



Tree Committee  
AGENDA

Monday, June 30, 2025, 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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**Email - Submit Public Comments via email to [advisorybodies@slocity.org](mailto:advisorybodies@slocity.org).** In the body of your email, please include the date of the meeting and the item number (if applicable). Emails *will not* be read aloud during the meeting.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ben Parker will call the Special 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 - MAY 19, 2025 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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Recommendation:

To approve the Tree Committee Minutes of May 19, 2025.

**4. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION**

**4.a REVIEW A TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION TO REMOVE ONE (1) CHINESE PISTACHE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE OSOS ST RAILROAD SAFETY INTERSECTION (APPLICATION: TREE-0432-2025)**

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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.

**4.b REVIEW A TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION TO REMOVE ONE (1) AFRICAN FERN PINE LOCATED AT 1421 BROAD ST (APPLICATION: TREE-0288-2025)**

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. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION**

**5.a ARBORIST REPORT**

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 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

May 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Tree Committee Members Present:	Member Charles Gerencser, Member Dan Shinn, Vice Chair Emily Rosten, Chair Ben Parker
Tree Committee Members Absent:	Member Henry Bonifas, Member Daniel Canella
City Staff Present:	Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault, Deputy City Clerk Kevin Christian

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Tree Committee was called to order on May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Parker.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

### 3. PRESENTATION

During the April 28, 2025 Tree Committee meeting, Urban Forest Program Coordinator / City Arborist Walter Gault provided a presentation on the Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order. The item was included again as a follow-up to allow for additional committee discussion. Seeing none, it was noted that non-present members could view the April 28th presentation if needed.

#### 4. CONSENT

##### 4.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - APRIL 28, 2025 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Motion By** Member Gerencser

**Second By** Member Shinn

Approve the Tree Committee Minutes of April 28, 2025.

Ayes (4): Member Gerencser, Vice Chair Rosten, Member Shinn, and Chair Parker

Absent (2): Member Bonifas, and Member Canella

CARRIED (4 to 0)

#### 5. TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

##### 5.a REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF 5 PALM TREES LOCATED AT 2777 FLORA ST (APPLICATION NO. TREE-0179-2025)

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

Brooke Latzke-Davis, applicant representative, provided an overview of the purpose for the tree removals, the replacement plan, and provided clarification comments in response to Committee questions.

**Motion By** Member Shinn

**Second By** Member Gerencser

Recommend that the Community Development Director approve the proposed removals and compensatory plantings because they are consistent with requirements in the San Luis Obispo Municipal Code Chapter 12.24 (Tree Regulations) based on the following criteria:

- *G(3) Species*: Trees are non-native
- *G(4) Forestry Best Practice*: Canopy cover is currently high onsite. Replanting plan increases tree age-distribution in area
- *G(7) Heritage Trees*: Trees have not been designated as heritage.

Ayes (4): Member Gerencser, Vice Chair Rosten, Member Shinn, and Chair Parker

Absent (2): Member Bonifas, and Member Canella

CARRIED (4 to 0)

**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.

- Santa Rosa Park is being considered as the tentative 2025 Arbor Day location, and for "Keys for Trees" projects.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee is scheduled for June 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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APPROVED BY TREE COMMITTEE: XX/XX/202X





**Meeting Date: 6/30/2025**  
**Item Number: 4a**  
**Time Estimate: 20 minutes**

# TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO REMOVE 1 CHINESE PISTACHE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE OSOS ST RAILROAD SAFETY INTERSECTION (APPLICATION: TREE-0432-2025)**

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

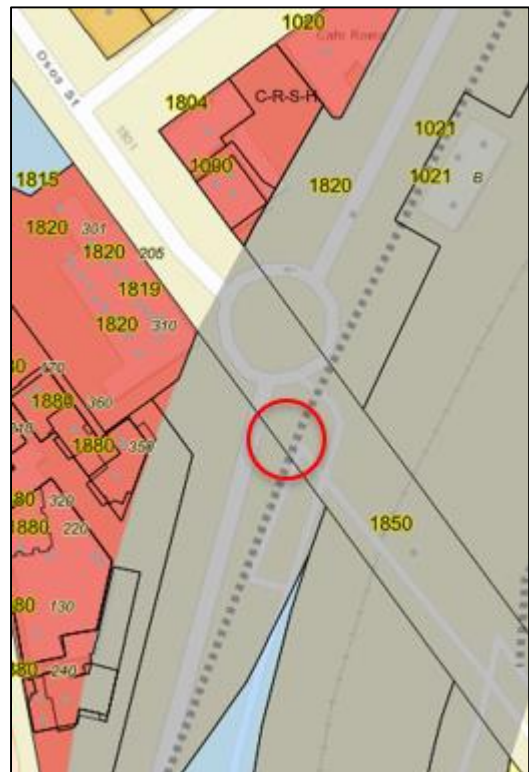
## RECOMMENDATION

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.

