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AGENDA DATE	<i>April 14, 2020</i>
DESCRIPTION	APPROVE RESOLUTION 2020-__ AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FOR 2019 TREE TRIMMING SERVICES ALONG THE CITY'S PRIMARY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LINES.
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	Staff recommends the Council authorize the City Manager to contract with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for 2020 tree trimming services along the City's Primary Electric Distribution Lines.
CONTACT PERSON	Michael Mann – Utilities Director
SUMMARY	<p>Many years ago, the City substantially increased tree trimming efforts along our electric distribution lines. These efforts have been vital to the significantly enhanced reliability of our system to maintain continuous power during or after severe weather events. The work also helps to eliminate nuisance outages during the remainder of the year as trees continue to grow and to eliminate impediments to troubleshooting other maintenance items that sometimes arise.</p> <p>Throughout the year, City personnel perform this work as time allows using our own equipment. We typically work in readily accessible areas. However, much of our system extends through less accessible routes where access is difficult or even hazardous. We typically use contractor forces to trim in these areas that require climbing of poles or the trees themselves to trim.</p> <p>We have had great success using a program managed by LCRA. LCRA manages a program in which they employ a single expert tree trimming firm throughout the year and allocate those services to the City of Boerne as requested. LCRA charges a five percent administrative fee, but we receive great value using the program as opposed to contracting with a firm on a one-time, short-term basis every year. Plus, LCRA provides written customer notification materials, handles customer complaints that may arise and manages crew personnel.</p> <p>The 2019-2020 fiscal year budget includes enough funding for this work. For a total cost of \$49,360.75 (which includes the above referenced administrative fee), LCRA will provide four weeks of intensive tree trimming services under their agreement with McCoy Tree Surgery. A copy of the proposed agreement is included for the</p>

	Council's review. Staff recommends the Council authorize the City Manager to execute this contract.
COST	\$49,360.75
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Electric Department Operating Fund
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	Proposed LCRA Contract Enclosed – substantially the same as prior years

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.