

# Sacramento Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting #5 Summary

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 300 Richards Blvd., Sacramento

## **Meeting Attendees**

Project team members in attendance included:

- Joe Benassini, City of Sacramento
- Deanna Hickman, City of Sacramento
- Amy Lapin, EPS
- Jamie Gomes, EPS
- Gene Endicott, Endicott Communications

Approximately 21 stakeholder organization representatives and/or community members attended the meeting.

### **Meeting Introduction and Purpose**

Gene Endicott provided an overview of the meeting agenda and facilitated Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) and project team self-introductions. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review and solicit feedback on the draft tree ordinance content.

#### **Draft Ordinance Structure and Content**

Joe Benassini reviewed the draft tree ordinance structure and content. The current version of the draft includes 12 sections:

- 1. Findings and Purpose
- 2. Definitions
- 3. Inspection, Maintenance and Removal by City
- 4. Capital Improvement Projects
- 5. Tree Permits
- 6. Appeals
- 7. Maintenance Responsibility and Liability of Property Owners and Public Utilities
- 8. Legacy Trees
- 9. Tree List
- 10. Violations
- 11. Solar Shade Control Act
- 12. Liability



The attached PowerPoint presentation used in the stakeholder meeting and the "Summary of Tree Ordinance Revisions" detail the proposed ordinance content.

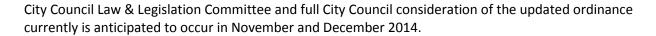
#### **Issues Raised by Stakeholders**

- Concern about impact of the new ordinance on the Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- Want to see Master Plan elements continue in context of the new ordinance.
- Would like to see more coordination internally between departments on planning and enforcement issues.
- 10-day permit noticing is inadequate.
- Concern about changing definition of "heritage tree" to "private protected tree." Makes it seem easier to remove those trees.
- How is "excellent health" defined for purposes of identifying legacy trees and is that too high of a standard?
- Want more clarity regarding role of private property owner in identification of legacy trees.
- Coordinate tree list with other experts, including those working on air quality.
- Financial penalties should also be for restitution in addition to daily fines.
- Legacy trees don't belong in the program because the goal could be accomplished as a Public Works program. (Legacy Trees section has been removed from the proposed updated ordinance.)

#### **Next Steps**

Amy Lapin reviewed the current schedule for City review of the proposed revised ordinance. Next steps include:

- Continued review and edit by the City Draft Ordinance Review Committee (DORC)
- Presentation of revised ordinance and other ordinance modifications to City Council Law & Legislation Committee.
- Presentation of final report and overview revised ordinance to City Council.
- Establish ongoing focus group for tree-related issues and assistance with update of the Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- Prepare tree list and excluded tree list.
- Establish tree-related fees through City Council resolution (e.g. application fee, compensation for damage or destruction of City Street Tree)
- Establish potential replacement option through City Council resolution for damage of City Street Tree.
- Work with City departments to streamline development application and process for reviewing tree-related issues at onset of project.
- Prepare updated Urban Forestry Master Plan.
- Potential update of Chapter 12.56 "Trees Generally" based on updated Urban Forestry Master Plan content.



The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

