



City of Woodland
Meeting Agenda
Urban Forestry Subcommittee

Woodland Community &
Senior Center
2001 East St.
Woodland, CA 95776

October 4, 2024
12:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

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E. REPORT OF THE STAFF

1. SUBJECT: Tree located on the water transmission line located near 709 Del Oro Street

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION: Staff recommends that the Urban Forest Subcommittee support staff's recommendation to remove a valley oak tree on the water transmission line south of the residence at 709 Del Oro Street.

F. ADJOURN

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Kris Bain, Community Services Program Manager

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TO: THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
AGENDA: Urban Forest Subcommittee
DATE: October 4, 2024
ITEM #: E.1
SUBJECT: Tree located on the water transmission line located near 709 Del Oro Street

Recommendation for Action:

Staff recommends that the Urban Forest Subcommittee support staff's recommendation to remove a valley oak tree on the water transmission line south of the residence at 709 Del Oro Street.

Staff Contact:

Aaron Armstrong, Park Supervisor, (530) 661-2000, aaron.armstrong@cityofwoodland.gov

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to remove this tree is approximately one thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$1,800). The current urban forestry budget has fiscal resources to cover this expense.

Background:

The City's Tree Ordinance, adopted in 2019, identifies a process for the removal of City trees that are greater in size than 24-inches diameter at breast height (dbh). A notice of the proposed removal must be posted on trees proposed for removal a minimum of 14 days before the Urban Forest Subcommittee meeting (the notice was posted on the tree for this proposed removal on September 17, 2024).

Discussion:

A valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), measuring 29-inches dbh, located on the City's water transmission line at the south end of Woodland's city limits is proposed for removal. This tree is located south of the residence located at 709 Del Oro Street. The water transmission line is located at the south end of town from Ashley Avenue to East Street.

The staff was contacted by the resident who resides at 709 Del Oro Street. The tree is about 50% over the private property yard. The property owners are concerned that the tree could fail and destroy their property. The tree has a large co-dominant main stem (see pictures below). This type of defect (see below for a detailed explanation) is a concern and has a high likelihood of failure. The tree is adjacent to powerlines and will never be allowed to grow to its full potential due to the necessary pruning for line clearance. This pruning over time will also add to the overweighting and poor balance of the tree. This overweighting will increase the potential for failure. Staff met with Mike Pryor, an ISA certified- arborist, and the owner of Evergreen Enterprises, to discuss whether the tree could be pruned or if it should be removed. Mr. Pryor, along with the City's Arborist, agree that the tree should be removed due to the co-dominant main stem and the potential for future failures. Additionally, staff has been in contact with the Woodland Tree Foundation president, and no concerns were raised regarding this proposed removal. It should be noted that the homeowner later asked if the removal of the tree could be postponed for 5 years in order to allow for another tree to get established. Staff does not support this request due to the information provided above.



29 inch DBH (diameter at breast height)



Photo of Del Oro tree



Co-dominant stems are two or more main stems that grow from the same point on a tree's trunk and are similar in size. The included bark between the two stems does not make good attachments to each other, which means there is no structural wood attachment between the two stems of the tree. Tree trunks need wood tissue to hold the tree up, particularly in windy and stormy conditions. This is why there is a high likelihood of failure of "V" shaped co-dominant leads on a tree such as this one.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the Urban Forest Subcommittee support staff's recommendation to remove a

valley oak tree on the water transmission line south of the residence at 709 Del Oro Street.

Attachments:

None