1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-48** 2 A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING 3 THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. C23-40 IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$158,848 FOR THE 4 ALBANY HILL FOREST MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN 5 AS PART OF THE ALBANY HILL EUCALYPTUS PROJECT (CIP NO. 41015) 6 7 WHEREAS, the City of Albany strives to maintain vegetation on Albany Hill for fire 8 safety and ecosystem health, preserve and enhance native plant communities on the Hill, and 9 consider potential impacts to Monarch Butterflies; and 10 11 WHEREAS, the City has been working with consultants and other agencies to study 12 Monarch Butterfly habitat, fire fuel loads, and the decline of Blue Gum Eucalyptus on the Hill; 13 and 14 15 WHEREAS, on October 18, 2021 City Council approved Resolution No. 2021-105, 16 authorizing the appropriation of funds to The Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) 17 in the amount of \$100,000 for a higher level tree assessment and initial funding for plan 18 development and CEQA; and 19 20 WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2022-41, authorizing staff to 21 submit an application to the Coastal Conservancy for a Wildfire Resilience Grant in the amount 22 of \$230,000 for The Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015) and associated activities; 23 and 24 25 WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022 the Coastal Conservancy awarded the City the grant 26 in full; and 27 28 WHEREAS, on March 28, 2023, the City sent out a Request for Proposals on the Albany 29 Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2023 the City received and opened three (3) proposals for the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, staff ranked the three proposals on quality of responsiveness, relevance of previous projects, knowledge of Albany Hill and the community of Albany, project management expertise, and thoughtfulness of approach to the Project; interviewed two of the highest ranking firms; and

WHEREAS, staff chose Restoration Design Group (RDG)/Nomad Ecology as the highest ranking proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to award Contract No. C23-40 to Restoration Design Group (RDG) for the development of the Albany Hill Forest Management and Habitat Restoration Plan for the not-to-exceed amount of \$158,848, using funds previously appropriated for the Albany Hill Eucalyptus Project (CIP No. 41015).

AARON TIEDEMANN, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 20th day of June, 2023, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Hansen-Romero, Jordan, López, and Mayor

Tiedemann

NOES: none

ABSENT: Council Member Miki

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

21st day of June, 2023.

Anne Hsu CITY CLERK

Albany is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and accessible city, and strives to lift every voice in our community.