## 1.0 APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Clean Power Management, the applicant, has requested the removal of one (1) *Pistacia chinensis* (Chinese Pistache) at parcel 003-659-010, adjacent to 1850 Osos Street near the intersection of at Osos St and the Railroad Safety Trail located within the C-S-H zone. The applicant has indicated that it is not possible to preserve and tree and install infrastructure to support an approved installation of four (4) DC fast charging electric vehicle chargers.

The applicant has requested to remove the tree and replace it with two (2) compensatory trees offsite at an adjacent parcel as shade trees for the parking lot: either two (2) *Acacia stenophylla* (Shoestring Acacia) or *Quercus hypoleucoides* (Silverleaf Oak) subject to availability (see Attachment C for the proposed replanting locations).



**Figure 1: tree location**

## 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\(F\)\(2\)](#) - tree removals related to ministerial development permits on parcels other than R1 or R2. While the applicant had applied using a Major Development application, staff review determined that the correct application was a minor ministerial

development application. This code section utilizes the relevant additional application requirements in [subsection \(D\)\(2\)](#) and the criteria set forth in [subsection \(G\)](#).

### 3.0 TREE REGULATIONS

The City's Tree Ordinance (Municipal Code Chapter 12.24) was adopted 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.

#### Criteria for Convenience Tree Removal Applications.

SLOMC §12.24.090 subsection (F)(2) 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.

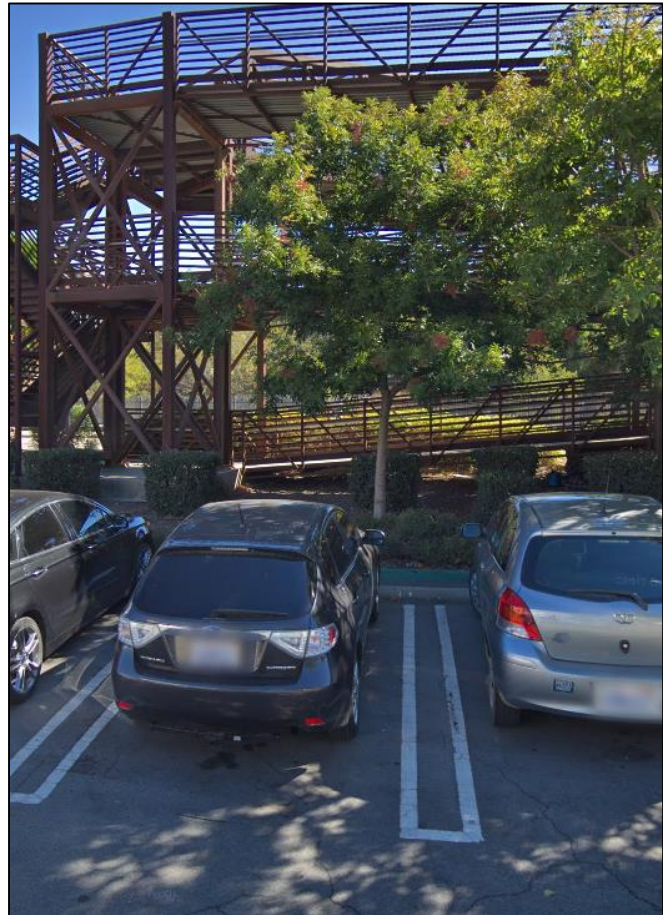


Figure 1 – View of tree

- *(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 tree proposed for removal is moderate 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 is highly visible from the public right of way and provides a moderate visual impact to the neighborhood.

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

The tree proposed for removal is 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 has little impact on remaining trees but replanting 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 meet the minimum required replanting rate of 2:1 offsite on an adjacent City parcel.

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

The tree is not a heritage tree.

#### 4.0 ACTIONS

- 4.1 Recommend findings of consistency with the Tree Regulations. An action recommending approval of the proposed tree removals 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 proposed tree removals 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 review of the proposed tree removals should include direction to the applicant and staff on pertinent issues.

