

AGENDA

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

RUSH PARK
Administration Building
3001 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

**Thursday, January 3, 2019
7:30 a.m.**

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 a.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS: None

B. PUBLIC FORUM

Any person may address the members of the Trees/Parks/Facilities Committee at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Trees/Parks/Facilities Committee of the Rossmoor Community Services District.

C. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. UNAUTHORIZED PRUNING OF LARGE PARKWAY TREES AT 3151 OAK GROVE RD.
2. REPLACEMENT TREES FOR RUSH PARK PARKING LOT PLANTER

D. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I hereby certify that the attached Agenda for the Thursday January 3, 2019 7:30 a.m. Rossmoor Trees/Parkways Committee Meeting of the Rossmoor Community Services District was posted at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

ATTEST:

Joe Mendoza by K. Bell Date 12/28/18
Joe Mendoza
General Manager

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM C-1

Date: January 3, 2019
To: Trees/Parkways Committee
From: General Manager Joe Mendoza

Subject: Unauthorized pruning of large parkway trees at 3151 Oak Grove Road

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RCSD General Manager recommends that the Tree/Parkways Committee agree on an appropriate monetary fine for the severe topping and destructive pruning of two large established parkway trees by resident Glen Gomez. The pruning was in violation of RCSD Policy No. 3080.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Glen Gomez called on October 24, 2018 to request a trim of the parkway tree in along with his concern of a leaning trunk. Mary Kingman inspected the tree and found the tree to be in good health and without evidence of pest or disease occurrence. The lean was not determined to be significant and there was no evidence of an increase in the lean in recent years when compared with Google images going back to 2008. There is no history of limb failure on this tree. The tree was trimmed as part of the District grid trimming on 12/12/2017. The tree was not overgrown or exhibiting dead or hanging limbs within the crown and therefore did not qualify for a trim. Mary Kingman called and left a voice message for Mr. Gomez, stating her findings and offered to re-inspect the tree in early 2019 to see if there was any change in the health or trim qualifying status of the tree.

On a December 3, 2018 field inspection, Mary Kingman observed that both trees had been pruned by the resident. On the evening of December 3, 2018 and the morning of December 4, 2018 two different neighbors called in to report that the trees had been trimmed. This act was in direct violation to RCSD Policy 3080.11 which states: **'Homeowners, residents or their agents shall not plant, trim or remove parkway and median trees... RCSD Policy 3080.60 states: Tree Protection: Unauthorized removal of or damage to a parkway tree is a misdemeanor. In addition, the responsible person will be required to pay to the District the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) value of the removed tree based on the ISA trunk formula method and the cost of a replacement tree in a 24-inch box.**

Mary Kingman sends out a brochure with RCSD information that includes RCSD Tree Policy details to all addresses of recently sold homes within Rossmoor. She can confirm that 3151 Oak Grove Rd. was included on the list of recently sold homes that were mailed brochures on August 2, 2018.

A violation letter was sent by authorized mail to Mr. Gomez on December 4, 2018. As of this writing, there has been no response to RCSD from Mr. Gomez. A copy of this agenda packet will be available on the RCSD website 24 hours before the scheduled Tree Committee meeting.

FINDINGS

The trees in question are: one *Platanus racemosa*, commonly known as California Sycamore and one *Platanus x hispanica*, commonly known as London Plane. Specific information on each tree is listed below.

- The *Platanus racemosa*, commonly known as California Sycamore is located within the front parkway of 3151 Oak Grove Road. Before pruning took place, the tree had an estimated value of \$17,220. The tree was inspected by Tree Consultant Mary Kingman on October 24, 2018 after the resident requested the tree to be trimmed.
- The *Platanus x hispanica*, commonly known as London Plane is located within the side parkway of 3151 Oak Grove Road. that parkway being located on Chaucer Road. Before pruning took place, the tree had an estimated value of \$3,260.00. There was not pruning request made or inspection performed on the tree prior to the unauthorized pruning. There is no recorded history of limb failure on this tree. The tree was trimmed as part of the District grid trimming on 12/11/2017.

