

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE PURSUANT TO
SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE § 4.52.080**

I, Alelia Parenteau, Sustainability and Resilience Director, declare the following:

1. Work done under a maintenance and repair purchase order (Purchase Order No. 32600379) was awarded to Rincon Consultants, Inc in the amount of \$139,750. Work is estimated to be completed by August 15, 2025.

The message shall comply with Municipal Code Section 4.52.080 requiring Department Head declaration in writing of the need to make an emergency purchase order.

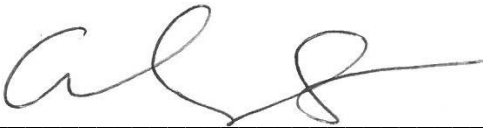
Alelia Parenteau has authorized work under an emergency purchase order related to abandonment and assessment of previously unknown orphaned underground storage tank (UST) under the sidewalk at 836 Anacapa Street.

A UST, likely from 1937, was discovered under the sidewalk at 836 Anacapa Street during a Southern California Edison (SCE) trenching project. Edison punctured the UST and contents from the UST released into the surrounding soil. The contents of the UST are hydrocarbons, and there is a strong hydrocarbon odor in the area. Presently, we are assuming that the hydrocarbon was used as heating oil during the use of the UST. Currently, SCE's excavation is left open but is steel plated for temporary pedestrian traffic. Per California Health and Safety Code § 25280 et seq., and associated statutes and regulations, current law mandates that the property owner is the responsible party. USTs not in use must be removed and the contaminated soil must be remediated. The local enforcement agency for UST regulations is the Santa Barbara County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). The CUPA is enforcing UST removal/remediation and has given the City until August 20, 2025, to comply. This will require sidewalk and lane closures which will impact pedestrian and vehicle traffic, and the appropriate permits will need to be obtained from the City Public Works and the County of Santa Barbara. The location of the UST is next to the Downtown Main Post Office at the Anacapa and Canon Perdido intersection which is a busy intersection. SCE's vault installation project is part of a larger project in the area where they need to install a vault directly in the location of the UST. The UST needs to be removed ASAP so they can complete this project. Given the regulatory deadline, SCE deadline, and the environmental and public health and safety aspect, Rincon Consultants, Inc. has been awarded this Emergency Purchase Order to complete the UST removal and contaminated soil remediation project. Scope of services includes traffic control, sidewalk and street removal, UST contents removal and cleaning, UST removal and disposal, contaminated soil excavation and disposal, soil samples, lab analysis, sidewalk/street resurfacing, and regulatory agency correspondence and reporting. This work will require going to Council after the fact for authorization as it will exceed Council approval threshold.

Following ordinary purchasing procedures would have required additional time to solicit proposals and execute a contract. In addition, the extra time to solicit multiple proposals

would have pushed the project completion past regulatory deadlines and left the public and environmental safety exposed, therefore there is urgency to get this work done as soon as possible.

UST Abatement costs are typically funded by the General Fund. The additional costs related to this emergency will likely need additional appropriations, for which staff will seek approval from Council after the scope and related costs are more clearly known, as is consistent with City policy on emergency repairs. The declaration will be posted on the City's website.

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Alelia Parenteau
Sustainability & Resilience Director