

Tree Committee AGENDA

Monday, May 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE

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Public Comment prior to the meeting (must be received 3 hours in advance of the meeting):

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# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elizabeth Lucas will call the Special Meeting of the Tree Committee to order.

# 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

As this is a Special Meeting, public comment is limited to items listed on the agenda.

# 3. CONSENT

Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar are expected to be noncontroversial and will be acted upon at one time. A member of the public may request the Tree Committee to pull an item for discussion. The public may comment on any and all items on the Consent Agenda within the three-minute time limit.

# 3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - MARCH 25, 2024 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recommendation:

To approve the Tree Committee Minutes of March 25, 2024.

# 4. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

4.a 10 HIGUERA ST (ARCH-0358-2023) REVIEW REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO TREES AND REPLANT 25 TREES AS PART OF A NEW MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 23,164 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE, A ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNIT, AND ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS

# Recommendation:

Review a request to remove two (2) Peruvian pepper *(Schinus mole)* trees, determine consistency with the City's Tree Regulations, and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

# 5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

As required by the Tree Committee Bylaws, hold the annual election of Chair and Vice Chair to a one-year term.

# 6. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

# 6.a ARBORIST REPORT

Receive a brief update from Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault.

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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# **Tree Committee Minutes**



# March 25, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Tree Committee Members Present:	Member Alan Bate, Member Henry Bonifas, Member Brian Pineda, Member Emily Rosten, Vice Chair Ben Parker
Tree Committee Members Absent:	Member Daniel Canella, Chair Elizabeth Lucas
City Staff Present:	Urban Forest Supervisor / City Arborist Anthony Whipple, Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault, Deputy Director of Maintenance Greg Cruce, Deputy Clerk Megan Wilbanks

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Tree Committee was called to order on March 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Vice Chair Parker.

Urban Forest Supervisor / City Arborist Anthony Whipple introduced the new Urban Forestry Program Coordinator / City Arborist, Walter Gault, who will take over as the staff liaison for the Tree Committee.

# 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: Fitzgerald Kelly

--End of Public Comment--

# 3. CONSENT

3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 12, 2024 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion By Member Bate Second By Member Pineda

To approve the Tree Committee Special Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024.

Ayes (4): Member Bate, Member Bonifas, Member Pineda, and Vice Chair Parker

Abstained\* (1): Member Rosten \*per Tree Committee Bylaws, abstentions without a conflict of interest count as a "Yes" vote

Absent (2): Member Canella, and Chair Lucas

CARRIED (5 to 0)

# 4. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

# 4.a 1065 HIGUERA STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

Urban Forest Supervisor / City Arborist Anthony Whipple presented the staff report and responded to Committee inquiries.

The applicant, Tom Brown, and property owner, Ernie Kim, provided an overview of the Tree Removal Application and responded to questions raised.

Vice Chair Parker opened Public Comment

Public Comment: Fitzgerald Kelly --End of Public Comment--

Motion By Member Bate Second By Member Rosten

Recommend the Community Development Director approve the Tree Removal Application to remove four (4) Mexican Palm *(Washingtonia robusta)* trees, located at 1065 Higuera Street, with the following recommendations:

- Replacement shall occur at a 1:1 ratio with four (4) 24-inch box trees planted in-ground on the site.
- Require that tree varieties be selected from the City's Master Tree List.
- The applicant is encouraged to provide protection around the young trees, such as stakes or a cage, to discourage vandalism and prevent damage to the trees.

Ayes (5): Member Bate, Member Bonifas, Member Pineda, Member Rosten, and Vice Chair Parker

Absent (2): Member Canella, and Chair Lucas

CARRIED (5 to 0)

# 5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

# 5.a ARBORIST REPORT

Urban Forest Supervisor / City Arborist Anthony Whipple provided the following update of upcoming projects and activities in the Tree Division:

- Onboarding Walter Gault, the new Urban Forestry Program Coordinator / City Arborist. Tree Removal Applications and Appeals will now filter through Mr. Gault's office in Community Development
- Update on San Luis Ranch tree removals
- Update on trees removals along Monterey Street and at the intersection of Monterey Street and Toro Street

Senior Planner Rachel Cohen provided more details on the San Luis Ranch tree removal request.

Deputy Director of Maintenance Operations Greg Cruce informed the Committee that staff from Public Works will provide quarterly maintenance updates at future Tree Committee meetings.

# 6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee is scheduled for April 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY TREE COMMITTEE: XX/XX/2024



# TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO TREES AND REPLANT 25 TREES AS PART OF A NEW MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 23,164 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE, A ONE BEDROOM RESIDENTIAL UNIT, AND ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS

FILE NUMBER: ARCH-0358-2023

**BY:** Rachel Cohen, Senior Planner Phone Number: (805) 781-7574 Email: <u>rcohen@slocity.org</u> PROJECT ADDRESS: 10 Higuera St.

**FROM:** Walter Gault, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator / City Arborist Phone Number: (805) 783-7883 Email: wgault@slocity.org

**APPLICANT:** Keith Sweeny **REPRESENTATIVE:** Neil Miller, TenOver Studios

# RECOMMENDATION

Review the proposed tree removals for consistency with the City's Tree Regulations and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission.

# SITE DATA

**Zoning:** Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) & Tourist Commercial with a mixed-use overlay (C-T-MU) zone

**General Plan:** General Retail and Services & Manufacturing

**Site Area:** 2.96-acre parcel (128,938 square feet)

**Environmental Status:** The project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15332 (Class 32, Infill Development Projects)



Figure 1: Subject Property Location

# **1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Keith Sweeny (Applicant) has applied for a Major Development Review (ARCH-0358-2023) to allow for the construction of a new mixed-use project that contains approximately 23,164 square feet of commercial space [proposed to be occupied by a distillery, restaurant, tasting room, and associated spaces] and a one-bedroom residential unit with associated site improvements, a sign program, and a request to remove two trees. The project is proposed on property located at 10 Higuera Street (Assessor Parcel Numbers [APN] 004-511-015, 004-511-022) that is 2.96 acres in size located in the Service Commercial with a special consideration overlay (C-S-S) & Tourist Commercial with a mixed-use overlay (C-T-MU) zone (see Attachment A, Project Plans).

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Along with the new mixed-use structure, the project will include various site improvements. Demolition activities would include the removal of asphalt, concrete, various accessory structures, and two pepper trees. The project also proposes site improvements including installation on-site water lines, a backflow preventer, new water meters, sewer service lines within the site and a connection to existing City wastewater infrastructure. Underground electrical service would be installed throughout the project site and connect to a new transformer. The project would include on-site amenities including a trash enclosure, a parking lot, bicycle parking, and landscaping (including the planting of 25 trees).

# 2.0 COMMITTEE PURVIEW

The Tree Committee's role is to review the project and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding consistency with the policies and standards set forth in San Luis Obispo Municipal Code (SLOMC) Section 12.24 (Tree Regulations).

# 3.0 TREE REGULATIONS

The City's Tree Ordinance (Municipal Code Chapter 12.24) was adopted in 2010 and recently updated in 2019 with the purpose of establishing a comprehensive program for installing, maintaining, and preserving trees within the City. This ordinance establishes policies, regulations, and specifications necessary to govern installation, maintenance, removal, and preservation of trees to beautify the city; to purify the air; to provide shade and wind protection; to add environmental and economic value; and to preserve trees with historic or unusual value.

<u>Criteria for Construction Related Tree Removal Recommendations.</u> SLOMC §12.24.090 subsection F.4 requires review by the Tree Committee for tree removal requests related to discretionary permit applications for Major Development Review and make a recommendation based on criteria set forth in subsection G. Applicable criteria are provided below with a description of how the proposed project responds.

- <u>Size of Tree.</u> The applicant is requesting to remove two trees (identified as Tree 1 and Tree 2 in the Arborist Report, Attachment C). Tree 1 is a *Schinus mole* (Peruvian pepper) that is in good health, structure, and form and is 48-inches in diameter at standard height (4.5-feet above natural grade). Tree 2 is also a *Schinus mole* (Peruvian pepper) and is in good health but fare structure and poor form. The issues with Tree 2's form and structure are due to pruning for overhead utilities that has created an off-balanced tree. It is 36-inches in diameter at standard height.
- Location of Tree on Private Property. The two trees are located interior to the almost 3-acre project site. Tree 1 is located over 400 feet from the public right of way behind an existing structure. It can be seen from the public right of way but is not of high visual impact to the neighborhood. Tree 2 is located behind a structure located at 6 Higuera Street and not easily visible from the public right of way.