Both trees were severely topped, with more than 50% of the live leaf-bearing crown on each tree having been removed. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) recommend removing no more than 25% of the live crown in a single year. Topping is defined by the ISA as **'An inappropriate technique to reduce tree size that cuts through a stem more than two years old at an indiscriminate location; at type of pruning cut that serves to initiate discoloration and perhaps decay in that stem.'** The topping cuts performed on these trees have forever altered their natural structural form and aesthetic beauty and have greatly increased the risk of possible health issues within the trees. A stressed tree with severely topped limbs is more vulnerable to decay, insect and disease and the loss of crown may result in the trees being starved and forced to produce multiple adventitious sprouts from each stub cut. These rapidly growing shoots will never be as strong as natural branches and the risk of limb failure will be greatly increased as will the maintenance required to maintain them.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Photos of the trees before and after the pruning.
2. RCSD Tree Policy 3080.
3. RCSD Brochure sent to new homeowners with mailing label list

3151 Oak Grove Road – Front Parkway Tree, California

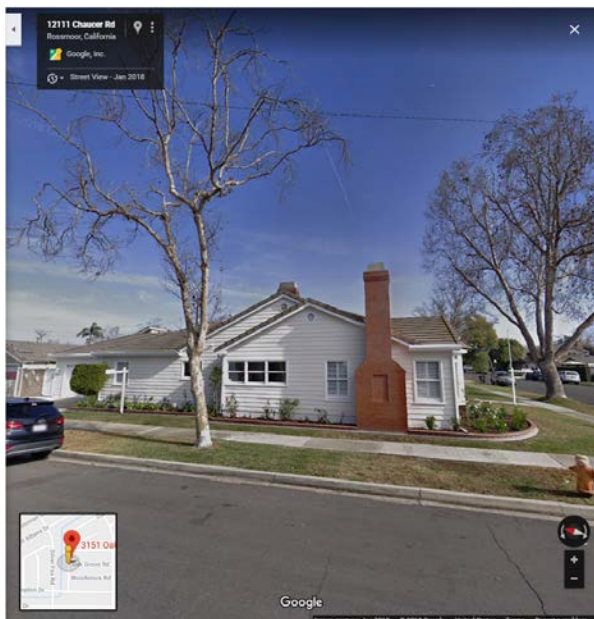


Above photo taken 10/24/18 – Mary Kingman



Above photo taken 12/3/18 at 11:50 a.m. by Mary Kingman

3151 Oak Grove Road – Side Parkway Tree, London Plane



Google image capture January 2018



Google image capture July_2014



Above photo taken 12/3/18 at 11:50 a.m. by Mary Kingman



Above photos taken 12/28/18 at 11:40 a.m. by Mary Kingman

Rossmoor Community Services District

Policy

No. 3080

**PARKWAY AND ROSSMOOR WAY MEDIAN TREE
MAINTENANCE**

3080.00 Parkway and Median: A parkway, as described in this Policy, is the County of Orange (County) owned area between the sidewalk and curb. The median is the County owned area dividing Rossmoor Way.

3080.10 Public Property: Parkway and median trees are public, not private property. Every reasonable effort will be made to preserve this natural resource in order to retain and improve this local scenic and environmental asset.

3080.11 Homeowners, residents or their agents shall not plant, trim or remove parkway and median trees. The Rossmoor Community Services District (District) has the authority and responsibility to plant and trim trees either directly or through the County or other third parties. The District recommends removals to the County and the County has the authority to remove trees.

3080.12 The County of Orange is responsible for the preventative or remedial tree root pruning to aid in the control of sidewalk, curb and gutter damage. The District will coordinate with the County to perform this work and any other alternatives to tree removal.

3080.13 Request for inspections, planting, trimming or removal shall be made with the District office. A Customer Service Request (CSR) shall be initiated describing the request and action taken or not taken.

3080.14 No person shall remove, prune, trim, cut or otherwise damage a tree that is located in the parkway or median, or cause, permit, direct, or knowingly allow the removal, pruning, trimming, cutting, or damaging of a parkway or median tree, unless authorized to do so pursuant to this Policy.

3080.20 Tree Planting and Nurturing: All parkways at private residences shall have at least one tree, where feasible, and those currently without a tree(s) will have a tree(s) planted by the District as funds become available. Appropriately spaced tree plantings are required along the parkways of public properties, where feasible (e.g. parks, schools, flood control channels, etc.).

3080.21 Tree planting locations shall be determined by the District's Tree Consultant and/or Arborist and be based on recognized standards for the planting of trees.

3080.22 The District shall maintain a tree-planting program consistent with budgeted funds.

3080.23 The District shall maintain an inventory of all parkway and Rossmoor Way median trees. The District shall also maintain a current list of all potential sites for planting a tree within all public right of ways.

