



Tree Committee
AGENDA

Monday, February 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The public is encouraged to submit comments on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Tree Committee that *does not* appear on this agenda. Although the Committee will not take action on items presented during the Public Comment Period, the Chair may direct staff to place an item on a future agenda for discussion.

3. CONSENT

Matters appearing on the Consent Calendar are expected to be non-controversial 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 - JANUARY 27, 2025 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Recommendation:

To approve the Tree Committee Minutes of January 27, 2025.

4. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

4.a REVIEW A TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION TO REMOVE TWO (2) EUCALYPTUS NICOLII (NICHOL'S WILLOW-LEAFED EUCALYPTUS) TREES LOCATED AT 2475 MEADOW STREET (TREE-0805-2024)

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Recommendation:

Review the proposed tree removal application for consistency with the Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(E) and provide a recommendation to the Community Development Director.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a 2025 ENGINEERING STANDARDS UPDATE TO THE STREET TREES MAJOR LIST

Recommendation:

Review proposed updates to the Street Trees Major List (Engineering Standard 8020) and provide recommendations to the City Arborist.

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 March 24, 2025 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

January 27, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Tree Committee Members Present: Committee Members Alan Bate, Henry Bonifas, Daniel Canella, Brian Pineda, and Emily Rosten, Vice Chair Ben Parker, and Chair Elizabeth Lucas

City Staff Present: Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Christian

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Tree Committee was called to order on January 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Lucas.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

3. PRESENTATION

3.a PUBLIC WORKS URBAN FOREST PROGRAM UPDATE PRESENTATION

Public Works Deputy Director Greg Cruce reported on updates to the City's Urban Forest Program and introduced Billy Harvey, Parks and Urban Forestry Superintendent, and Nick Niles, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, who each provided further updates and responded to Committee inquiries.

4. CONSENT

4.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 2, 2024, TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion By Vice Chair Parker

Second By Chair Lucas

Approve the Tree Committee Special Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024.

Ayes (7): Member Bate, Member Bonifas, Member Canella, Member Pineda, Member Rosten, Vice Chair Parker, and Chair Lucas

CARRIED (7 to 0)

5. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

5.a REVIEW A TREE REMOVAL REQUEST (TREE-0751-2024) TO REMOVE ONE PINUS PINEA (ITALIAN STONE PINE) TREE LOCATED AT 1288 MORRO STREET

Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault presented the staff report and responded to Committee inquiries.

Applicant representative, Bob Hill, provided an overview of the Tree Removal Application and responded to questions raised.

Chair Lucas opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

Donald Gallegos

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Lucas closed Public Comment

Motion By Member Canella

Second By Member Rosten

Recommend the Community Development Director approve the tree removal request which is consistent with Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(E) based on the findings below; and further recommend conditions for replacement on a 6:1 ratio using 24-inch box trees placed on the site, four in the locations shown in the application and two additional locations identified by the City Arborist, prioritizing tree selection

with large canopies from the City's list, with the exception of Marina Madrone.

Findings:

- 12.24.090.G(3) *Species*: Tree is non-native.
- 12.24.090.G(4) *Forestry Best Practice*: Parking lot could support more trees. Replanting plan increases tree age-distribution in area.
- 12.24.090.G(6) *Compensatory Plantings*: Landscaping plan exceeds required minimum for replanting.
- 12.24.090.G(7) *Heritage Status*: Not a Heritage Tree.

Ayes (6): Member Bonifas, Member Canella, Member Pineda, Member Rosten, Vice Chair Parker, and Chair Lucas

Noes (1): Member Bate

CARRIED (6 to 1)

6. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

6.a ARBORIST REPORT

Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault provided an update of upcoming projects and activities in the Tree Division.

2025 Planting Update:

- 13 Climate Adapted Oaks (Grove and Palm Street trees)
- 100's of saplings (Irish Hills, Johnson Ranch, Cheda Ranch)

Upcoming Planting Events:

- February 8, Rotary - Righetti Hill
- February 8 and 22, Cal Poly - Cheda Ranch
- February 8, EcoSLO - Sinsheimer Park
- February 22 and April 12, EcoSLO - Laguna Lake Golf Course
- March 15, EcoSLO – Johnson Ranch

Project Follow-up:

- Serrano Heights
- 280 Palm
- 1065 Higuera

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2025, 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/2025

TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF TWO (2) EUCALYPTUS NICOLII (NICHOL'S WILLOW-LEAFED EUCALYPTUS) TREES LOCATED AT 2475 MEADOW STREET (TREE-0805-2024)

FROM: Walter Gault, City Arborist
Phone Number: (805) 781-7578
Email: wgault@slocity.org

