scope of Services.”
2. Except as modified herein, the Agreement executed on May 12, 2025, shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the provision of this First Amendment and the original Independent Contractor Agreement, the provisions of this First Amendment shall govern.

[Signatures on Following Page]

DATED: 6/10/2025

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN
SPACE, & CULTURAL SERVICES

THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT
COMPANY DBA LEWIS TREE
SERVICE A DAVEY COMPANY

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DIRECTOR OF PARKS

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AMENDED ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. The County is seeking to contract with Lewis Tree Company a Davey Company to enhance the safety of the Moran Lake area to conduct tree pruning and removals.
2. The Contractor will provide professional tree services which will include tree pruning of all identified blue gum eucalyptus trees in the North and South Lakeside Areas in Moran Lake County Park (Areas B and C in Attachment C: Moran Diagram) to reduce risk of branch and/or tree failure. Furthermore, the Contractor will provide professional tree services which will include removal of all remaining blue gum eucalyptus trees and grinding of their stumps on the 40 Moran Way parcel (Area A1 in Attachment C: Moran Diagram).
3. The County will identify and convey to the Contractor which trees are to be pruned or removed.
4. No tree in the North and South Lakeside Areas will be reduced to a height of less than 80 feet as part of this Contract, and no trees will be 'limbed up' unless deemed necessary for safety.
5. The County will review monthly invoices and verify work completed prior to payment.
6. All tree work conducted under this Contract shall adhere to the following specifications:
 - a. **Trees to be Pruned:** Tasmanian blue gums (*Eucalyptus globulus*) in the designated locations at Moran Lake Park.
 - b. **Personnel Qualifications:** All work shall be performed under the supervision of an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist®, Board Certified Master Arborist®, or equivalent and through an organization with a C-61/D-49 California Contractors License. Pruning operations shall follow ANSI Z133 Safety Standards.
 - c. **Pruning System:** "Natural", trees should be pruned to maintain their natural form.
 - d. **Objective:** The objective of tree pruning is to help reduce risk of branch and/or tree failure.
 - e. **Branches and Stems to Prune:** Reduce branches and/or stems in the upper third of the trees. Pruning shall consist of a maximum of twenty-five (25%) percent reduction in foliar volume or overall length or height, and concentrated on the ends rather than the interior of the crowns. Dead, dying, or broken branches two inches (2") and greater in diameter should be removed.
 - f. **Limitations:** Branch removal cuts are preferred (the smaller of two branches). Branch reduction (the larger of two branches) and heading cuts (only used when appropriate laterals can establish the dominant role) should be limited when possible to achieve the desired objective. Pruning cuts greater than four inches in diameter should be avoided when possible unless objectives cannot be met. Stripping or excessively removing interior branches and sprouts (thinning) is not recommended and should be avoided. Climbing spikes shall be avoided unless necessary for the safety of the tree worker.
 - g. **Timing:** Trees should not be pruned more than one time in any single growing season. Nesting birds or other wildlife may be present at different times of the year and shall be avoided in conformance with local, state, and federal regulations.
 - h. **Debris:** The Contractor shall chip and remove all wood and debris from the site unless otherwise directed.

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