

## Michelle Nicholson

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**From:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:01 PM  
**To:** Rhett Anderson  
**Subject:** RE: Rip and Chip Funding

Hi Rhett,

I received confirmation on the answer to the question you raised regarding orchard clearing in your email below.

Response: The emergency proclamation language states, "Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended." It has been stated that competitively bidding emergency related services is waived under these emergency provisions. This applies to local governments as well.

Regards,  
Steven

**From:** Rhett Anderson <Rhett.Anderson@visalia.city>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:27 PM  
**To:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Rip and Chip Funding

Good afternoon Steven,

I just wanted to follow up on this.

Thanks,

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**From:** Rhett Anderson  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:24 PM  
**To:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <[Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rip and Chip Funding

Thank you. Please let me know as soon as you get more information.

Best,

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**From:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <[Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:38 PM  
**To:** Rhett Anderson <[Rhett.Anderson@visalia.city](mailto:Rhett.Anderson@visalia.city)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rip and Chip Funding

Hi Rhett – Received. I’m checking with our contract team on the latest about the sole source and will reply as soon as I can.

Thanks,  
Steven

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**From:** Rhett Anderson <[Rhett.Anderson@visalia.city](mailto:Rhett.Anderson@visalia.city)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 4:23 PM  
**To:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <[Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Rip and Chip Funding

Steven,

I have attached the quotes we received for the Rip and Chipping for our pecan orchards at the Eastside Regional Park project. Please send them to the relevant parties for approval.

Can you also confirm that the City of Visalia is not required to perform a multiple bid request, and that the City is eligible to be reimbursed by the Department of Water Resources if we choose to provide the contract to a solely sourced contractor? Our finance department requires this information prior to any work performed.

Thanks,

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**From:** Rhett Anderson  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 2:35 PM  
**To:** Springhorn, Steven@DWR <[Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.Springhorn@water.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Rip and Chip Funding

Good afternoon Steven,

I have been trying valiantly to get our resolution passed and our contracts signed, however I have run into yet another roadblock. When it came to the floodwater diversion program, you informed me that the City would not need to put the contract out to bid, and we were able to sole source a contractor to perform the pumping and floodwater diversion. Is this also the circumstance with the removal of orchards and spreading of chipped material? Can you also please provide any materials or descriptions of the specific program and the parameters of eligibility to be reimbursed?

Thanks,

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