3080.24 Site selections for new tree plantings shall be based on a computerized inventory of Rossmoor parkway trees and vacant sites maintained by the District.

3080.25 New tree plantings shall be accomplished in accordance with the Rossmoor Parkway Tree Planting Specifications (Arborist Scope of Services) maintained by the General Manager.

3080.26 Trees planted by the District will minimally be in 24"box containers. Should budget constraints arise or a 24" box tree of a specific species not be available, a 15-gallon container tree may be substituted.

3080.27 A list of tree varieties approved by the Board for new or replacement trees shall be maintained by the District. The Tree Consultant shall recommend and the District shall select tree species based on the specified predominant tree species of the block if the tree is still on the approved species list and other factors such as availability or an alternate tree from the approved list of trees with similar characteristics.

3080.28 The General Manager shall maintain a Notification of Tree Planting document that specifies the required care of parkway trees. This includes instructions for newly planted parkway trees. The document shall be provided to each homeowner/resident of a newly planted parkway tree.

3080.29 The homeowner/resident has the responsibility for watering and caring for the parkway trees adjacent to their property in accordance with District instructions. A tree that must be replaced due to lack of care on the part of a homeowner/resident will require the homeowner/resident to pay the District for a replacement tree of the same or like species and size.

3080.30 Tree Trimming and Protection: Trees shall be trimmed by the District to maintain safety and clearance standards established by the County.

3080.31 Specifications delineating aesthetic tree trimming shall be in accordance with the requirements of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI A 300) maintained by the General Manager and shall become a part of any tree trimming contracts awarded by the District.

3080.32 The District shall maintain a tree trimming schedule for all parkway and median trees. Each tree shall be trimmed at least once every four years or as necessary according to species. Homeowners/residents desiring more frequent trimming or pruning can request such at the District office for a fee, which reflects the cost to the District. Tree trimming shall only be performed by the District's contract arborist.

3080.33 Notification by mail or by posting at the residence of scheduled tree trimming, planting, root pruning or removal shall be sent by the District to the homeowner/resident at least two (2) weeks prior to the planned work except for emergency safety removals by the County.

3080.40 Tree Removal: Only trees that are dead, structurally unsound or are creating problems that cannot be corrected without causing the tree to die or become unstable will be removed.

3080.41 Valid reasons for removing trees:

- A dead, rotting or seriously diseased tree that presents a danger of structural failure.
- Trees that present a hazard, such as a tree with weak roots, a tree with a split trunk or a tree with falling limbs that cannot be corrected with trimming.
- A diseased or insect infested tree that is a serious threat to nearby trees if removal is the best pest or disease control option.

- An unauthorized tree of the wrong species for its location
- Hardscape (sidewalks, curbs, driveways etc.) damage that requires repairs and if such repairs cannot be made without causing severe root damage that renders the tree structurally unsound.
- If in order to repair or replace a lateral sewer line, it is necessary to remove significant tree roots that would undermine the structural integrity of a tree. This need must be demonstrated to the District by the homeowner through video evidence of the location and extent of damage to the sewer lateral. During excavation, the sewer line must be exposed and be available to the District for a visual inspection to determine the need for the tree removal.
- Home remodeling that requires removal of a tree. If this is driveway relocation, the homeowner must have a building permit and plot plan showing the tree to be removed is less than eight (8) feet from the proposed new driveway. The Homeowner must pay the District for the tree removal and the planting of a new 24-inch box tree selected by the District before the District will sign off on the building permit.
- Any reason deemed by the General Manager to be in the best interests of the District and/or homeowner/resident.

3080.42 Non-valid reasons for removing trees:

- Nuisances, such as dropping leaves, root ridges in lawn, messy fruit, berries or flowers, etc.
- Roots getting into sewer lines. It is the responsibility of the homeowner/resident to maintain their sewer line so that leakage from a line is repaired promptly. This will avoid tree roots from seeking the seeping nutrients and moisture from the line.
- Invasion of roots into water meter box that can be remedied with root pruning. The General Manager will determine who is financially responsible for any necessary root pruning.
- Hardscape damage where repair coupled with root pruning can save the tree.

3080.50 Requests for Tree Inspections, Trimming or Removal and Disposition:

3080.51 A request for parkway tree inspection, trimming or, removal may be made in person, by telephone or in writing to the District office. A CSR will be generated, an inspection will be performed and a disposition will be made by the District.

