

**STAFF REPORT**  
**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:**  
**November 13, 2012**

**ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

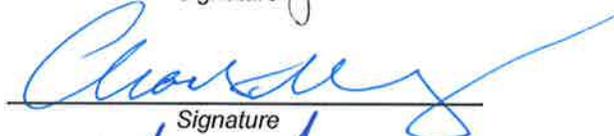
**Recommendation and Findings from the City of Carpinteria  
Tree Advisory Board's Annual Tree Tour**

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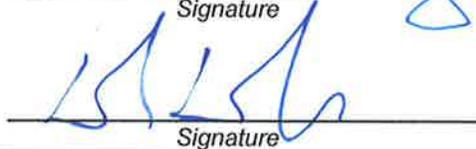
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City Manager:**

  
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**ACTION  NON-ACTION**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council support the Tree Advisory Board and Staff recommendations to:

- 1.) Remove the trees listed herein and replace with an approved tree species from the City Street Tree Management Plan.
- 2.) Direct City Staff to conduct public workshops pertaining to Special Condition Streets.

**Sample Motion:**

**Part I:** I move to direct City Staff to remove the trees listed herein and replace with an approved tree species.

**Part II:** I also move to direct City Staff to conduct public workshops pertaining to the Special Condition Street trees listed herein prior to tree removals and present the results of the workshops to the City Council for final direction on the removal of the trees.

**I. BACKGROUND:**

The City has a Tree Management Program relating to the planting, care, maintenance, removal, and replacement of trees, shrubs and any other plantings in public areas governed by Carpinteria Municipal Code (Chapter 12.28 CMC). More specifically, pursuant to CMC Section

12.28.210, property owners desiring that a tree be removed or replaced within the public right-of-way fronting their property may submit a letter of request to the City seeking action. Public requests and City staff recommendations are received throughout the year. Each October, to assist in its making recommendations, the City Tree Advisory Board (TAB) compiles a list of requests for tree replacements and schedules a site visit to see each tree i.e., the "Tree Tour". Trees identified in this process are marked and notice is posted in the newspaper indicating the dates of the TAB site visit and subsequent public meetings. The TAB recommendations are then forwarded to the City Council for review. Property owners requesting tree removals have been encouraged to attend the TAB meeting and the subsequent City Council meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to CMC Chapter 12.28, the City Council's approval of the TAB decisions for tree removal is only required upon public appeal, but it has been the City's practice to present such matters to City Council for authorization.

**II. DISCUSSION:**

On October 27, 2012, the TAB visited each of the following tree sites as noted on the following table. This table also documents the TAB recommendations made at their October 30, 2012 meeting addressing each property owner's request. The approved pallet of replacement trees are listed and available for review in the City's approved Street Tree Management Plan (STMP). The scheduling of tree replacements is based on having new trees available for planting, and/or the availability of construction crews to perform necessary repairs to curb, gutter, and sidewalk as may be needed.

The City's practice has been to give preference of approved replacement tree species to property owners, when possible, if a tree in front of their property is determined to be unhealthy, hazardous, or undesirable in accordance with CMC Chapter 12.28.210(A)(1-10).

Tree Location	TAB/Staff Recommendations
4241 Carpinteria Avenue (Italian Stone Pine) See Attachment A	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u>            The tree be removed and replaced with an approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u>            The tree has inadequate parkway space and is severely lifting the sidewalk, gutter, and road making it difficult for the property owners to use their driveway. The tree has received severe pruning by Southern California Edison related to overhead power lines. This location has been the site of several City sidewalk and driveway repairs over the past 10-15 years.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u>            The tree be removed and replaced with one of the STMP listed trees for this street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tristania laurina (Water Gum)</li> <li>• Podocarpus henkelii (Long-leafed Yellowwood)</li> <li>• Magnolia grandiflora (Saint Mary)</li> <li>• Koelreuteria paniculata (Goldenrain)</li> </ul>