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- <u>Species of Tree.</u> Trees 1 and 2 are both non-native trees. The Peruvian pepper tree, according to the Arborist Report, is mildly invasive and can be problematic near washes, creeks, and waterways. The project site is bordered by the San Luis Obispo Creek to the west and Exposition Creek to the south.
- <u>Compliance Regarding Compensatory Plantings.</u> The applicant is proposing to replant 25 trees on the site. Project Plans sheet L1.0 (Attachment A) shows the location and species of the new trees. The Plans include 6, 15-gallon *Aesculus californica* (California Buckey), 11, 24-inch box *Arbutus* (Marina Strawberry Tree) and 3, 24-inch *Quercus rubra* (Red Oak). This proposal is beyond the one-to-one replacement planting outlined in Municipal Code <u>Section 12.24.090(J)</u>.

Based on the criteria above, Trees 1 and 2, although larger in size, are not native, do not appear to provide high visual impact to the neighborhood, and the applicant is replacing the two trees with 25 trees and as such the proposed tree removals appear to be consistent with the City's Tree Regulations.

# 4.0 ACTIONS

- **4.1** Recommend findings of consistency with the Tree Regulations. An action recommending approval of the application based on consistency with the Tree Regulations (SLOMC Section 12.24) will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for final action. This action may include recommendations for conditions to address consistency with the Tree Regulations.
- **4.2** Continue the project to a hearing date certain, or uncertain. An action continuing the application should include direction to the applicant and staff on pertinent issues.
- **4.3** Recommend findings of inconsistency with the Tree Regulations. An action recommending denial of the application should include findings that cite the basis for denial and should reference inconsistency with the General Plan, Tree Regulations, or other policy documents.

# 5.0 ATTACHMENTS

- A Project Plans (ARCH-0358-2023)
- B Tree Removal Site Plan (ARCH-0358-2023)
- C Arborist Report and Tree Protection Plan (ARCH-0358-2023)
- D Tree Removal Application (ARCH-0358-2023)

# **10 HIGUERA**

#### 10 HIGUERA ST., SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401



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#### SUMMARY OF CONTEXT

Our site is primarily surrounded by C-S AND C-T zones. The site is situaled between 101 and Higuera street. Directly to the south is a emetary and southeast of the property is the South Hills Open Space ervalion. To the east of the site there are 1-story retail





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BOUTHERN CALIFORMA GAS COMPANY 1314 BROAD STREET SAN LLIIS OBISPO, CA 93401	PH:	1.800.427.2200

#### CALIFORNIA CODE REFERENCES

THIS PROJECT SHALL COMPLY WITH COMPLY APPLICABLE CODES & UNDERWOES
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2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
2022 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
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CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO MUNICIPAL CODE: TITLE 15 BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION



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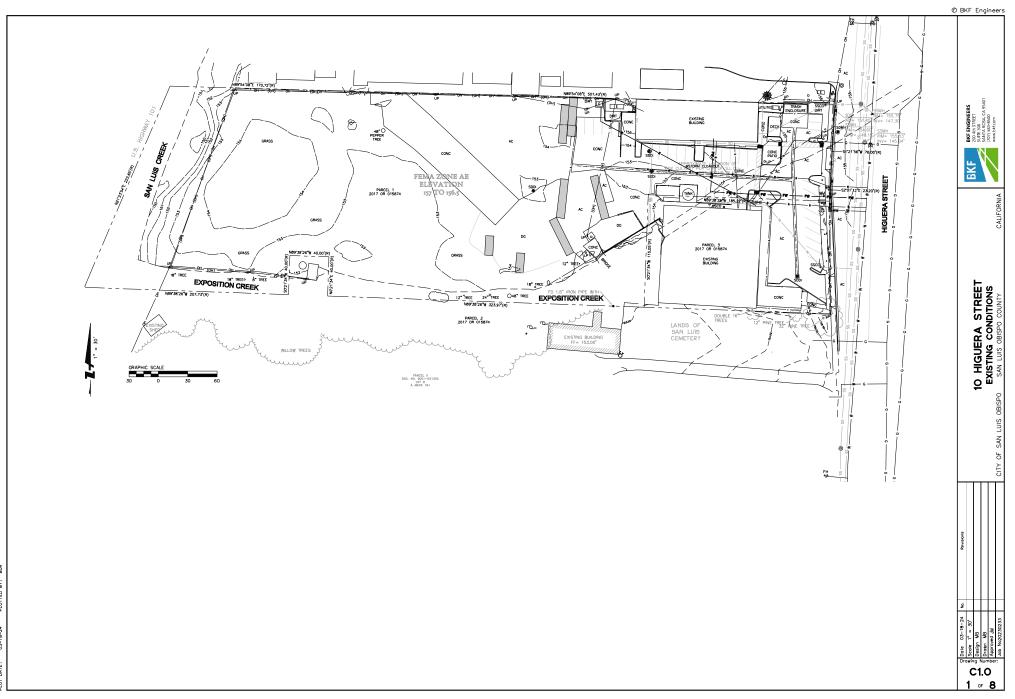
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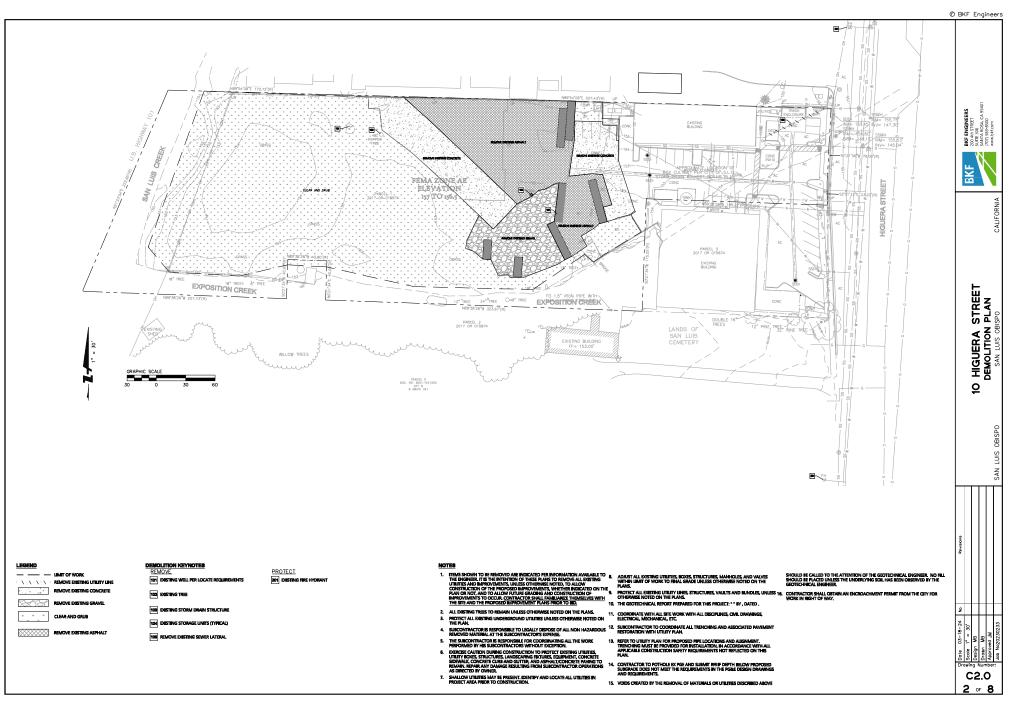
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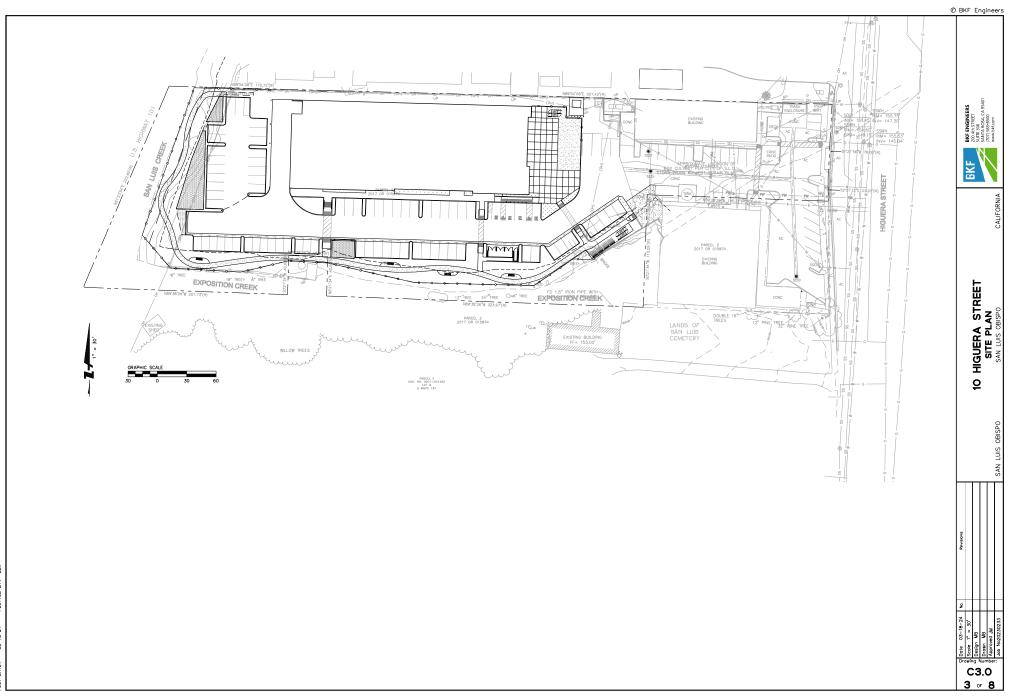
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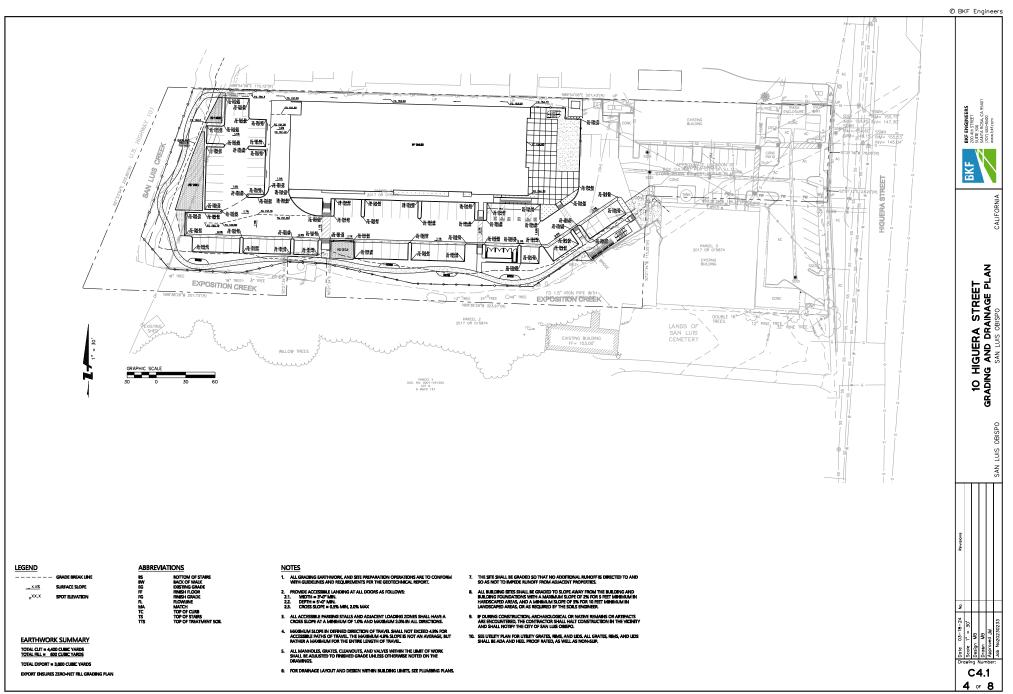