APPLICANT: Wesley Thompson

RECOMMENDATION

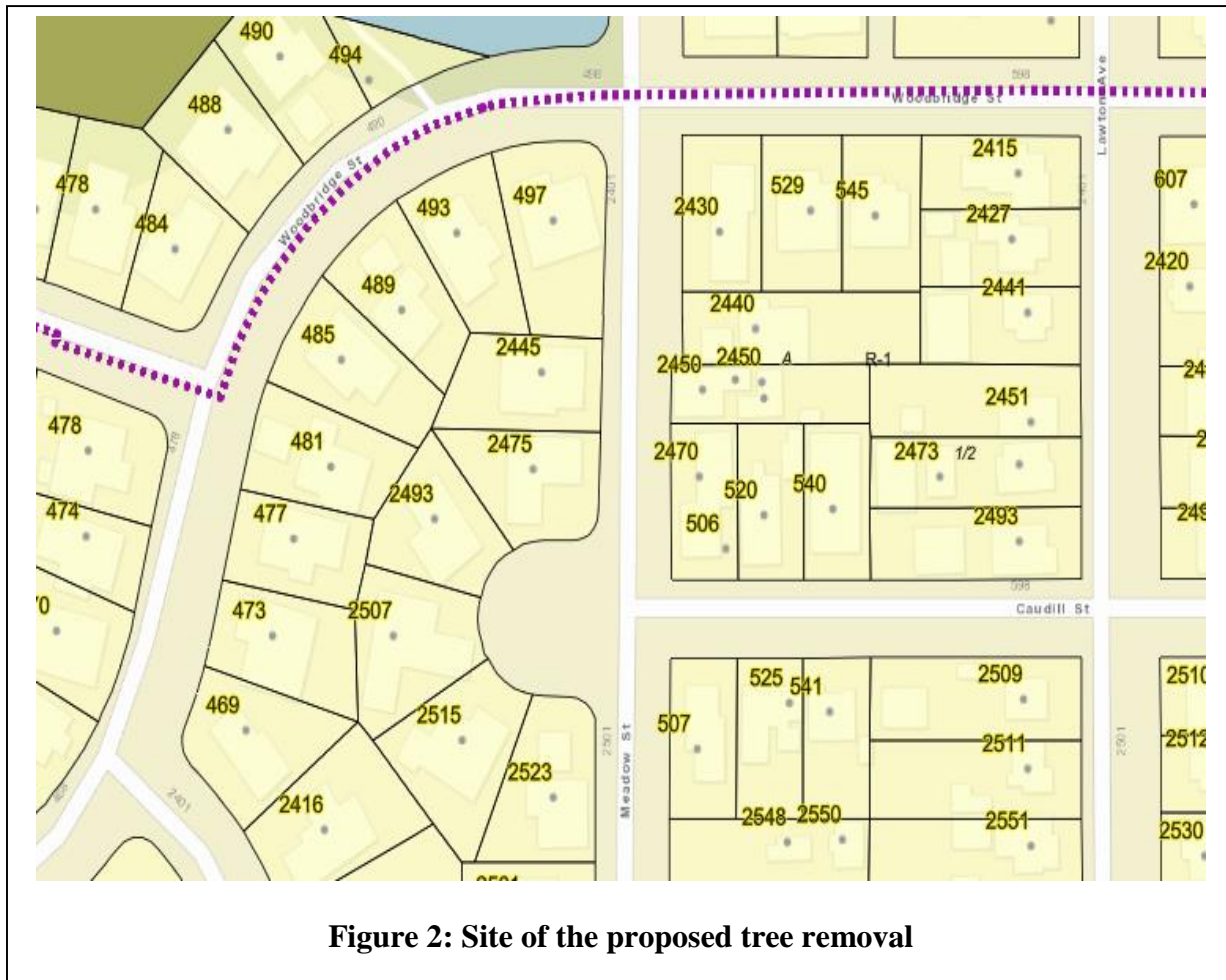
Review the proposed tree removal application for consistency with the Municipal Code Section 12.24.090(E) and provide a recommendation to the Community Development Director.



Figure 1: View of the Eucalyptus trees (on left) from Meadow St.

1.0 APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Wesley Thompson, the applicant, has requested the removal of two (2) *Eucalyptus nicolii* (Nichol’s Willow-leaved Eucalyptus) in the backyard at 2475 Meadow Street per Municipal Code Section 12.24.090.E(3) related to property owner convenience. The applicant would like to remove the trees and replace them with five (5) 15-gallon box trees onsite, including Trumpet Trees, Ginkgo or other species to the satisfaction of the City Arborist.



2.0 COMMITTEE PURVIEW

The Tree Committee’s role is to review the removal request in accordance with the process set forth in San Luis Obispo Municipal Code (SLOMC) [Chapter 12.24](#), specifically Section [12.24.090\(E\)\(3\)](#). This code section utilizes the process set forth in [subsection F\(2\)](#), the relevant additional application requirements in [subsection \(D\)\(2\)](#) and the criteria set forth in [subsection \(G\)](#).

3.0 TREE REGULATIONS

Criteria for Convenience Tree Removal Applications.

SLOMC §12.24.090 subsection (E)(3) requires review by the Tree Committee using the criteria set for in SLOMC §12.24.090(G). Applicable criteria are provided in italics below and followed by a description of the proposed tree removals as it relates to that criterion.

- *(G)(1). Size of Tree. The scale of the tree shall be considered, as well as the size of the tree's canopy. Larger, more visually prominent trees may have a higher preservation priority than smaller, less visually prominent trees.*

The trees proposed for removal are large and visually prominent in the neighborhood.

