

Sacramento Tree Ordinances Update

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

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The Economics of Land Use



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Project Background

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Project Goals

- Ensure the ordinance reflects public opinion
- Align urban forestry policies with the City's vision of future development
- Serve as a foundation for an urban forestry master plan

Project Objectives

- Make the ordinance clear and concise
 - If people don't understand it they will not respect or obey it
- Incorporate three separate ordinances into a single document
 - SCC 12.56 – Trees Generally
 - SCC 12.60 – Dutch Elm-Disease
 - SCC 12.64 – Heritage Trees
- Align policies with City planning, engineering and community development work groups
- Create an advisory body
- Basis to develop urban forestry standards and guidelines

Basic Elements of Ordinances

- Title
- Findings
- Purpose and intent
- Definitions
 - Interpretation
- Jurisdiction
- Policies
- Liability
 - Abate hazards
- Prohibit interference
- Appeals
- Penalties
- Enforcement
- Performance evaluation
 - Periodic review
- Severability
- Administrative responsibility
 - Advisory group

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Project Objectives and Approach

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Purpose of Ordinances

- Manage
- Enhance
- Sustain



Existing Conditions

- Multiple ordinances
- Lack of consistency
- Inefficient processes
- Need for enhanced performance standards
- Lack of certainty/predictability for development/design community

Inclusive Approach

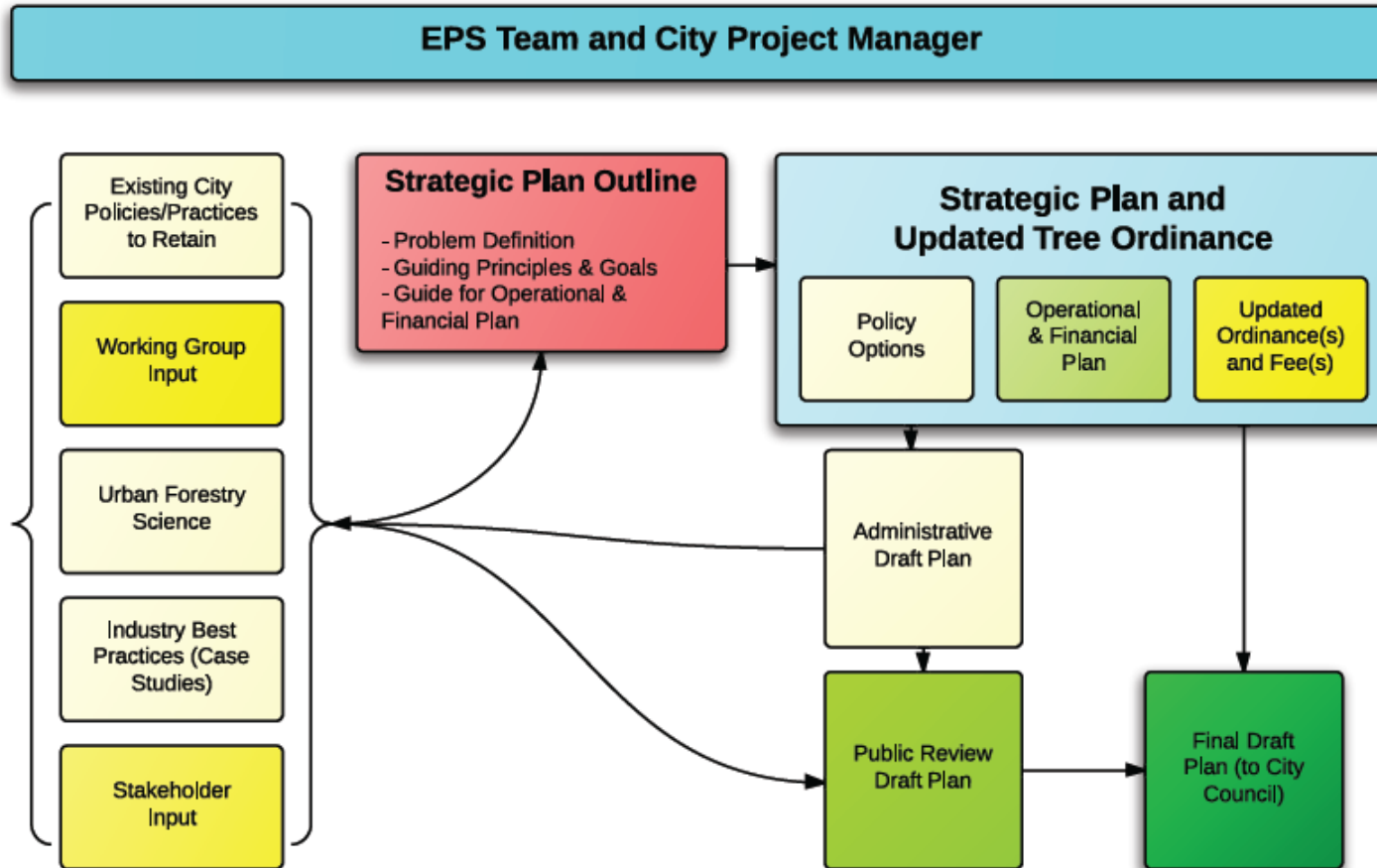
- Complete Ordinance Update to Achieve City Goals
- Project Team
 - City Urban Forester
 - Consultant team
 - City working group (department representatives)
 - Stakeholder advisory committee (SAC)

