

**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY
STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM NO.

Consent (4)

January 26, 2026

To: City Council

From: Public Works Department
Ron Fuchiwaki, Public Works Director

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to award contract(s) for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris and approve a Supplemental Budget Request

Staff Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to award contract(s) for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris; and,
2. Approve a Supplemental Budget Request in the amount of \$200,000 in the General Fund for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris, and associated costs.

Background

As needed, the City will remove and clean up unauthorized encampments or debris located in the public right-of-way. While City staff may be able to handle smaller cleanups, depending on the types of waste to be disposed of, a contractor may be retained for larger cleanup projects. Recently, a contract for approximately \$40,000 was issued to clean up several unauthorized encampments on the undeveloped Sanitation property at the west end of the City between the Public Service Center (PSC) and the City of Moorpark. A clean-up project of this size was not anticipated; therefore, additional funds will need to be allocated to cover additional clean-up projects through the remainder of FY 2025-26.

Discussion

To manage future cleanups in a timely manner, staff recommends that the City Manager be authorized to award contract(s) for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris, as needed. Preliminary research indicates that cleanup costs range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per day. The cleanup contract(s) will be funded from the General Fund fund balance. The exact amount is unknown at this time, but staff estimates that \$200,000 will be needed for current and future cleanups during the current fiscal year. The requested funds will also be used to cover associated cleanup costs, such as dumping fees. Staff will continue researching potential opportunities to recoup some of the cleanup costs, including federal, state, and county funding programs.

Financial Impact

A not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 will be appropriated from the General Fund fund balance.

City Council Priority

This item supports the Public Safety and Excellent City Government Pillars of Excellence.

Suggested Motion

I move to authorize the City Manager to award contract(s) for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris, and associated costs, and approve a Supplemental Budget Request in the amount of \$200,000 in the General Fund.

Summary

As needed, the City will remove and clean up unauthorized encampments or debris located in the public right-of-way. While City staff may be able to handle smaller cleanups, depending on the types of waste to be disposed of, a contractor may be retained for larger cleanup projects. To manage future cleanups in a timely manner, staff recommends that the City Manager be authorized to award contract(s) for the cleanup of unauthorized encampments or debris, as needed. Preliminary research indicates that cleanup costs range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per day. The cleanup contract(s) will be funded from the General Fund fund balance. The exact amount is unknown at this time, but staff estimates that \$200,000 will be needed for current and future cleanups during the current fiscal year. The requested funds will also be used to cover associated cleanup costs, such as dumping fees.

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