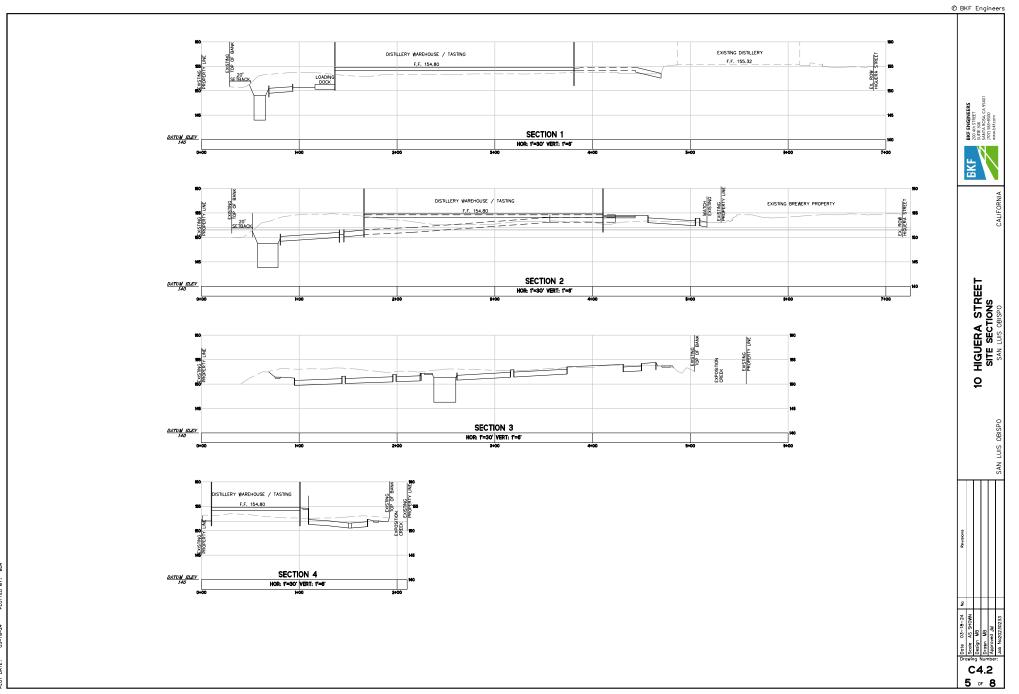
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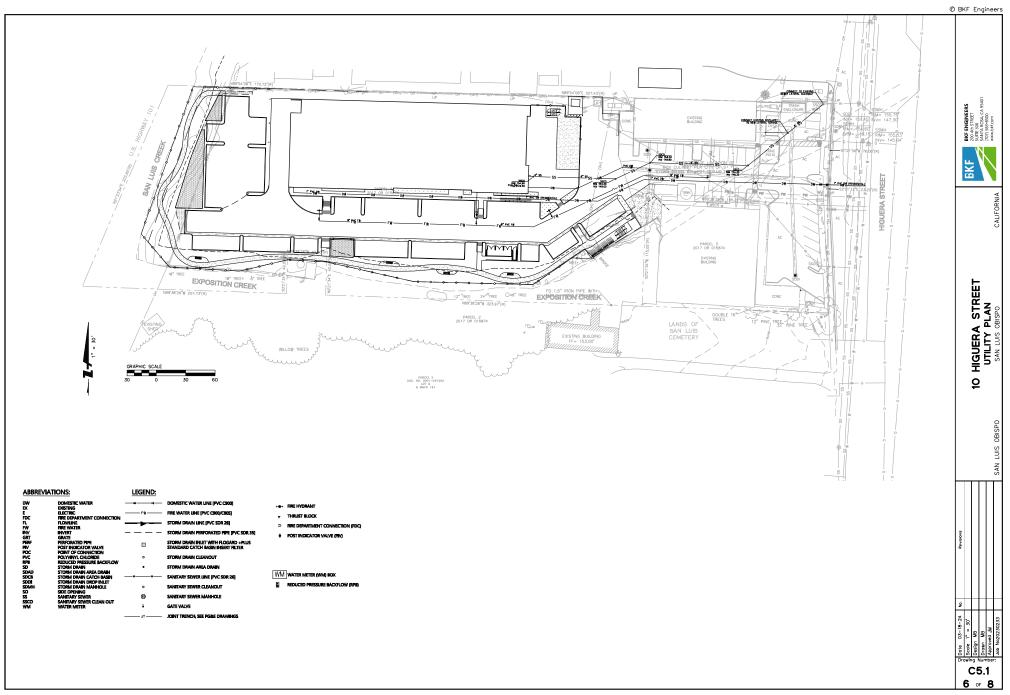