- *(G)(2). Location of Tree on Private Property. The location of the tree on private property shall be considered. Trees located in a private rear yard, which are not highly visible from the public right-of-way, may have a lower preservation priority than trees with a high visual impact to the neighborhood.*

The tree proposed for removal is located in the backyard, but it is also highly visible from the public right of way.

- *(G)(3). Species of Tree. Native trees shall have a higher preservation priority than non-native trees.*

The trees proposed for removal are non-native.

- *(G)(4). Forestry Best Practice. The number of healthy trees that a given parcel of land will support shall be considered, and whether removal would enhance the health or survival of remaining trees. Applications that increase biodiversity of native trees and tree age distribution within a given area are preferred.*

The removal and replanting plan would increase the biodiversity of the urban forest and tree age distribution.

- *(G)(6). Compliance with Subsection J of This Section Regarding Compensatory Plantings. The approving authority may consider an application proposal to provide compensatory plantings in excess of required minimums in evaluating this criterion.*

The applicant is proposing to replant five (5) trees in place of two tree removals.

- *(G)(7). Heritage Trees. Heritage trees have the highest preservation priority.*

Trees are not heritage trees.

4.0 ACTIONS

- 4.1** Recommend findings of consistency with the Tree Regulations. An action recommending approval of the application based on consistency will be forwarded to the Community Development Director for final action. This action may include recommendations regarding the compensatory replanting plan with size and species of tree.
- 4.2** 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.
- 4.3** 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.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS

A - 2475 Meadow Tree Removal Application



Community Development

919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3218
 805.781.7170
 slocity.org

TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

For all Non-Construction and Construction related tree removals

Owner Name: Susan Lubin-Brownlie		Applicant Name: Wesley Thompson	
Address: 22484 Ferdinand Drive		Address: 2475 Meadow Street	
City: Salinas	Zip: 93908	City: San Luis Obispo	Zip: 93401
Phone: (831) 320-3001		Phone: (805) 550-4143	
Email: slubin484@aol.com		Email: wesleythomp@gmail.com	
Address of Tree(s): 2475 Meadow Street			
Number of trees applying to remove: 2			
Tree Species: Eucalyptas			
Reason for Removal: Trees are very large and are located between 2 residences on a slope in the rear yard. There is the potential for limbs or entire tree to fall and damage property or residents. The space is no longer adequate for the size of trees and the maintenance burden is substantial. Trees pose a significant inconvenience to applicant and neighbor. Leaf oil does not allow for any other vegetation growth.			
Is this removal a City Tree? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW Dog in yard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Is this associated with a Building Permit or Development Plan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If YES, please provide appropriate reference numbers:			
Is this property governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 APPLICATIONS

- Tree(s) banded with ribbon or duct tape for identification
- 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 reasons for removal¹
- Replanting plan²
- Arborist Report³

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



1. 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 trunk in the photo and prior to inspection.



2. Include a replanting plan in accordance with Section [12.24.090\(J\)](#) of the City's Municipal Code. A minimum 1:1 replanting rate is required for plantings onsite, and a minimum 2:1 replanting rate is required for plantings offsite or within the public right-of-way.



3. An application for tree removal on a site where a discretionary or ministerial development permit is requested shall include an arborist report and a site plan that includes accurate drip line delineation and cross sections of construction work impacting both trees proposed for removal and trees planned to remain.

Tree Removal Decisions as outlined in Section 12.24.090 of the City’s Municipal Code

SELECT TYPE OF TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION BEING SUBMITTED	DECISION MAKER
<input type="checkbox"/> Imminent Hazard to Life or Property SLOMC 12.24.090(E)(1)(a)	City Arborist
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation SLOMC 12.24.090(E)	City Arborist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convenience Removal SLOMC 12.24.090(E)(3) <i>Tree Committee makes recommendation to Community Development Director</i>	Community Development Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor Ministerial Development Permit SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(1) <i>Removal for residential or accessory construction on an R-1 or R-2 lot</i>	City Arborist
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary Permits Construction Tree Removal SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(3)	Community Development Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Major Development / Tentative Tract Map/ Conditional Use Permit SLOMC 12.24.090(F)(4)	Planning Commission

Submittal Instructions

Submit Tree Removal applications to the City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department at the following address: 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or by email to trees@slocity.org.

Payment of the “Tree Removal Permit” fee shall be submitted along with this application. Refer to the City’s current Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the current fee.

Property Owner Authorization:

By signing this application, I certify that I have reviewed this completed application and the attached material and consent to its filing. I agree to allow the Community Development Department to duplicate and distribute submitted materials to interested persons as it determines is necessary for the processing of the application.

Digitally signed by:  12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date _____

Applicant/ Representative Certification:

By signing this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate. I understand the City might not approve what I’m applying for or might set conditions of approval. I agree to allow the Community Development Department to duplicate and distribute submitted materials to interested persons as it determines is necessary for processing of the application.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:04:50 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date _____

Permission to Access Property:

This section is to be completed by the property owner and/or occupant who controls access to the property. To adequately evaluate the submitted proposal, Community Development Department Staff, Commissioners and City Council Members will have to gain access to the exterior of the real property in order to adequately review and report on the proposed request. Your signature below certifies that you agree to give the City permission to access the project site from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, as part of the normal review of this application.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:20:30 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date _____

Indemnification Agreement:

The Owner/Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City or its agents or officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the City or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the City’s approval of this project. In the event that the City fails to promptly notify the Owner / Applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, or that the City fails to cooperate fully in the defense of said claim, this condition shall thereafter be of no further force or effect.

