RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ECOSYSTEM CONCEPTS, INC., A CORPORATION, FOR GOAT GRAZING SERVICES TO REDUCE WILDLAND FUELS ON CITY OWNED PARKLAND IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($265,000) PER YEAR FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($530,000) FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2008

WHEREAS, the City Council has allocated funds to reduce the potential for a wild land fire and to protect public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, certain areas of City owned parkland contain flammable vegetation, which constitute a hazard to the adjacent neighborhoods including Knowland Park, Joaquin Miller Park, Glen Daniel/ King Estate Park, and Dunsmuir; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the work begin prior to the start of fire season to reduce fuel and the danger of wildfire to the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, staff solicited proposals from Bay Area firms that provide wild land fuel control services by goat grazing and Ecosystems demonstrated the best ability to do the work in the time and manner required by the City, it provides good animal health care and has a proven record of good performance with the City; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks equipment, animals and personnel to perform the work and the City Council finds that this contract is in the public interest because of economy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this contract shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to award the contract for goat grazing services to reduce wild land fuel on City-owned parklands to Ecosystem Concepts Inc., in an amount not to exceed two hundred sixty-five thousand dollars ($265,000) per year for a total contract amount not to exceed five hundred thirty thousand dollars ($530,000) for the two-year period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED: That the contact shall be approved for form and legality by the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 18 2006, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDING, THE COUNCIL - 7
NOES -
ABSENT - 1 De La Fuente
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California