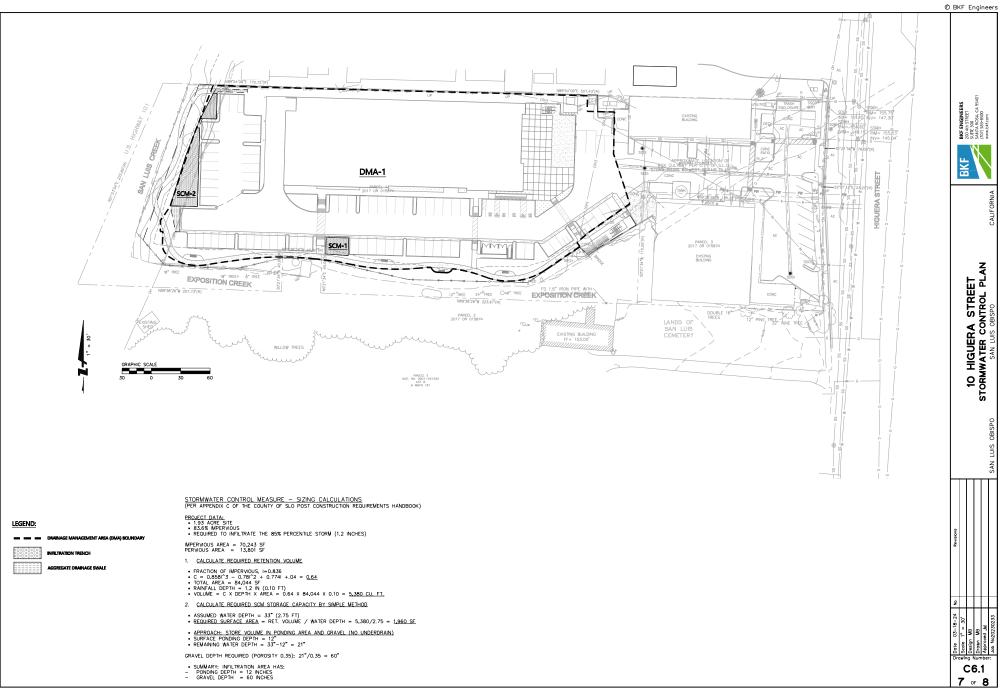
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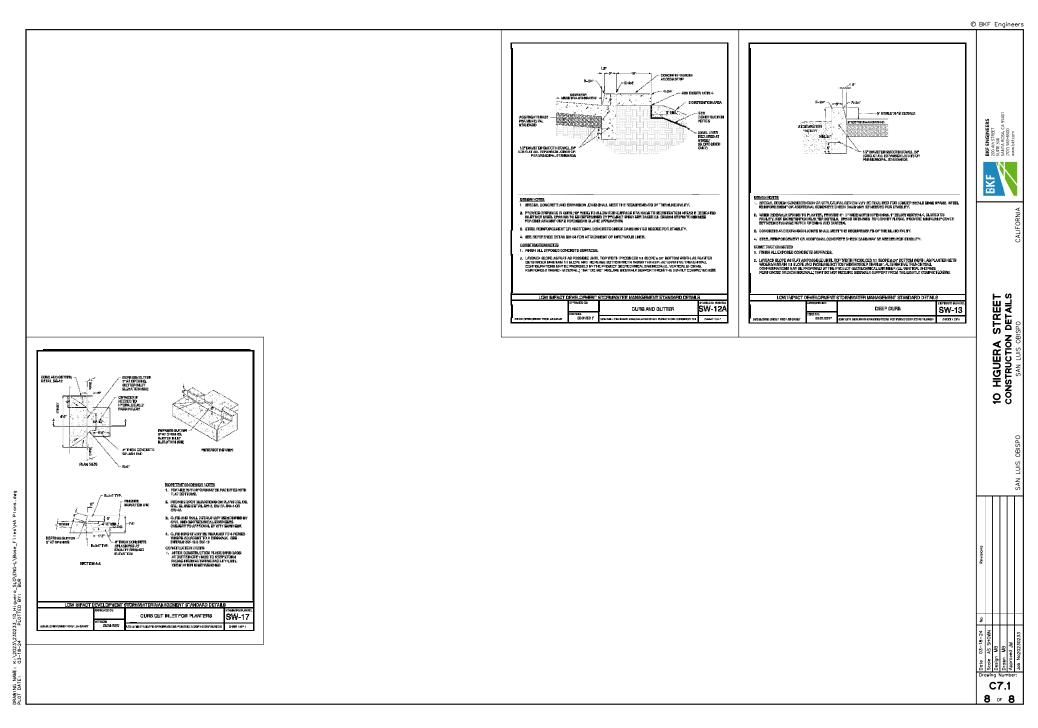
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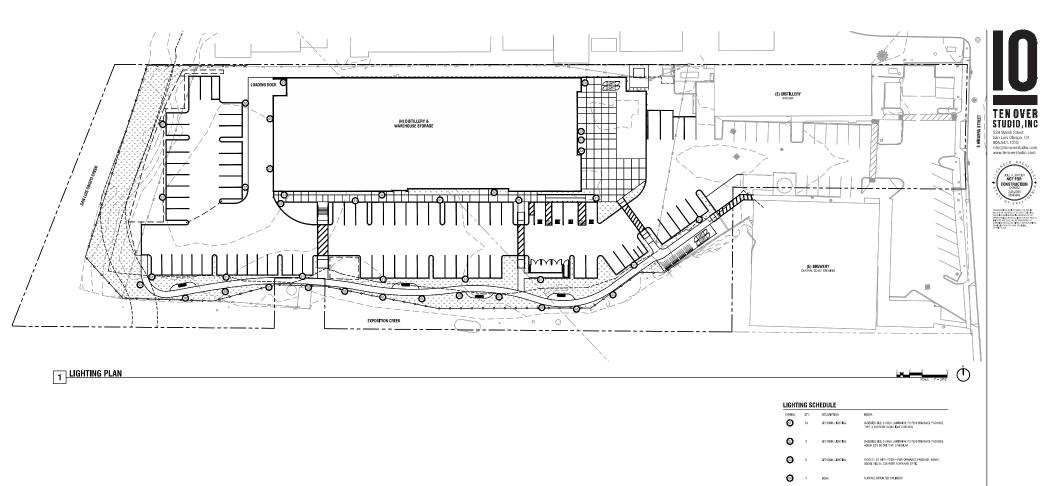




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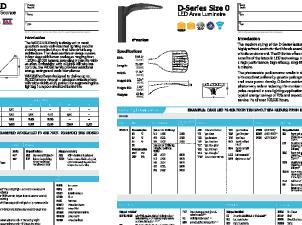