Steps

Comprehensive Process

- Gather information to define issues
- Identify policies/practices to retain
- Prepare strategic plan and ordinance update outline
 - Problem definition
 - Strategic Goals, Objectives and Guiding Principles
 - Operational, Financial and Implementation Plan
- Stakeholder input (internal and external)
- Case study research
- Prepare strategic plan and updated ordinance

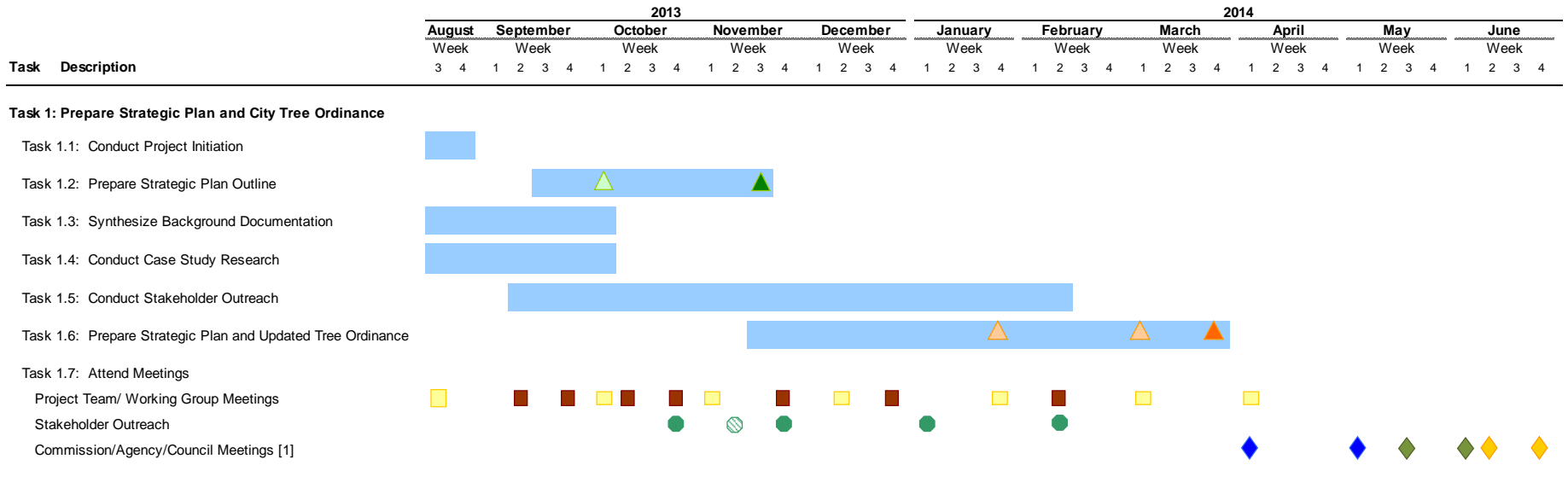
Tree Ordinances Update Work Flow



Output and Schedule

- Strategic Plan and Tree Ordinance
- Updated tree ordinance presented to the following bodies:
 - Law and Legislation Committee
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Planning Commission
 - City Council
- Approximately 11-month process

Estimated Project Schedule



"Schedule"

NOTE:

This is an estimate of the timeline to complete the attached scope of services. Please note, the schedule also will depend on the responsiveness and involvement of City staff and other stakeholders.

- = City Staff and Consultant Meeting
- = City Working Group Meeting
- = Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting
- = Stakeholder Advisory Committee Tour
- ▲ = Draft Outline
- ▲ = Final Outline
- ▲ = Draft Report/ Ordinance
- ▲ = Final Report/ Ordinance
- ◆ = Parks and Recreation Commission Hearing
- ◆ = Planning Commission or City Council
- ◆ = City Council Law & Legislation Committee Hearing

[1] Precise timing and sequence of Parks and Recreation Commission, City Council Law & Legislation Committee, Planning Commission and City Council meetings remains to be determined.



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