Wesley Thompson Digitally signed by Wesley Thompson
Date: 2024.12.08 16:23:45 -08'00' 12/8/2024
 Signed _____ Date _____

Subject: 2475 Meadow Street Tree Removal Application Attachment

Introduction:

This tree removal application is being submitted to the City of San Luis Obispo to request a permit to remove 2 large non-native Eucalyptus trees in the rear yard of residence 2475 Meadow Street in San Luis Obispo. It is the owners, applicants', and adjacent neighbors' opinion that these trees are too large and burdensome for the current setting of being in a smaller sized rear yard within proximity to two residential houses (Primary resident address 2475 and the adjacent neighbor's residence is 2493 Meadow St).

Background:

The property was purchased by the current owner in January 2016 and the current tenants have been living there since. Both trees were existing at the time of purchase and have continued to grow over the past 8 years. Pruning maintenance has been performed on both trees as well as installing a cable anchor to support a large section of Tree ID #2's upper canopy. Even with this effort, limbs have fallen on the rear yard annually and the potential for large limbs to fall persists. The trees are located on a 2:1 sloped area of the yard that increases the potential that if these trees were to fall, they would land over the top of the 2475 residential structure. In addition, the trees both litter leaves and seeds year around that collect on the resident's roof and yard space. To manage the litter from the trees the owners employ a landscape contractor to perform routine maintenance on the property twice a month. The oil from the leaves does not allow other landscaping to survive. The tenants also regularly remove leaf piles from the roof and rain gutters to prevent risk of property damage that would occur otherwise. Factoring regular clean up, pruning, and anchoring of these trees the cost has been upward of \$10,000 in total over the past 8 years. The property contains 2 other large sycamore trees in the front yard that also pose maintenance challenges however the owners support keeping and caring for these trees. Lastly, the adjacent neighbors (2445 Meadow St and 497 Woodbridge St) rear yards have 5 redwood trees that are large and growing. This information is intended to convey that there is substantial other large trees in close proximity to the 2 requested to be removed.

Conclusion:

The owner and tenants would request the city grant a tree removal permit due to the justification provided in this letter and application. The size and scale of these trees is a risk to both dwellings if/when limbs and/or the entire trees were to fall. The owner and applicant have made significant efforts to manage and maintain the trees over the past 8 years. However, the burden and cost of managing these trees has become overwhelming and no longer feels sustainable. We look forward to working together to come to a resolution. Please reach out if there are any questions related to processing this application and request.

Thanks, Wesley Thompson

(805) 550-4143



Tree ID #1 – Eucalyptus in rear yard with approx. 6.5' circumference and 2' diameter trunk at 4.5' height from ground.



Tree ID #2 – Eucalyptus in rear yard with approx. 9.5' circumference and 3' diameter trunk at 4.5' height from ground.



Side view of trees on 2:1 slope. Note proximity to fence and adjacent residential houses.



Front view of trees on 2:1 slope. Note proximity to fence and adjacent residential houses. Tee ID #1 on left is leaning in the direction of white house structure.



Second front view of trees. Note height of trees with numerous branches extending over residential houses.



Tree ID#3 - Oak species directly in path of walkway. This tree has a 2' circumference and 7" diameter trunk at 4.5' above ground. This does not require a permit per municipal code section 12.24.090 (C). It is included for full transparency.