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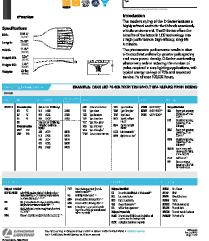
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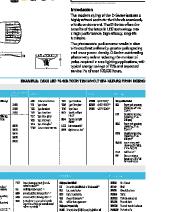
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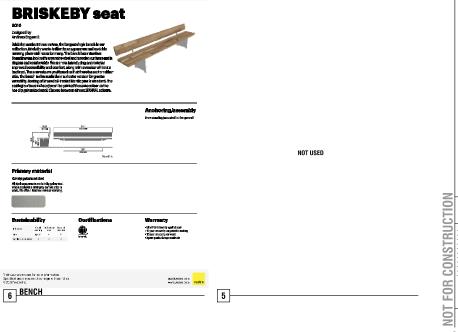
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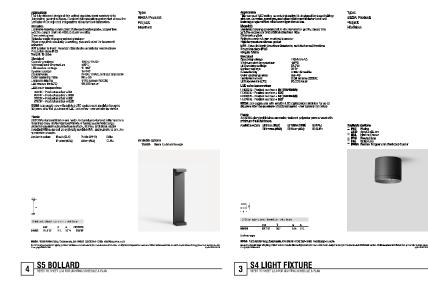
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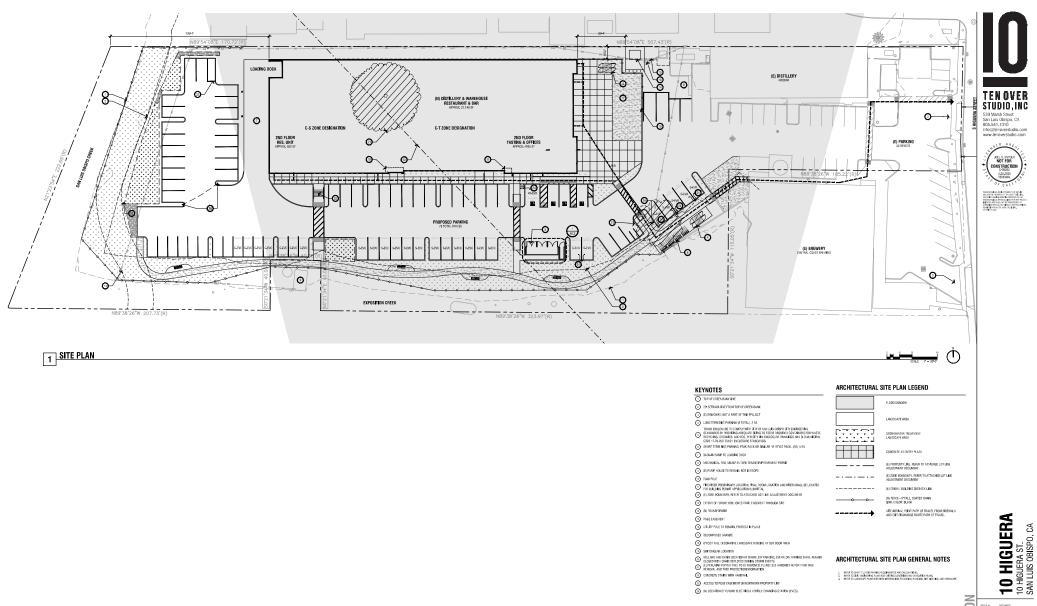




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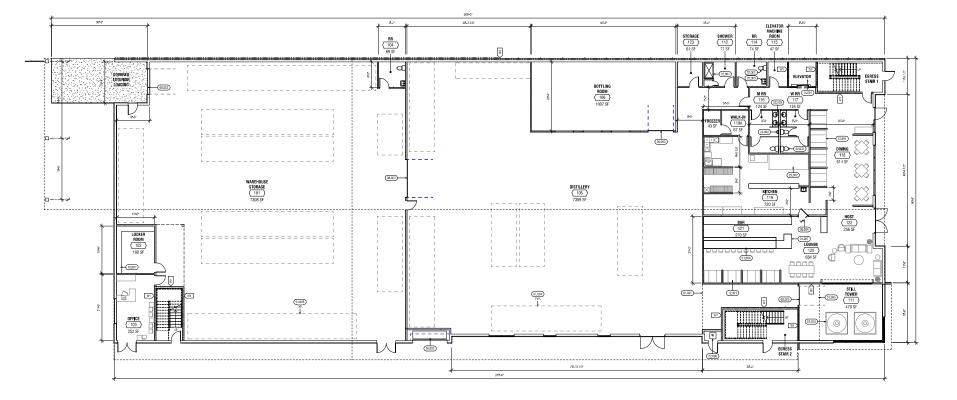


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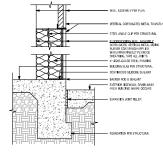












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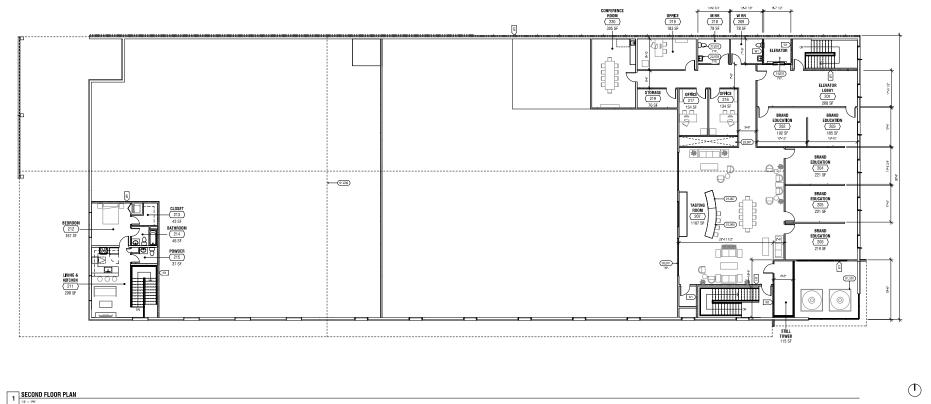
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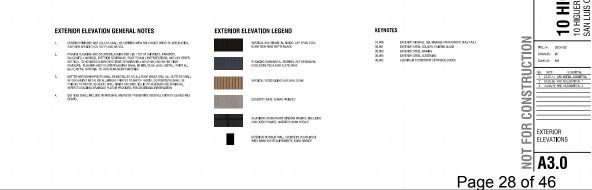
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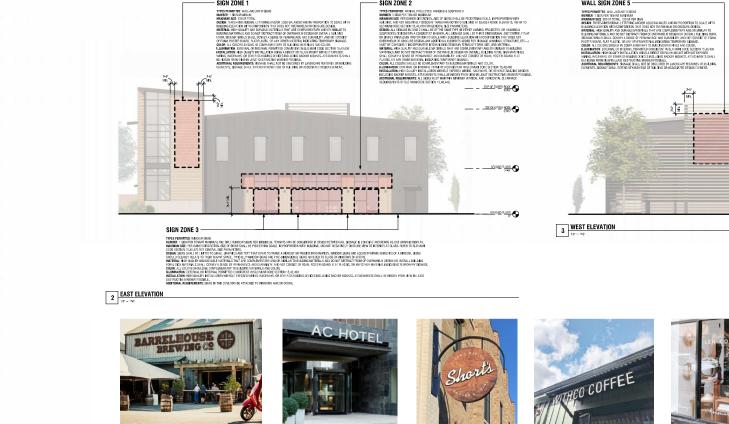
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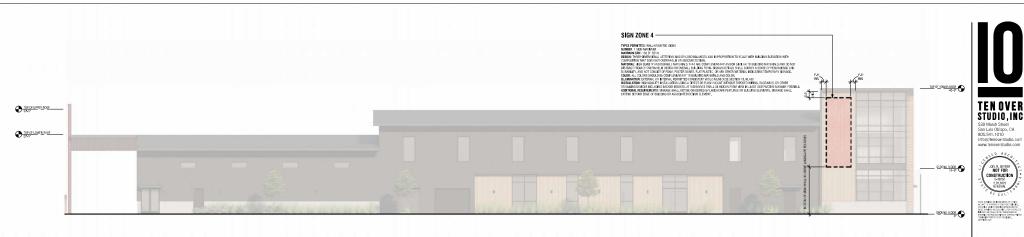
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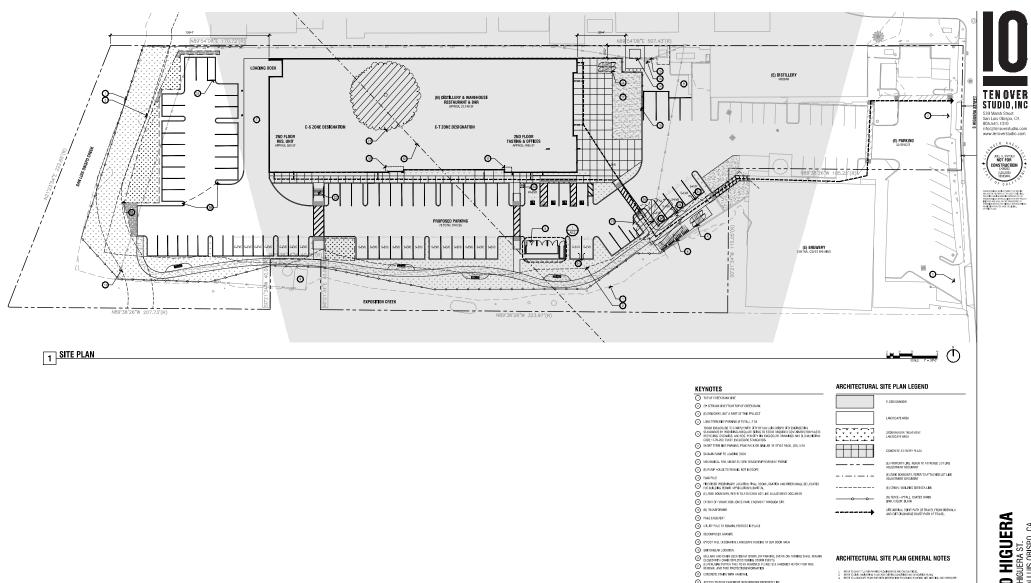
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# Tree Protection Plan

