

Memorandum



DATE July 29, 2010

TO Trinity River Corridor Project Committee Members:

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SUBJECT **Maintenance Deficiency Correction Plan – Tree Removal**

As you are aware, the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been working on resolving the items that were cited as unacceptable in the Periodic Inspection Report 9 (PI 9) since February 2009. One of the categories included as unacceptable in this report involved the presence of vegetation (trees) within 50 feet of the toe of the levee.

The National guidance supports a 15 foot vegetation free zone compared to the Fort Worth District guidance of a 50 foot vegetation free zone. The City has maintained throughout our discussions with the Corps that the National guidance should be followed as opposed to the District guidance. As a result of previous discussions and on site inspections between the City and Corps, the Corps has determined that the City will need to remove the vegetation within 15 feet of the toe of the levees. In addition, a limited number of isolated trees beyond the 15 foot vegetation free zone will be removed to address the Corps' concerns related to flood fighting and visual inspections. The change in this guidance has reduced the number of trees to be removed from approximately 4000 to approximately 180.

This determination has allowed staff to move forward with the bidding phase of a tree removal contract. Staff anticipates bringing this contract for award and approval by the City Council in August 2010.

Please contact me if you have questions.



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