3080.52 The action taken or not taken on a request will be reported back to the homeowner or his/her agent by the District. A requester has the right of appeal the final disposition of the request by the General Manager to the Board on any actions taken/not taken.

3080.60 Tree Protection: Unauthorized removal of or damage to a parkway tree is a misdemeanor. In addition, the responsible person will be required to pay to the District the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) value of the removed tree based on the ISA trunk formula method and the cost of a replacement tree in a 24-inch box.

3080.61 Parkway may not be cemented, bricked or covered with vegetation which prevents the planting of a parkway tree. Any such paving-over, cementing-over or other covering of a parkway shall be subject to the applicable permitting or other approval requirements of the County of Orange. For example, and not by way of limitation, any such paving-over, cementing-over or other covering of a parkway shall be subject to the applicable urban storm water runoff permit regulations as set forth in the applicable

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program as established and administered by the County of Orange or other applicable state or regulatory body.

3080.62 Parkway may be covered with grass or other plants, so long as such grass or plants are not more than two (2) feet high or closer than 1½ feet from the base of the tree. Any work on the parkway that could involve the pruning of tree roots must first be approved by the District.

3080.63 No swings or attachments of any type may be placed on parkway or median trees.

3080.70 Retention of Arborist: The District will retain an ISA certified arborist to assist the General Manager in the performance of specifications called out in the Scope of Services as detailed in the Agreement with the contract arborist.

3080.80 Enforcement of Policy:

3080.81 Pursuant to Government Code Section 61600(j) and (k), the District has the authority to perform work and improvements on or about any street in Rossmoor, subject to the consent of the County.

3080.82 Pursuant to Government Code Section 61621.5(c), Resolution 99-1-13-1 provides that the County has granted the District the power of a county road commissioner to regulate certain activities. In its role as a County Road Commissioner, the District may regulate and perform certain activities in connection with the planting, removing, cutting, injuring or destroying any tree, shrub, plant or flower growing on any parkway or median. Pursuant to Government Code Section 61621.5(c) and Streets and Highways Code Section 1460, anyone who violates this policy will be subject to the appropriate legal remedy including liability for all expenses and damages caused thereby to the County and District and could be found criminally liable for a misdemeanor.

3080.83 The District may notify the responsible person of any violation of this policy. If the responsible person refuses to correct the violation after such notification, the District shall pursue other appropriate legal remedies for the collection of damages in order to compensate the District for all costs and expenses caused by the alleged violation of this policy. Nothing in this policy shall require the District to notify the responsible person prior to initiating a criminal action.

3080.84 The District may enforce this Policy by criminal and/or civil action. Where the District elects to proceed by other than criminal action, the following enforcement procedures shall apply:

- (1) Send the Person a Notice/Demand Letter. The General Manager or his or her designee shall notify any person that his or her actions are in violation of this policy and may provide that person with the opportunity to correct the violation and/or pay the expenses and damages the District incurred in correcting the violation. A demand for such payment shall be in the form of a notice/demand letter which sets forth the violation and the amount due and owing. In regard to correcting the violation, the District may take the initiative to correct the violation, such as replanting a parkway tree and also take the initiative in pursuing recovery of costs and expenses. The notice/letter may also state that the resident must refrain in the future from taking such action that caused the violation to occur. The General Manager shall send a letter via first class mail to the address at which the violation occurred and/or to the last known address of the person causing the violation.

(2) Appeal to the Board. Any person who disputes the decision of the General Manager sent pursuant to subsection (1), above, may appeal that decision to the Board by filing a written request to the General Manager for the matter to be placed on the Board Agenda for the next scheduled Regular Board meeting and payment of the appeal fee as set forth in the Fee Schedule. Any such appeal must be in writing and must be delivered to the General Manager along with the applicable fee within ten (10) calendar days of the contested action and must state the specific action or inaction that is being challenged. The matter shall be placed on a subsequent Board Agenda if there is insufficient time to place the matter on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. The Board shall hold a hearing, admit evidence, and shall render a decision on the matter. The decision of the Board shall be final.