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10 Higuera Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Prepared for: **Ten Over Studio, Inc. Neil Miller** 539 Marsh Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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February 2, 2024



# **Project Assignment**

This report was prepared for the proposed project at 10 Higuera Street within the city-limits of San Luis Obispo. The proposed project consists of the development of a 21,900-sf commercial building and associated site improvements on an existing 2.96-acre lot.

As part of a Project Completeness Letter issued by the City of San Luis Obispo on August 10, 2023, you were asked to identify all tree removals on the site plan (as described in Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(D)(2)) as well as submit a tree removal application and arborist report for review by the City Arborist.

This report identifies the proposed removals related to the project and provides additional tree protection guidelines to successfully retain trees that are directly adjacent to the project/property.

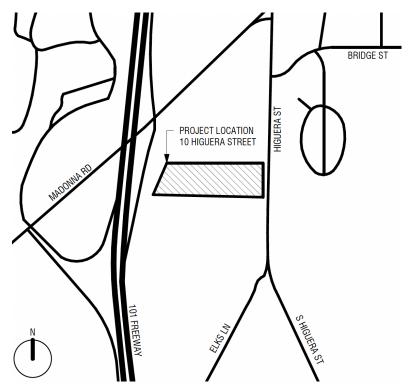


Figure 1: 10 Higuera Street. Courtesy of Ten Over Studio, Inc.

# Analysis

- 1. Site Visit on August 25, 2023.
- 2. Identify tree location, species, trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above grade, and size.
- 3. Digitally image trees & their surroundings.
- 4. Evaluate trees and their surroundings.
- 5. Analysis of basic impacts based on a discussion about the scope of the project.



# Site Description

The project location is situated between 101 highway and Higuera Street. Directly south of the property is a cemetery, and to the north is a CalTrans corporate yard. The property is bordered to the east and south by Exposition Creek and San Luis Creek, respectively.

There are two existing buildings on the Higuera Street-side of the property housing a distillery and brewery. The rear portion of the property, where the proposed development is to occur, is an unmaintained open field (Fig. 2). The rear of the lot faces a perennial stream that is densely vegetated.

The lot is sparsely vegetated with a large pepper tree prominently growing towards the middle of the lot, another pepper in the southwest corner of the lot, and overgrowth towards the back and south-side of the property. There are no structures on the property (Fig. 3).



Figure 2: looking southeast across the open lot toward exposition creek.



# Site Plan

I reviewed the preliminary Site Plan prepared by Ten Over Studios, dated July 14, 2023. The main structure is to be built directly over the location of Tree 1 towards top of the property. Tree 2 is located at the southwest corner of the project and is in the footprint of the proposed parking lot.

Although there are trees located in San Luis Creek and Exposition Creek, the impact will be negligible if basic tree protection is performed as outlined in this report. A fence will help mitigate any encroachment into the creek trees' critical root zones.

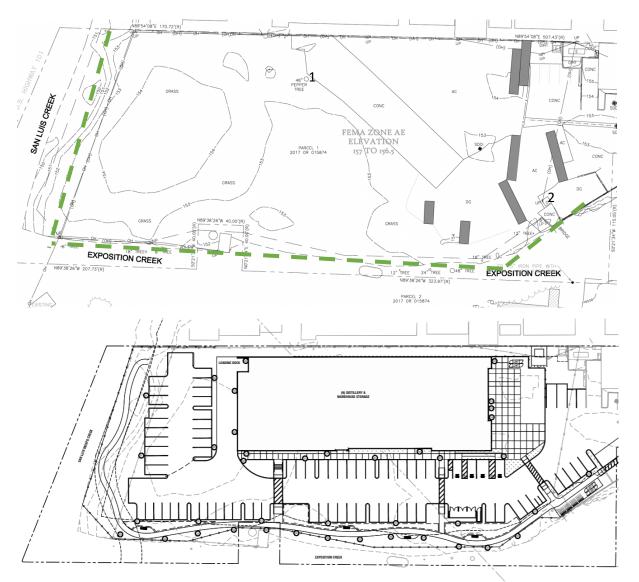


Figure 3: (top) site plan of existing conditions—numbered tree locations for removal. Tree protection locations in green. (bottom) A site plan of the proposed site improvements.



# **Tree Disposition**

The two (2) trees on-site will need to be removed due to proposed improvements that cannot be reasonably designed to avoid the need for tree removal.

## These trees are:

Tree 1 is a *Schinus mole* (Peruvian pepper) is good health, structure, and form. It is 48-inches in diameter at standard height (4.5-feet above natural grade).

Tree 2 is also Schinus *mole* (Peruvian pepper) is good health but fare structure and poor form. The issues with the tree's form and structure have been create by clearance pruning for overhead utilities, creating an off-balanced tree. It is 36-inches in diameter at standard height (4.5-feet above natural grade).

The Peruvian pepper tree, as a species, is mildly invasive and can be problematic near washes, creeks, and waterways. These trees may need to be mitigated 1:1 with the appropriate size and species of tree. I recommend placing replacements on the creek-side and perimeter of the property to provide screening from adjacent properties.

The proposed improvements have the potential to impact creek trees that are to be preserved. These impacts can be mitigated by erecting tree protection fencing along the boundary of the existing top of bank.

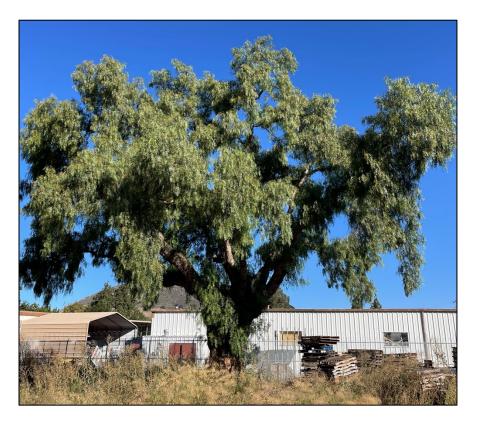


Figure 4: Tree 1 located towards the center of the lot.





Figure 5: Tree 2 located along the south property line.

# **Tree Protection Measures**

The objective of this section is to reduce the negative impacts of construction on trees to a less than significant level. Trees vary in their ability to adapt to altered growing conditions, while mature trees have established stable biological systems in the preexisting physical environment. Disruption of this environment by construction activities interrupts the tree's physiological processes, causing depletion of energy reserves and a decline in vigor. This sometimes is exhibited as death.

The tree protection regulations are intended to guide a construction project to ensure that appropriate practices will be implemented in the field to eliminate undesirable consequences that may result from uninformed or careless acts and preserve both trees and property values.

The following details are required to be implemented prior to any construction activities:

The Project Arborist or contractor shall verify, in writing, that all preconstruction conditions have been met (tree fencing, erosion control, pruning, etc.).