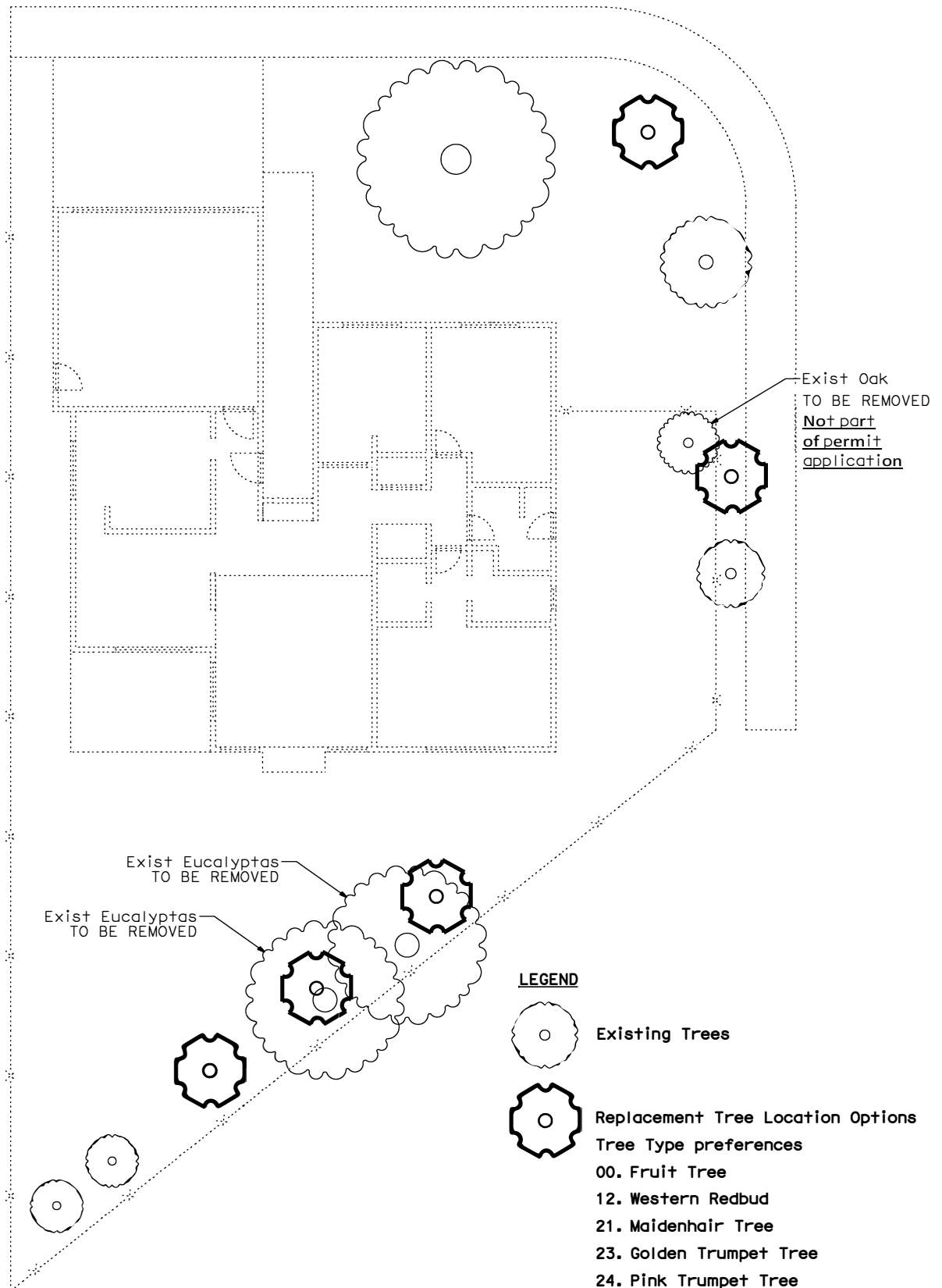


Existing tall Sycamore trees on property to be preserved.



Existing Redwood / Evergreen trees in adjacent neighbors' rear yards in close proximity.

MEADOW STREET



TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT: 2025 ENGINEERING STANDARDS UPDATE, STREET TREES MAJOR LIST (8020)

FROM: Walter Gault, Urban Forestry Program Coordinator / City Arborist
Phone Number: (805) 781-7578
Email: wgault@slcity.org

1.0 RECOMMENDATION

Review proposed updates to the Street Trees Major List (Engineering Standard 8020) and provide recommendations to the City Arborist.

2.0 BACKGROUND

[Municipal Code Section 12.24.040](#) states that the Tree Committee, with the assistance of the Public Works and Community Development departments, has developed and will maintain a Street Tree Master List and a Street Trees Major Streets List which shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council and shall be on file in the Public Works Department, Engineering Standards. These documents shall specify the species of trees suitable and desirable for planting in certain areas in order to establish a diverse urban forest.

3.0 DISCUSSION

The City is updating its Engineering Standards in 2025. Updates to the City's Master Tree List (Attachment A) that were reviewed by the Tree Committee in October 2022 but have yet to be reflected in the Street Trees Major List (Attachment B). Staff is proposing the changes proposed to the Street Trees Major List below (and highlighted in Attachment C) to correct errors on the document, update cultivars to reflect nursery availability, and make some minor revisions based on staff observations. Additionally, some species on the Street Trees Major Lists are either no longer available or are no longer suitable for the City's climate or urban environment.

Below is a list of the recommended changes proposed by staff. Links are provided that give more detailed information about the tree species discussed below.

Replace [Platanus x hispanica](#)

- It's widely used on the list, but it is no longer in nursery production
- Replace with [Platanus x acerifolia 'Columbia'](#), a more anthracnose resistant cultivar than ['Bloodgood'](#)
- At creek crossings use [Platanus racemosa](#)

Remove *Lagerstroemia* (Crape Myrtle)

- No longer on the Street Tree Master List

Update Ginkgo references

- Ginkgo is utilized as a specific '[Fairmont](#)' cultivar and then broadly
- Adjust all to be [Ginkgo biloba 'Princeton Sentry'](#), a faster growing cultivar

Remove [Metrosideros excelsa](#)

- Not a performer in SLO's climate
- Remove it from Downtown accent trees list

Remove [Magnolia grandifolia 'little gem'](#) and [Magnolia 'Majestic Beauty'](#) for all entries

- Not a suitable street tree due to root damage
- Susceptible to aphids and scale
- Consider replacing 'Little Gem' with [Michelia doltsopa](#), a similar looking species with low root damage potential.

