CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE

300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM:	Daniel Gho, Public Works Director
MEETING DATE:	August 17, 2016
SUBJECT:	Authorize Agreement with Root Tamers for Chemical Root Control of Sanitary Sewer Lines
CEQA:	Class 1 Categorical Exemption as Provided by Article 19- Section 15301- Existing Facilities, which states that Class 1 includes the maintenance of existing public facilities

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Root Tamers for Chemical Root Control of Sanitary Sewer Lines in an amount not to exceed $60,533 bid price, plus a 10% contingency, per fiscal year, with a contract not to exceed two fiscal years.

DISCUSSION

Root intrusion is a significant contributor to sewer lines becoming clogged that may potentially cause a sanitary sewer overflow. The nature of the City's landscape, with many trees and easements that have an abundance of grasses and shrubbery, makes the City particular vulnerable to root intrusion into our sanitary sewer lines, especially in times of drought and low rain fall.

Chemical treatment of the sanitary sewer lines is a cost effective method to help prevent backups and sewer line spills. A request for proposals was issued on June 28, 2016 by City staff for the chemical root control of various sanitary sewer lines. In the Request for Proposals the City identified specific sewer mainlines to be treated at a cost per linear foot. Of the City's 59 miles of sewer main lines, 15.25 miles of the mains will be treated for root control.

The City received two bids for the root control:

Root Tamers:	$.75 per linear foot	Total Cost: $60,533.25
Dukes Root Control	$.99 per linear foot	Total Cost: $79,903.89

The City has used the services of Root Tamers since 2013 for chemical root control. They have provided the City with excellent service in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is a budgeted item derived from the Sewer Fund 611.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Daniel Gho, Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY:

Jocelyn Francis, City Manager Pro Tempore