Fenced enclosures shall be erected around trees to be protected to achieve three primary goals:

- To keep the foliage crowns and branching structure of the trees to be preserved clear from contact by equipment, materials, and activities. Dead, diseased, and dying material may be pruned at this time.
- Preserve roots intact and maintain proper soil conditions in a non-compacted state and;
- To identify the tree protection zone (TPZ) in which no soil disturbance is permitted, and activities are restricted.

# Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)



Each tree to be preserved shall have a designated TPZ identifying the area sufficiently large enough to protect the tree and roots from disturbance. The recommended TPZ area can be determined by the CRZ formula of 10 X diameter at 4.5-feet above grade.

Because multiple trees have a shared canopy footprint, the TPZ can be joined together into one fenced area.

The TPZ shall be shown on all site plans for the project. Improvements or activities such as paving, utility and irrigation trenching and other ancillary activities shall occur outside the TPZ, unless authorized by the Project Arborist. Unless otherwise specified, the protective fencing shall serve as the TPZ boundaries.

Activities prohibited within the TPZ include:

Storage or parking vehicles, building materials, refuse, excavated spoils or dumping of poisonous materials on or around trees and roots. Poisonous materials include, but are not limited to, paint, petroleum products, concrete or stucco mix, dirty water or any other material which may be deleterious to tree health.

The use of tree trunks as a winch support, anchorage, as a temporary power pole, signposts, or other similar function.

Cutting of tree roots by utility trenching, foundation digging, placement of curbs and trenches and other miscellaneous excavation without prior approval of the Project Arborist.

Activities required within the TPZ include:

Mulching: Any wood chips generated on-site from the proposed removals will need to remain on-site and can be spread within the TPZ of trees to remain that are within the building envelope. The mulch shall be spread within the TPZ to a maximum six (6) inch depth, while leaving the trunk clear of mulch. This mulch will help inadvertent compaction and soil moisture loss from occurring.

Irrigation, aeration, fertilizing or other beneficial practices that have been specifically approved for use within the TPZ.

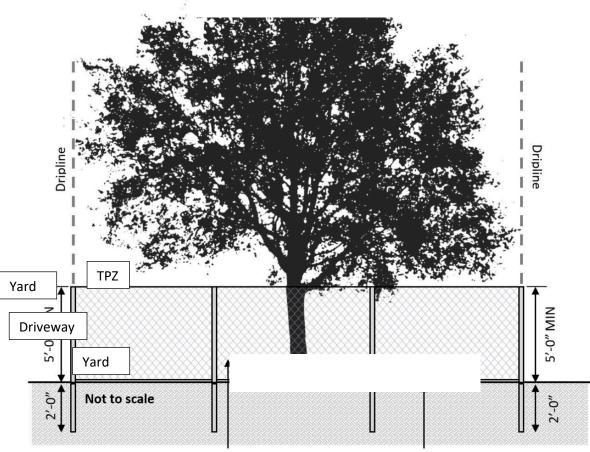
# Size and type of fence

A sturdy, temporary barrier should be placed around the tree dripline until construction activities are done. This detail shall appear on grading, demolition, and improvement plans (Figs. 5 & 6).

The fence shall enclose as much of the area under the canopy dripline as possible, being set up under the direction of the Project Arborist and to remain throughout the duration of the project, or until final improvement work within the area is required, typically near the end of the project. If the fencing must be located on the edge of paving or sidewalk that will not be demolished, the posts may be supported by an appropriate grade level concrete base.

Tree Protection Fencing locations are shown in the above Site Plan section of this report. Exact dimensions will need to be determined in the field during job set-up in coordination with the Project Arborist.





Chain link or similar sturdy material

Maintain Existing Grade within dripline

Figure 5: tree protection detail showing the modified Tree Protection Zone to accommodate the area required for the driveway. Tree Protection Zone and driveway are to be installed prior to any construction activity to ensure their proper function of protecting the protected oaks.

# **Duration of Tree Protection Fencing**

Tree fencing shall be erected prior to demolition, grading or construction and remain in place until final inspection.

# "Warning" Signage

Warning signs a minimum of 8.5x11-inches shall be prominently displayed on each fence. The sign shall clearly state:



WARNING - Tree Protection Zone - This fence shall not be removed and is subject to a penalty.

Tree protection fencing, if required to be moved, must be moved under the direction of the Project Arborist. All tree protection zones need to be clear of debris and construction materials, and cleared of weeds regardless of if fencing is present or not.

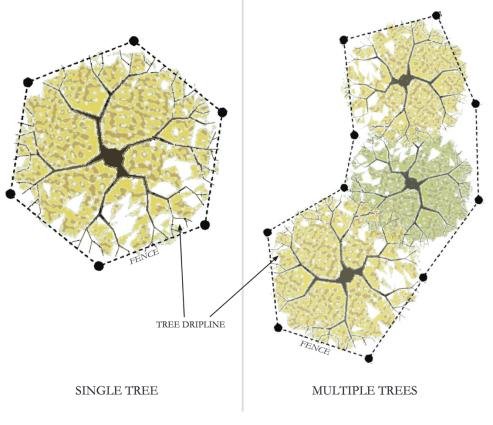


Figure 6: tree protection detail in plan-view.

# Pruning, Surgery& Removal

Prior to construction, trees may require that branches be pruned clear from proposed/existing structures, activities, building encroachment or may need to be strengthened by means of mechanical support (cabling) or surgery. Such pruning, surgery or the removal of trees shall adhere to the following standards:

Pruning limitations:

Minimum Pruning: If the Project Arborist recommends that trees be pruned, and the type of pruning is left unspecified, the standard pruning shall consist of 'crown cleaning' as defined by ISA Pruning Guidelines. Trees shall be pruned to reduce hazards and develop a strong, safe framework.

Maximum Pruning: Maximum pruning should only occur in the rarest situation approved by the Project Arborist. No more than one-fourth (1/4) of the functioning leaf and stem area may be removed within one



(1) calendar year of any tree, or removal of foliage to cause the unbalancing of the tree. It must be recognized that trees are individual in form and structure, and that pruning needs may not always fit strict rules. The Project Arborist shall assume all responsibility for special pruning practices that vary from the standards outlined in this TPP.

Tree Workers: Pruning shall not be attempted by construction or contractor personnel.

# Activities During Construction & Demolition Near Trees

Soil disturbance or other injurious and detrimental activity within the TPZ is prohibited unless approved by the Project Arborist. If an injurious event inadvertently occurs, or soil disturbance has been specifically conditioned for project approval, then the following mitigation is required:

Soil Compaction: If compaction of the soil occurs, it shall be mitigated as outlined in Soil Compaction Damage, and/or Soil Improvement.

Grading Limitations within the Tree Protection Zone:

Grade changes outside of the TPZ shall not significantly alter drainage to the tree.

Grade changes within the TPZ are not permitted.

# Trenching, Excavation & Equipment Use

Excavation or boring activity within 5-feet of the TPZ is restricted to the following activities, conditions and requirements if approved by the Project Arborist:

Notification. Contractor shall notify the Project Arborist a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the activity in the TPZ.

Root Severance. Roots that are encountered shall be cut to sound wood and repaired. Roots two (2) inches and greater must remain injury free. See the section below.

Excavation. Any approved excavation, demolition or extraction of material shall be performed with equipment sitting outside the TPZ. Methods permitted within 5-feet of the TPZ are by hand digging, hydraulic or pneumatic air excavation technology only. Avoid excavation within the TPZ during hot, dry weather.

If excavation or trenching within 5-feet of the TPZ for drainage, utilities, irrigation lines, etc., it is the duty of the contractor to tunnel under any roots two (2) inches in diameter and greater.

Heavy Equipment. Use of backhoes, steel tread tractors or any heavy vehicles within the TPZ is prohibited.

# Root Severance

Cutting and removal of roots within 5-feet of the TPZ that are smaller than two (2) inches in diameter shall be done by chain saw or hand saw to provide a flat and smooth cut and cause the least damage possible to



the root and tree's health. Cutting roots by means of tractor-type equipment or other than chain saws and hand saws is prohibited.

Proper pruning technique shall encourage callusing of the roots. Root cutting and removal shall not exceed thirty-five (35) percent of total root surface of the tree.