(3) Civil Litigation. If any person fails or refuses to correct the violation and/or to pay the amount owed, then the District may pursue civil litigation. Such litigation may seek injunctive relief whereby the District requests that the court order the person to refrain from certain activities and/or require the person to take certain actions in order to be in compliance with the District's policy/regulations. In the event the District has taken the necessary action, such as replacing the parkway tree, the District may pursue litigation to obtain a judgment against the person in the amount of the expenses and damages that the District incurred in correcting the violation.

3080.85 Nuisance Enforcement by Civil Action & Attorney's Fees.

(1) In addition to any other penalties authorized by law, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of this Policy shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated as such. Each and every day such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

(2) In addition to other penalties and enforcement mechanisms authorized by law, this Policy may be enforced by injunction issued by the superior court upon the suit of the District.

(3) In any action, administrative proceeding or special proceeding commenced by the District to abate a public nuisance, to enjoin a violation of any provision of this Policy, to enforce the provisions of this Policy, or to collect a civil debt owing to the District pursuant to this Policy, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees. The recovery of attorney's fees by the prevailing party is limited to those individual actions or proceeding in the District elect, at the initiation of that individual action or proceeding, to seek recovery of its own attorney's fees. Failure to make such an election precludes any entitlement to, or award of, attorney's fees in favor of any person or the District. In no action, administrative proceeding, or special proceeding shall an award of attorney's fees to a prevailing party exceed the amount of reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the District in the action or proceeding.

3080.90 Tree/Parkway Committee: The Tree/Parkway Committee is comprised of two Board Members and the General Manager. The President of the Board appoints the members to the Committee. The General Manager shall also provide a quarterly report to the Board giving a summary of all parkway and median tree plantings, trimmings, inspections and removals.

3080.100 Damage Claims: Claims for damages allegedly caused by parkway or median trees should be filed with the District. Such claims will be processed in accordance with District Procedures.

3080.110 Terms: Following are terms as used in this policy:

- Manicure Trimming—Ongoing yearly high quality trimming designed to maintain the shape and characteristics of the tree (commonly referred to as resort style which includes lacing of the canopy). This is not the type of tree trimming as performed by the District.
- Aesthetic Trimming (pruning)—Appropriate trimming performed by the District's arborist designed to maintain the general shape of the tree and eliminating dead, damaged or diseased branches and maintaining safety and clearance standards.
- Grid Trimming—Regularly scheduled and ongoing aesthetic trimming on a four year cycle performed by the District's contract Arborist according to a four section grid map of Rossmoor.
- Safety Trimming—Performed on an as-needed basis when a tree is identified as posing a hazard to property, street traffic or pedestrian traffic.
- Root pruning—The cutting of roots to facilitate the replacement of curbs, gutters or sidewalks.
- Responsible person – means any person who violates, or who causes, permits, directs, or knowingly allows another person to violate, any of the provisions of this policy.

3080.120 Challenging The Administrative and Quasi-Judicial Actions Of The District - Time In Which Actions Must Be Brought.

Any action challenging a final administrative order or decision by the District made as a result of a proceeding in which by law a hearing is required to be given, evidence is required to be taken, and discretion regarding a final and non-appealable determination of facts is vested in the District, or in any or its boards, commissions, officers or employees, must be filed within the time limits set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

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GENERAL MANAGER
JOE MENDOZA

ROSSMOOR

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rossmoor Community Services District is to provide superior, cost-effective, services that enhance the quality of life for the residents of Rossmoor.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Orange County Sheriffs Department

Non-Emergency

714.527.9100

R.F. Dickson-Street Sweeping

562.923.5441

Orange County Public Works

714.955.0200

Orange County Animal Control

714.896.7400

CR&R Waste & Recycling Services

1.800.826.9677



MAIN OFFICE
562.430.3707
RECREATION OFFICE

562.431.0525

After Hours Answering Service

Emergencies Only

562.497.0118

www.rossmoor-csd.org

ANNUAL DISTRICT EVENTS

Rossmoor Community Festival

Summer Movies & Concerts in the Park

Shakespeare in the Park

Rossmoor Winter Festival

www.rossmoorwinterfestival.com

Rossmoor

BEHIND THE WALL



ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
3001 Blume Drive, Rossmoor, CA

OFFICE HOURS
MON-FRI
9 AM-5 PM



WELCOME TO ROSSMOOR! Whether you are a new or existing member of the community, we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information on our local government and how Rossmoor is managed as an unincorporated community within the County of Orange, along with some policies that may apply to you as a resident.