Remove [Fagus sylvatica \(European Beech\)](#)

- High water use, not suitable for climate

Remove [Pinus canariensis \(Canary Island Pine\)](#) and [Hesperocyparis macrocarpa \(Monterey Cypress\)](#)

- Not desirable as street trees

Adjust *Quercus* (oak) entries to be broader (e.g. *Quercus* sp. "evergreen")

- [Quercus ilex](#) (Holm Oak) is susceptible to sooty mold on its leaves and has epicormic sprouts along trunk
- [Quercus rubra](#) (Red Oak) and [palustris](#) (Pin Oak) are eastern oak species

4.0 ACTIONS

- 4.1 Recommend support of the proposed updates to the Street Trees Major Streets List (Engineering Standard 8020) and propose adjustments. This action may include recommendations to modify the proposed updates.
- 4.2 Continue the review to a hearing date certain, or uncertain. An action continuing review of the updates to the Street Trees Major Streets List (Engineering Standard 8020) should include direction to staff on pertinent issues.

5.0 ATTACHMENTS

- A - Updated Proposed Master Tree List
- B - Street Trees Major Streets Engineering Standard 8020
- C - Engineering Standard 8020 Highlighted

City of San Luis Obispo — Master Tree List

<i>All Trees for San Luis Obispo</i>	Botanical Name	Existing City Tree	New Addition City Tree	Private yard ok
MULGA	<i>Acacia aneura</i>		x	
BAILEY ACACIA	<i>Acacia baileyana</i>			x
BLACKWOOD ACACIA	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>		x	
WEeping ACACIA	<i>Acacia pendula</i>		x	
SHOESTRING ACACIA	<i>Acacia stenophylla</i>	x		
PINEAPPLE GUAVA	<i>Acca sellowiana</i>		x	
BIGLEAF MAPLE	<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>		x (native)	
BOX ELDER	<i>Acer negundo</i>		x	
EVERGREEN MAPLE	<i>Acer paxii</i>		x	
CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE	<i>Aesculus californica</i>		x	
AFRICAN FERN PINE	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>		x	
PEPPERMINT TREE	<i>Agonis flexuosa</i>	x		
SILK TREE	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	x		
SYDNEY RED GUM	<i>Angophora costata</i>		x	
MARINA MADRONE	<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	x		
KING PALM	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>			TC ?
QUEENSLAND PITTOSPORUM	<i>Auranticarpa rhombifolia</i>		x	
HONG KONG ORCHID TREE	<i>Bauhinia x blakeana</i>		x	
FLAME BOTTLE TREE	<i>Brachychiton acerifolius</i>	x		
QUEENSLAND LACEBARK	<i>Brachychiton discolor</i>		x	
KURRAJONG	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>		x	
MEXICAN BLUE PALM	<i>Brahea armata</i>			TC ?
GUADALUPE PALM	<i>Brahea edulis</i>			TC ?
PAPER MULBERRY	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>			TC ?
PINDO PALM	<i>Butia odorata</i>			TC ?
LEMON BOTTLEBRUSH	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>		x	
WEeping BOTTLEBRUSH	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>	x		
INCENSE CEDAR	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>		x	
CAPE CHESTNUT	<i>Calodendrum capense</i>	x		
GOLD MEDALLION TREE	<i>Cassia leptophylla</i>	x		
RIVER SHE-OAK	<i>Casuarina cunninghamiana</i>		x	

City of San Luis Obispo — Master Tree List

<i>All Trees for San Luis Obispo</i>	Botanical Name	Existing City Tree	New Addition City Tree	Private yard ok
BRAZILIAN CEDARWOOD	<i>Cedrela fissilis</i>		x	
ATLAS CEDAR	<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>		x	
DEODAR CEDAR	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	x		
FLOSS SILK TREE	<i>Ceiba speciosa</i>	x		
EUROPEAN HACKBERRY	<i>Celtis australis</i>		x	
NETLEAF HACKBERRY	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>		x	
CHINESE HACKBERRY	<i>Celtis sinensis</i>		x	
CAROB TREE	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>			x
EASTERN REDBUD	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	x		
WESTERN REDBUD	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	x		
MEDITERRANEAN FAN PALM	<i>Chamaerops humilis</i>			x
DESERT WILLOW	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>		x	
CHINESE FRINGE TREE	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	x		
CAMPHOR TREE	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	x		
GHOST GUM	<i>Corymbia aparrerinja</i>		x	
LEMON-SCENTED GUM	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>		x	
RED FLOWERING GUM	<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>	x		
SPOTTED GUM	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>		x	
SMOKE TREE	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>		x	
CARROT WOOD	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>		x	
INDIAN ROSEWOOD	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>		x	
HOP BUSH OR A'ALI'I	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>		x	
TRIANGLE PALM	<i>Dypsis decaryi</i>			TC ?
TEXAS EBONY	<i>Ebenopsis ebano</i>		x	
JAPANESE BLUEBERRY TREE	<i>Elaeocarpus sylvestris</i>		x	
BRONZE LOQUAT	<i>Eriobotrya deflexa</i>	x		
JAPANESE LOQUAT	<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>		x	
SOUTH AFRICAN CORAL TREE	<i>Erythrina caffra</i>		x	
NAKED CORAL TREE	<i>Erythrina coralloides</i>		x	
COCKSPUR CORAL TREE	<i>Erythrina crista-galli</i>		x	
SILVER DOLLAR TREE	<i>Eucalyptus cinerea</i>		x	