The Contractor shall remove any wood chips or debris that may be left over from root removal.

If any roots over two (2) inches in diameter are severed during any excavation, the following procedure shall be followed:

The roots shall be shaded by immediately covering the entire trench with plywood, or by covering the sides of the trench with burlap sheeting that is kept moist by watering twice per day.

When ready to backfill, each root shall be severed cleanly with a handsaw. Where practical, they should be cut back to a side root. Immediately, a plastic bag shall be placed over the fresh cut and secured with a rubber band or electrical tape. Shading should immediately be placed until backfilling occurs.

Plastic bags shall be removed prior to backfilling.

Backfill shall be clean, native material free of debris, gravel, or wood chips.

If roots three (3) inches in diameter, or larger, are encountered during excavation, Contractor shall contact the Project Arborist and request a field inspection, or their designated representatives, and obtain instruction as to how the roots should be treated. No roots three (3) inches in diameter, or larger, shall be cut and removed without prior approval from the Project Arborist, or their designated representatives.

# Damage to Trees - Reporting

Any damage or injury to trees shall be reported immediately to the Project Arborist and job superintendent so that mitigation can take place. All mechanical or chemical injury to branches, trunk or to roots over two (2) inches in diameter shall be reported to the Project Arborist. In the event of injury, the following mitigation and damage control measures shall apply:

Root injury: If trenches are cut and tree roots two (2) inches or larger are encountered they must be cleanly cut back to a sound wood lateral root. The end of the root shall be covered with either a plastic bag and secured with tape or rubber band or be coated with latex paint. All exposed root areas within the TPZ shall be backfilled or covered within one (1) hour. Exposed roots may be kept from drying out by temporarily covering the roots and draping layered burlap or carpeting over the upper three (3) feet of trench walls. The materials must be kept wet until backfilled to reduce evaporation from the trench walls.

Bark or trunk wounding: Current bark tracing and treatment methods shall be performed by a qualified tree care specialist within two (2) days.

Scaffold branch or leaf canopy injury: Remove broken or torn branches back to an appropriate branch capable of resuming terminal growth within five (5) days. If leaves are heat scorched from equipment exhaust pipes, consult the Project Arborist within six (6) hours.



Any damage to any tree's canopy will need to be restoratively pruned effective immediately after the damage occurs and no later than 48 hours after the damage occurs.

# Inspection Schedule

The Project Arborist retained by the applicant shall conduct the following required inspections of the construction site:

Inspections shall verify that the type of tree protection and/or plantings are consistent with the standards outlined within this report. For each required inspection or meeting, a written summary of the changing tree related conditions, actions taken, and condition of trees shall be provided to the contactor.

Inspection of Protective Tree Fencing & Pre-Construction Meeting: Prior to commencement of construction, the contractor shall conduct a pre-construction meeting to discuss tree protection with the job site superintendent, grading equipment operators, and the Project Arborist.

Inspection of Rough Grading: The Project Arborist shall perform an inspection during rough grading adjacent to the TPZ to ensure trees will not be injured by compaction, cut or fill, drainage, and trenching, and if required, inspect aeration systems, tree wells, drains and special paving. The contractor shall provide the Project Arborist at least forty-eight (48) hours advance notice of such activity.

Any special activity within the Tree Protection Zone: Work in this area (TPZ) requires the direct on-site supervision of the Project Arborist.

# Conclusion

It is the nature of trees exposed to construction that some do not survive, and mortality cannot be predicted. If due care is exercised, all the trees on the project are expected to remain healthy and alive.

# Certification

I, Sam Oakley, CERTIFY to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- 1. That the statements of fact contained in this plant appraisal are true and correct.
- 2. That the analysis, opinions, and conclusions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and that they are my personal, unbiased professional analysis, opinions, and conclusions.
- 3. That I have no present or prospective interest in the plants that are the subject of this analysis and that I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- 4. That my compensation is not contingent upon a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event.
- 5. That my appraisal is based on the information known to me at this time. If more information is disclosed, I may have further opinions.



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# TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, DEVELOPMENT

Follow Non-Construction Tree Removal Criteria and Process here <u>(SLOMC 12.24.090.E)</u> Follow Construction Tree Removal Criteria and Process here <u>(SLOMC 12.24.090.F)</u>

Owner: KEITH SWEENEY	ENEY Applicant:KEITH SWEENEY				
Address: 225 EL RANCHITO LANE		Addres	s: 225 EL	. RANCHITO L	ANE
City: SAN LUIS OBISPO	Zip: 93401	City:	SAN LUIS	OBISPO	Zip: 93401
Phone: 415.740.4984		Phone	415.740	4984	
Email: KEITH@SWEENEYPLUM	BING.COM	Email:	KEITH@S	SWEENEYPLU	JMBING.COM
Address of Tree(s): 10 HIGUERA			Number o	f trees applyin	g to remove? <b>2</b>
Tree Species: <b>PERUVIAN PEPP</b>	PER TREE				
Reason: DO NOT WORK WITH THE I	PROPOSED DEVEL	OPMEN1	,PLEASE REF	ER TO ARBORIS	T REPORT
Is this removal a City Tree?Y	ES <u>X</u> NO _	UN	KNOWN	Dog in yard?	YES <u>X</u> NO
Is this property governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA)? <u>YES X</u> NO If YES, please provide					
HOA Board Approved Meeting minutes authorizing tree removal(s) with your tree removal application.					
ALL ITEMS BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED TO PROCESS TREE REMOVAL APPLICAITON:					
$\Box$ Tree(s) must be banded with ribbon or duct tape					

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□ Site Plan Drawing or Photo of Tree site with Tree ID (Tree #1, Tree #2, etc.)

□ Supporting documentation, (repair receipts, etc.)

□ Photo Log showing damage or conditions for removal <sup>1</sup>

□ Replanting Plan (Consistent with 12.24.090.J)<sup>2</sup>

# INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. FAILURE TO KEEP TREES BANDED MAY RESULT IN A RETURNED APPLICATION.



<sup>1</sup> Please include a photo log that clearly shows the trees requested for removal. All Tree(s) must be uniquely identified by a number and a ribbon or an identifier wrapped around the truck in the photo and prior to inspection



<sup>2</sup> Please include a replanting plan in accordance with Section <u>12.24.090(J)</u> of the City's Municipal Code. A minimum of one new tree shall be planted for each tree authorized to be removed on the same property (on site) or two new trees shall be planted for each tree authorized to be removed when planted on a different property or within the public right-of-way (off site).

U	SELECT ONE CRITERIA FROM BELOW SUPPORTING TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION	DECISION MAKER	APPEAL BODY
	Imminent Hazard to Life or Property Section 12.24.090(E)(1)(a)	City Arborist	No Appeal
	Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation Section 12.24.090(E)	City Arborist	Tree Committee
	Minor Ministerial Development Permit (removal for residential or accessory construction on an R-1 or R-2 lot) Section 12.24.090(F)(1)	City Arborist	Community Development Director
	Criteria for Discretionary Permits Construction Tree Removal Section 12.24.090(F)(3)	Community Development Director	Planning Commission City Council
x	Major Development / Tentative Tract Map/ Conditional Use Permit Section <u>12.24.090(F)(4)</u>	Community Development Director	City Council

Tree Removal Decisions as outlined in Section <u>12.24.090</u> of the City's Municipal Code

Please include a check for \$157.17 along with completed application & documentation. Tree Removal applications may be submitted in person at 25 Prado Road at the City's Corporation Yard in SLO or mailed to:

City of San Luis Obispo Public Works Urban Forest Services 25 Prado Road San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

This tree removal application must be signed by the property owner or an Authorized Agent. I declare under penalty of perjury that all the facts stated within this tree removal application are true and correct.

Property Owner's Signatur	e:keith Sweeney	Date: _	3.19.24	
Applicant's Signature:	zeith Sweeney	Date:	3.19.24	

Please make check payable to the City of San Luis Obispo \$157.17 Check #\_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only	
Date Posted:	Date Removal Authorized:
Trees Approved for Removal:	
Compensatory Replant Plan:	
Trees for Tree Committee Review:	