#### 5.0 ATTACHMENTS

A - Tree Removal Application Form  
B - Replanting Location





## 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: City of San Luis Obispo		Applicant Name: Clean Power Management	
Address: 919 Palm St.		Address: 24941 Dana Point Harbor Dr.	
City: San Luis Obispo	Zip: 93401	City: Dana Point	Zip: 92629
Phone: 805-783-7869		Phone: 951-445-0790	
Email: lpohlman@slocity.org		Email: acosio@valtaenergy.com	
Address of Tree(s): 1011 Railroad Ave.			
Number of trees applying to remove: 1			
Tree Species: Chinese pistache			
Reason for Removal: Installation of electric infrastructure to support installation of (4) DC fast charging electric vehicle chargers			
Is this removal a City Tree? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW Dog in yard? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
Is this associated with a Building Permit or Development Plan? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input 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 removal<sup>1</sup>
- ☐ Replanting plan<sup>2</sup>
- ☐ Arborist Report<sup>3</sup>

**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"/>	<b>Imminent Hazard to Life or Property</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(E)(1)(a)</a>	City Arborist
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(E)</a>	City Arborist
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Convenience Removal</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(E)(3)</a> <i>Tree Committee makes recommendation to Community Development Director</i>	Community Development Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Minor Ministerial Development Permit</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(F)(1)</a> <i>Removal for residential or accessory construction on an R-1 or R-2 lot</i>	City Arborist
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Discretionary Permits Construction Tree Removal</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(F)(3)</a>	Community Development Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Major Development / Tentative Tract Map/ Conditional Use Permit</b> SLOMC <a href="#">12.24.090(F)(4)</a>	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](mailto: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.

Lucia Bohman 6/3/2025  
Signed Date

### Applicant/ Representative Certification:

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Alisha Cosio 5/7/2025  
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.

Lucia Bohman 6/3/2025  
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.

Lucia Bohman 6/3/2025  
Signed Date





## TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF 1 AFRICAN FERN PINE LOCATED AT 1421 BROAD ST (APPLICATION: TREE-0288-2025)

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

### 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.

#### 1.0 APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

Bunyon Bros. Tree Service, the applicant, has requested the removal of one (1) *Afrocarpus falcatus* (African Fern Pine) at 1421 Broad Street located within the R-2 zone. The applicant has indicated in their application that they are requesting the tree removal due to insurance regulations and requested review under “Tree Health and Hazard Mitigation.” The applicant proposes to replant one (1) 15-gallon *Pistacia chinensis* (Chinese Pistache) in the same location.



**Figure 1: Subject Property**

#### 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](#). The proposed tree removal request does not provide sufficient evidence to meet the criteria under a Health and Hazard application ([12.24.090.E\(1\)](#)) and therefore the request is being reviewed under Section [12.24.090\(E\)\(3\)](#) - tree removals related to property owner convenience. 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

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#### 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.



**Figure 2 – Tree requested for removal**

- *(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 tree proposed for removal is 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 in a private yard but also has a high visual impact to the neighborhood.

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

The tree proposed for removal is 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.*

Not applicable.

- *(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 meet the minimum required replanting rate of 1:1.

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#### **5.0 ATTACHMENTS**

- A - Tree Removal Application Form
- B - Photos of Banded Tree
- C - Site Replanting Plan
- D - Bunyon Arborist Report





## Community Development

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www.ci.slo.ca.us

### TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

For all Non-Construction and Construction related tree removals

Owner Name: <u>Dixie Cavigli</u>	Applicant Name: <u>Bunyon Bros. Tree Service</u>
Address: <u>1421 BROAD ST. UNIT C</u>	Address: <u>5345 Davenport Creek Road</u>
City: <u>SAN LUIS OBISPO</u> Zip: <u>93401</u>	City: <u>San Luis Obispo</u> Zip: <u>93401</u>
Phone: <u>805-234-4113</u>	Phone: <u>(805) 547-1903</u>
Email: <u>dixiecavigli@gmail.com</u>	Email: <u>contact@bunyonbros.com</u>
Address of Tree(s): <u>1421 BROAD ST SLO CA 93401</u>	
Number of trees applying to remove: <u>1</u>	
Tree Species: <u>PODOCARPUS</u>	
Reason for Removal: <u>INSURANCE REGULATIONS</u>	
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 type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
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**Tree Removal Decisions as outlined in Section 12.24.090 of the City's Municipal Code**

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Diana Cargli 04/14/25  
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**Applicant/ Representative Certification:**

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[Signature] 4-7-25  
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.