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RED-CAP GUM	<i>Eucalyptus erythrocorys</i>		x	
WHITE IRONBARK	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i>		x	
NICHOL'S WILLOWLEAFED PEPPERMINT	<i>Eucalyptus nicholii</i>		x	
SILVER DOLLAR GUM	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>		x	
RED IRONBARK	<i>Eucalyptus sideroxylon</i>		x	
SWAMP MALLEE	<i>Eucalyptus spathulata</i>		x	
CORAL GUM	<i>Eucalyptus torquata</i>	x		
EDIBLE FIG	<i>Ficus carica</i>			x
INDIAN LAUREL FIG OR CHINESE BANYAN	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i>	x		
RUSTY-LEAF FIG	<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>		x	
AUSTRALIAN WILLOW	<i>Geijera parviflora</i>	x		
MAIDENHAIR TREE	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	x		
SILK OAK TREE	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>		x	
GOLDEN TRUMPET TREE	<i>Handroanthus chrysotrichus</i>		x	
PINK TRUMPET TREE	<i>Handroanthus heptaphyllus</i>		x	
SOUTH AFRICAN WILD PLUM	<i>Harpephyllum caffrum</i>			TC ?
TECATE CYPRESS	<i>Hesperocyparis forbesii</i>		x	
MONTEREY CYPRESS	<i>Hesperocyparis macrocarpa</i>	x		
TOYON	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	x		
SWEETSHADE	<i>Hymenosporum flavum</i>	x		
JACARANDA	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	x		
CHINESE FLAME TREE	<i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>	x		
GOLDENRAIN TREE	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	x		
PRIMROSE TREE	<i>Lagunaria patersonia</i>	x		
SWEET BAY	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>		x	
AUSTRALIAN TEA TREE	<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>		x	
BRISBANE BOX	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	x		
CATALINA IRONWOOD	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus subsp. Aspleniifolius</i>	x		
SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	x		
MAYTEN TREE	<i>Maytenus boaria</i>		x	
HEATH MELALEUCA	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>		x	

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FLAXLEAF PAPERBARK	<i>Melaleuca linariifolia</i>	x		
PINK MELALEUCA	<i>Melaleuca nesophila</i>		x	
PAPERBARK OR CAJEPUT TREE	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	x		
PRICKLY MELALEUCA	<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i>		x	
CHINABERRY	<i>Melia azedarach</i>		x	
DAWN REDWOOD	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	x		
NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS TREE	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	x		
SWEET MICHELIA	<i>Michelia doltsopa</i>	x		
OLIVE TREE	<i>Olea europaea</i>		x	
DESERT MUSEUM PALO VERDE	<i>Parkinsonia x 'Desert Museum'</i>		x	
CANARY ISLAND DATE PALM	<i>Phoenix canariensis</i>			TC ?
PYGMY DATE PALM	<i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>			TC ?
FRASER PHOTINIA	<i>Photinia x fraseri</i>		x	
CANARY ISLAND PINE	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	x		
MONDELL PINE	<i>Pinus eldarica</i>		x	
ALEPPO PINE	<i>Pinus halepensis</i>			x
ITALIAN STONE PINE	<i>Pinus pinea</i>		x	
TORREY PINE	<i>Pinus torreyana</i>		x	
CHINESE PISTACHE	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	x		
MEXICAN SYCAMORE	<i>Platanus mexicana</i>		x	
CALIFORNIA SYCAMORE	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	x		
YEW PINE	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>		x	
HOLLYLEAF CHERRY	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>			x
EVERGREEN PEAR	<i>Pyrus kawakamii</i>		x	
COAST LIVE OAK	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	x		
ENGELMANN OAK	<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>		x	
HUNGARIAN OAK	<i>Quercus frainetto</i>		x	
HOLLY OAK	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	x		
VALLEY OAK	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	x		
BUR OAK	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>		x	
CORK OAK	<i>Quercus suber</i>		x	

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ISLAND OAK	<i>Quercus tomentella</i>	x		
SOUTHERN LIVE OAK	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	x		
INTERIOR LIVE OAK	<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>		x	
SILVERLEAF OAK	<i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i>		x	
PEPPER TREE	<i>Schinus molle</i>		x	
AFRICAN SUMAC	<i>Searsia lancea</i>		x	
FIREWHEEL TREE	<i>Stenocarpus sinuatus</i>	x		
QUEEN PALM	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>			TC ?
BRUSH CHERRY	<i>Syzygium australe</i>			x
TIPU TREE	<i>Tipuana tipu</i>	x		
WINDMILL PALM	<i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>			TC ?
WATER GUM	<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i>	x		
CHINESE ELM	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	x		
CALIFORNIA LAUREL	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>		x	
CALIFORNIA FAN PALM	<i>Washingtonia filifera</i>			TC ?
MEXICAN FAN PALM	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>			TC ?
CHITALPA	<i>x Chitalpa tashkentensis</i>		x	
SHINY XYLOSMA	<i>Xylosma congesta</i>			x

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<u>DOWNTOWN DISTRICT</u>	%
Ficus microcarpa	10
Quercus ilex	20
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	30
Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont'	30
Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'-grafted fruitless	10

