



**CITY of CALABASAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE:** APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2022

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** ROBERT YALDA, P.E., T.E., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER  
HEATHER MELTON, LANDSCAPE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A TWO-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC COAST FALCONRY, TO PROVIDE FALCONRY SERVICES TO CALABASAS LAKE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$156,000.00

**MEETING**  
**DATE:** APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 2022

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council award a two-year professional services agreement (PSA) in a total amount not to exceed \$156,000.00, to Pacific Coast Falconry, to provide falconry services to Calabasas Lake. Calabasas Lake is privately owned and located within the Calabasas Park Homeowner Association (CPHA) within Landscape Lighting Act District 22 (LLAD 22).

**BACKGROUND:**

In the Fall of 2013 the Public Works Landscape Division was requested by Calabasas Park Homeowner Association (CPHA) to see what could be done to control the increasing population of Canadian Geese and Coots. The population had increased so significantly the Canadian Geese and Coots had jeopardized and displaced many of the habitats of the native bird varieties from the area. The

second concern was the increasing frequency of attacks on the seniors and small children.

In response, the Public Works landscape Division began reaching out to surrounding and non-surrounding communities who had lakes within their communities and discussed how they were being managed. The staff also reached out to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for guidance and suggestions.

The first steps which the Association and the City had to address was to communicate to all patrons and residents living around Calabasas Lake not to feed any of the birds. Next, Calabasas Park Homeowner Associations (CPHA) purchased, installed and monitored windmills and set out plastic coyotes as deterrents. While this was being done we continued to keep in touch with the different agencies and photos were sent for documentation. It was also noted during this time the populations were continuing to increase. While the native species in the area continued to decrease.

Then in 2015/2016 it was suggested to bring in a falcon to help manage the population. The object was to maintain a population manageable where the native species of birds would come back to the area.

Since the introduction of the falcon to Calabasas Lake in 2016/2017 the management of the Canadian Geese and the American Coot seems to be going well. Many of the native species of birds; Killdeer, Dunlin, Great Egret, and Tree Swallow are a few that we now continue to see in the area. There has been also a significant decrease in attacks or situations with residence around the lake.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

In February 2022 staff reached out to different falconry companies requesting informal proposals for service. Maps and information were provided and in March 2022 follow up questions were addressed by phone. Three companies responded and they were; California Falconry, West Coast Falconry, and Pacific Coast Falconry. Of the three only one provided a proposal. Amounts Submitted are below:

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Annually Price</b>
California Falconry	No Submittal
Pacific Coast Falconry	\$78,000.00
West Coast Falconry	No Submittal

Unfortunately, the other two companies currently are having a difficult time finding employees with falcons to service the Southern California area. Therefore, no proposals were submitted.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Budget monies from: Fund 22 – Division 322 – LLAD 22 Zone 07

Staff requests funding be approved and the budget be adjusted accordingly

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter of Support from Board of Directors (CPHA)
2. Professional Services Agreement