While the County of Orange Public Works department maintains the roads, sidewalks, gutters and curbs of Rossmoor and also helps to maintain the street trees, the RCSD has authority over the parks within Rossmoor and the trees within the parks, parkways and medians.

The RCSD has a policy in place that protects the trees that make up the substantial urban forest within the community. Residents are not allowed to prune, trim, remove, damage or plant trees within the parkways, which is the strip of land between the curb and sidewalk of residential homes. The penalties for violating such policies are enforceable by law. RCSD works to maintain the trees and keep them healthy, safe for residents and quickly replaces any tree that must be removed due to death or disease.

Tree lined communities are known to have less crime and friendlier people. Trees are aesthetically pleasing, reduce stress levels and urban heat islands, promote a sense of community and create feelings of well-being.

ROSSMOOR TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN BEING A TREE CITY USA. With over 5,500 trees within an area of only 1.5 square miles, the large mature trees are what attract many new residents and improve the quality of life for existing residents. There are many benefits to having a large amount of trees in a community. Trees are proven to increase property value by up to 20%, cut utility costs by up to 50% and 100 large, mature trees can remove 12 tons of carbon dioxide and 646 pounds of other air pollutants. Tree lined communities are known to have less crime and friendlier people. The trees reduce stress levels, promote a sense of community and create feelings of well-being.



HISTORY: In the early 1980s the County was faced with a sizeable deficit in Rossmoor County Service Area No. 21 (CSA 21). Rossmoor had three choices: Cut services, consolidate CSA 21 with other CSAs in the county, or form an independent Community Services District (CSD). A special district has many of the powers of a city with the notable exception of land-use planning. **The RCSD was formed in November 1986** as a result of a general election. **Powers granted were:** public recreation facilities and services, street lighting, road rights-of-way services, and, subject to consent from the County of Orange, refuse collection and disposal. These included specific services previously provided by CSA 21: local park development and maintenance, road-related landscape maintenance, street sweeping and community center/recreation programs. At that time, this included Rossmoor Park, the mini-parks and Montecito Center. **In November 1990, Rossmoor voters approved a ballot measure** to acquire Rush School and surrounding grounds and to tax themselves to pay for one or more bonds to acquire the property now known as Rush Park.

Rossmoor is known for its splendid urban forest, beautiful homes and strong family values.



RCSD TODAY: Rossmoor Community Services District is located in the Community of Rossmoor in Orange County, California. Approximately 10,500 residents make their home in this unincorporated bedroom community located behind a signature brick wall situated between the cities of Seal Beach and Los Alamitos. The Special District of Rossmoor is governed by a five member Board of Directors, who are elected by the residents of Rossmoor and operates under the supervision of a General Manager. Rossmoor is managed by the Rossmoor Community Services District, or RCSD. The RCSD office staff is comprised of a General Manager, administrative assistant, general clerk, accountant, park superintendent, recreation superintendent, one full-time and one part-time park and recreation assistant and a street tree consultant.

BOARD MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Rush Park Auditorium. The public is welcome to attend. The RCSD works closely with the Rossmoor Homeowner's Association (RHA) which is a non-governing, community organization made up of resident volunteers.



Resident	Address	Street	City, State	Zip
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2662	ST. ALBANS DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2682	OAK KNOLL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2722	ENGEL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2881	COPA DE ORO DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2882	ACECA DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2902	COPA DE ORO DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2961	MAINWAY DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2962	BOSTONIAN DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	2962	COPA DE ORO DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3012	TIGERTAIL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3022	HILLROSE DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3041	SALMON DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3071	WALKER LEE DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3072	RUTH ELAINE DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3101	MAINWAY DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3151	OAK GROVE RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3161	COPA DE ORO DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3172	OAK KNOLL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3182	TIGERTAIL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3191	TIGERTAIL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3192	TIGERTAIL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3192	KITTRICK DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3221	TUCKER LN.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3222	OAK GROVE RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3231	COPA DE ORO DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3262	TUCKER LN.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3272	DRUID LN.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3301	WIMBLETON DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3332	KENILWORTH DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3372	CORTESE DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3392	ROSSMOOR WAY	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	3461	YELLOWTAIL DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11231	FOSTER RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11312	FOSTER RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11372	DRYSDALE LN.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11385	FOSTER RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11401	WALLINGSFORD RD	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11420	HARRISBURG RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11432	HARRISBURG RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11461	WEMBLEY RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11465	HARRISBURG RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11472	MARTHA ANN DR.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
ROSSMOOR RESIDENT	11521	BASKERVILLE RD.	ROSSMOOR, CA	90720
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ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM C-2

Date: January 3, 2019
To: Trees/Parkways Committee
From: General Manager Joe Mendoza
Subject: **Replacement Trees for Rush Park Parking Lot Planter**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

RCSD General Manager recommends that the Tree Committee review and approve replacement planting options for two large Indian Laurel Fig trees that were removed from the Rush Park parking lot planter.