<u>Downtown Accent Trees</u>	
Jacaranda mimosifolia	
Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem'	
Corymbia ficifolia	
Cassia leptophylla	
Metrosideros excelsa	
Lagerstroemia hybrid*	

<u>BROAD STREET</u>	%
<u>Monterey St. to Pacific St.</u>	
Lophostemon confertus	60
Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont'	40
<u>Pacific St. to High St.</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	40
Pistacia chinensis	40
Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont'	20

<u>High St. to City Limits</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	30
Quercus palustris	20
Pistacia chinensis*	20
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	15
Lophostemon confertus	15
*Substitute-south of Orcutt	

<u>At creek crossings</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	100

<u>CALIFORNIA BLVD.</u>	%
<u>Cal Poly to Mill St.</u>	
Koelreutaria bipinnata	25
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	25
Cinnamomum camphora	30
Ulmus parvifolia	20

<u>Mill St. to San Luis Dr.</u>	
Ulmus parvifolia	30
Metrosideros excelsus	40
Lophostemon confertus	30

<u>San Luis Dr. to Johnson Ave.</u>	
Quercus agrifolia	60
Ulmus parvifolia	40

<u>At creek crossings</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	100

<u>FOOTHILL BLVD.</u>	%
Magnolia "Majestic Beauty"	30
Koelreutaria bipinnata	30
Platanus x hispanica	40

<u>At creek crossings</u>	
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Platanus x hispanica	100
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<u>GRAND AVENUE</u>	%
Magnolia 'Majestic Beauty'	50
Platanus x hispanica	50

<u>HIGUERA STREET (east end)</u>	%
<u>California Blvd. to Santa Rosa St.</u>	
Use Downtown Accent Trees	

<u>HIGUERA STREET (Downtown)</u>	%
<u>Santa Rosa St. to Nipomo St.</u>	
Use Downtown District	

<u>HIGUERA STREET (west end)</u>	%
<u>Nipomo St. to Madonna Rd.</u>	
Use Downtown Accent Trees	

<u>Madonna Rd. to City Limit</u>	
Pinus canariensis	30
Hesperocyparis macrocarpa	30
Hymenosporum flavum	20
Quercus (Red Oak subgenus)1	20

<u>JOHNSON AVENUE</u>	%
<u>Hwy. 101 to SPRR underpass</u>	
Magnolia 'Majestic Beauty'	20
Pistacia chinensis	30
Quercus palustris	30
Hymenosporum flavum	20

<u>UPRR underpass to Laurel Lane</u>	
Quercus agrifolia	20
Pistacia chinensis	20
Ulmus parvifolia	20
Hymenosporum flavum	20
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	20

<u>Laurel Lane to Orcutt Rd.</u>	
Koelreutaria bipinnata	20
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	20
Ulmus parvifolia	20
Jacaranda mimosifolia	20
Hymenosporum flavum	20

<u>LAUREL LANE</u>	%
Platanus x hispanica	50
Quercus suber	20
Jacaranda mimosifolia	15
Ginkgo biloba	15

<u>LOS OSOS VALLEY ROAD</u>	%
Lophostemon confertus	20
Quercus tomentella	20
Fagus sylvatica	20
Quercus agrifolia	20
Pinus canariensis	20

<u>MADONNA ROAD</u>	%
Pinus canariensis	25
Pistacia chinensis	25

Quercus agrifolia	25
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	25

<u>MARSH STREET</u>	%
Use Downtown District	

<u>MARGARITA AVENUE</u>	%
Platanus x hispanica	30
Hymenosporum flavum	30
Quercus palustris	40

<u>MONTEREY STREET</u>	%
Use Downtown District	

<u>ORCUTT ROAD</u>	%
Pistacia chinensis	60
Lophostemon confertus	20
Quercus agrifolia	20

<u>At creek crossings</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	100

<u>PRADO ROAD</u>	%
Platanus x hispanica	40
Pinus canariensis	30
Quercus palustris	30

<u>SANTA ROSA STREET</u>	%
<u>Highland St. to Murray St.</u>	
Quercus agrifolia	80
Pistacia chinensis	20

<u>Murray St. to Marsh St.</u>	
Pistacia chinensis	30
Koelreutaria bipinnata	20
Ficus microcarpa	10
Lophostemon confertus	30
Jacaranda mimosifolia	10

<u>At Creek intersections</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	100

<u>SOUTH STREET</u>	%
Tristaniopsis laurina	20
Jacaranda mimosifolia	20
Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont'	20
Platanus x hispanica	20
Quercus palustris	20

<u>TANKFARM ROAD</u>	%
<u>East of Broad St.</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	50
Lophostemon confertus	20
Eucalyptus torquata	30

<u>West of Broad St.</u>	
Platanus x hispanica	25
Cinnamomum camphora	25
Quercus agrifolia	25
Quercus rubra (Q. coccinea)	25

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Platanus x hispanica	40
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At creek crossings	
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Hymenosporum flavum	30
Quercus palustris	40

MONTEREY STREET	%
Use Downtown District	

ORCUTTROAD	%
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Lophostemon confertus	20
Quercus agrifolia	20

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