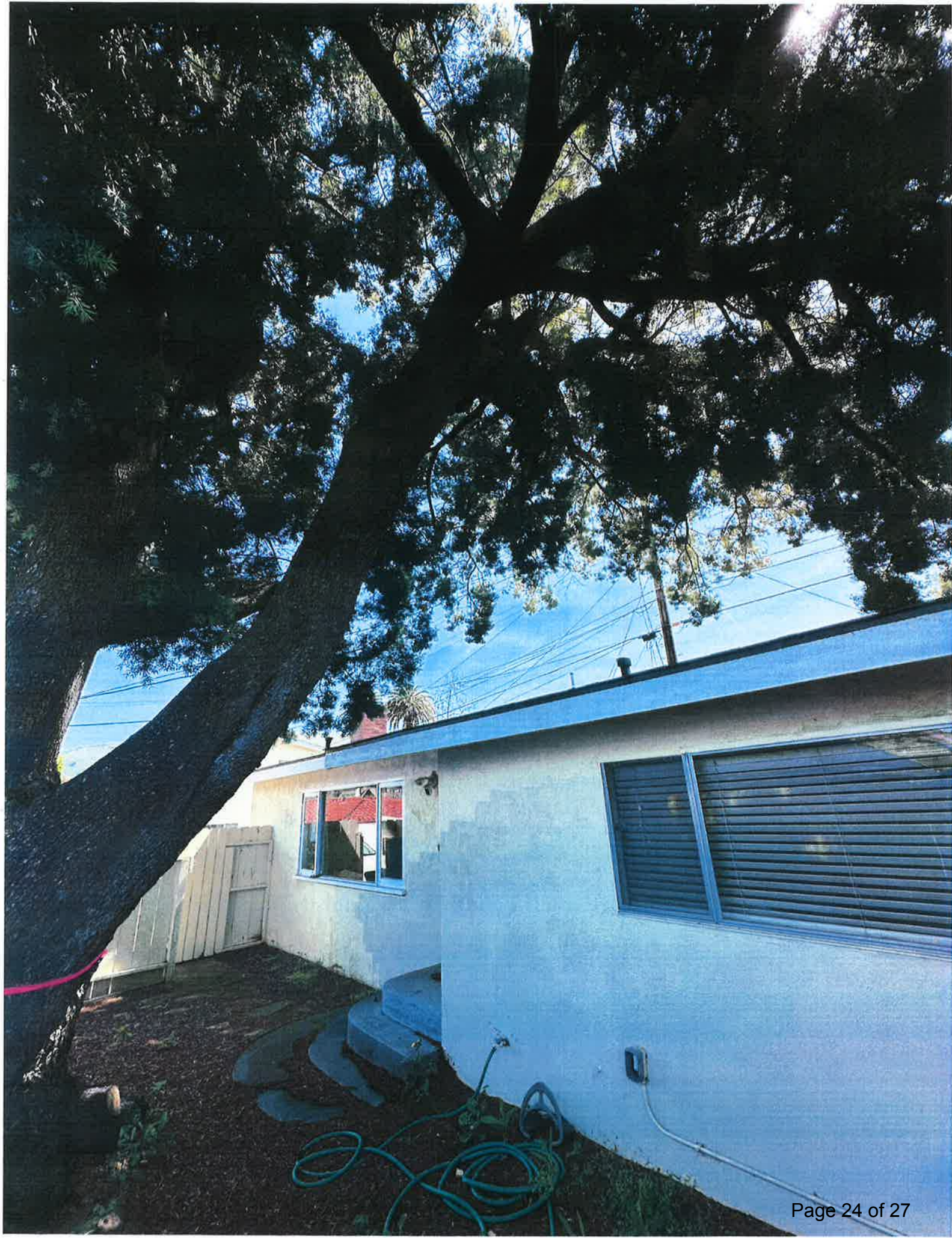
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Signed Date

**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.

Diana Cargli 4-14/25  
Signed Date







— REPLACE WITH 15 gal  
CHINESE PISTACHE

— SAME LOCATION





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Walter Gault,

This report is on the removal and replacement of a large *Podocarpus macrophyllus*. This tree is causing damage to the house located at 1421 Broad Street in San Luis Obispo. The roots of this tree are quite large and muscular causing damage to the concrete steps by the front door. These roots are clustered up against the foundation and pushing against the nearby fence. Multiple large heavy limbs with included bark greatly extend over the main house, the neighbor's house and garage with a high potential to cause structural damage. Constant debris drop is causing issues with roofing materials. Five droplines radiate through the canopy from the power poles. 12 KV lines are cleared regularly on the south side of the canopy. One #15 gal. *Pistacia chinensis* or Chinese Pistache or other species directed by the City Arborist will be replaced in the same location when removal, stump grinding and soil improvements occur.

Ron Combs

Certified Arborist #WE-6343AM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Combs".