BACKGROUND

On December 10, 2018, RCSD had two large *Ficus microcarpa* ‘Nitida’, commonly known as Indian Laurel Fig trees removed from the Rush Park parking lot planter. The trees were declining from the effects of *Ficus* dieback disease and had lost the majority of their live crowns to the disease. The rate of decline had accelerated within the past year, making it difficult to keep up with removal of dead limbs that presented a hazard to the parking spaces and sidewalk beneath them. When reviewing options for replacement trees, the following factors were considered:

- Growth rate: a species with medium to fast growth should be planted in order to more quickly provide a replacement the large established trees;
- Size: an established size of 30-50’ was considered;
- Climate: species that are suitable for Southern California coastal climate were considered;
- Root damage potential: trees with high root damage potential were not considered;
- Aesthetic beauty: Trees that an attractive and full crown were considered;
- Water requirements: Trees with high water needs were not considered; and
- Litter: trees that produce a large amount of leaf, seed, fruit or flower litter were not considered.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Photos of tree options



BOTANICAL NAME: Pistacia chinensis

COMMON NAME: Chinese Pistache

FAMILY: Anacardiaceae

ORIGIN: Asia

TREE TYPE: Deciduous

FORM: Rounded tree with slow growth rate to 25-40' with equal spread. Develops good limb structure and denser foliage as it ages.

TRUNK: Brown, peeling bark with shades of orange.

FOLIAGE: Compound leaves with 10-16, shiny, dark green leaflets that are 2-4" long. Leaves change to spectacular shades of red and orange in fall.

FLOWERS/FRUIT: Flowers are not showy. Fruit appears in bunches of 4" long clusters, starting out bright red, then turning dark, blue-black.

COMMENTS/NOTES: Drought tolerant once established and tolerates many conditions. Provides a lot of beautiful fall color.

ROOT DAMAGE POTENTIAL: Rated as Low.

BRANCH STRENGTH: Rated as medium-strong

WATER NEEDS: Low



BOTANICAL NAME: Arbutus 'Marina'

COMMON NAME: Marina Strawberry Tree

FAMILY: *Ericaceae*

ORIGIN: Hybrid

TREE TYPE: Evergreen

FORM: Moderate growth 40-50' with a 40' spread. Erect or Spreading with a Low Canopy. Rounded, Umbrella or Vase Shape.

TRUNK: Bark Red Brown, Exfoliating or Smooth.

FOLIAGE: Leaves Elliptic, Medium Green, No Change, Evergreen.

FLOWERS/FRUIT: Small Pink or Rose. Flowers in Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer. Prolific, Red or Yellow Berry, Small (0.25 - 0.50 inches), fruiting in Fall or Winter Wildlife use it. Fruit can cause litter issues.

ROOT DAMAGE POTENTIAL: Rated as Low.

BRANCH STRENGTH: Rated as Strong.

WATER NEEDS: Low



BOTANICAL NAME: *Liriodendron tulipifera*

COMMON NAME: Tulip Tree

FAMILY: Magnoliaceae

ORIGIN: Eastern United States

TREE TYPE: Deciduous

FORM: A very fast growth rate to 40' tall or more with a 20-25' spread. Starts out as an upright tree when young and becomes more spreading as it matures, sometimes developing a conical shape.

TRUNK: Gray or greenish trunk that develops furrows with age.

FOLIAGE: Bright green , lobed leaves that can be 5-6" across. Leaves turn yellow in fall.

FLOWERS/FRUIT: Produces 2" wide Magnolia or Tulip-like flowers that are yellow-green with an orange base. Flowers bloom in spring or summer and sit high and upright on the branches. Small, papery seed pods follow.

ROOT DAMAGE POTENTIAL: Rated as Moderate.

BRANCH STRENGTH: Rated as Medium Strong.

WATER NEEDS: Med-high until established