<p>4280 Carpinteria Avenue (Sycamore) See Attachment B</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be retained as it is not causing damage to the public street/right-of-way improvements.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The tree be retained as it is not causing damage to the street.</p>
<p>1336 Vallecito Place (Magnolia) See Attachment C</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be removed and replaced with an approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u> The tree has inadequate parkway space, severe root damage to curb and property owner's driveway that is spreading to the neighboring property, severe pruning needed due to overhead power lines.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The tree be removed and replaced with one of the STMP listed trees for this street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ilex altacrerensis (English Holly)</li> <li>• Cercis Canadensis (Forest Pansi)</li> </ul>
<p>1296 Byrnes Lane (Bottle Brush) See Attachment D</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be removed and replaced in an alternate location with an approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u> The tree is severely lifting the sidewalk and causing water line and sewer line damage to private property.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The tree be removed and replaced with one of the STMP listed trees for this street, and requests that an alternate location be considered for the replacement tree.</p> <p>Replacement species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pittosporum Phillyreoides (Weeping Pittosporum)</li> <li>• Agonis flexuosa (Willow Myrtle)</li> </ul>
<p>4850 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Italian Stone Pine) See Attachment E</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> That City Staff conduct a public workshop in accordance with the requirements of the STMP for Special Condition Streets and discuss options to the TAB for consideration.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The same, hold a public workshop and prepare options for consideration.</p>

	<p>Replacement species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tristania laurina (Water Gum)</li> <li>• Koelreuteria paniculata (Goldenrain)</li> <li>• Magnolia grandiflora (Little Gem)</li> </ul>
<p>5428 El Carro Lane (Fern Pine) See Attachment F</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be retained as it is causing a minimal amount of damage to the street.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The tree be retained due to the minimal damage done to the street.</p>
<p>1330 La Manida (Shamel Ash) See Attachment G</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> That City Staff conduct a public workshop in accordance with the requirements of the STMP for Special Condition Streets and then bring options before the TAB for consideration.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The same, hold a public workshop and prepare options for consideration.</p> <p>Replacement species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Koelreuteria paniculata (Goldenrain)</li> <li>• Cercis Canadensis (Oklahoma)</li> <li>• Fraxinus oxycarpa (Raywood)</li> </ul>
<p>608 Maple Street (Myoporum) <i>*Two at this location</i> See Attachment H</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The two trees be removed and replaced with one or more of the approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u> This tree species is intended to be grown into a hedge but due to lack of maintenance, has overgrown into two full size trees. The two trees are unhealthy, have very invasive roots, and are unattractive.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> The two trees be removed and replaced with one or more of the STMP listed trees for this street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacaranda mimosifolia (Jacaranda)</li> <li>• Koelreuteria paniculata (Goldenrain)</li> <li>• Chitalpa tashkentensis (Chitalpa)</li> </ul>
<p>1343 La Manida (Shamel Ash) See Attachment I</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> That City Staff conduct a public workshop in accordance with the requirements of the STMP for Special Condition Streets and bring options before the TAB for consideration.</p>

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<p>1329 Camino Trillado (Shamel Ash) See Attachment J</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be removed and replaced with one of the approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u> The tree is past its prime, the roots have caused severe sidewalk, driveway, and plumbing damage. The roots and falling limbs create a safety hazard.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> Hold a public workshop in accordance with the requirements of the STMP for Special Condition Streets and bring options before the TAB for consideration.</p> <p>Replacement species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platanus acerifolia (Yarwood)</li> <li>• Quercus tomentella (Island Oak)</li> <li>• Ginkgo biloba (Saratoga)</li> </ul>
<p>1334 Camino Trillado (Shamel Ash) See Attachment K</p>	<p><u>The TAB recommended:</u> The tree be removed and replaced with one of the approved species from the STMP, and the property owner's preference be considered in the tree selection.</p> <p><u>Basis for recommendation:</u> The tree is past its prime, the roots have caused severe sidewalk and driveway apron damage. The cost of concrete repairs and future damage, as well as the proximity to the water meter are a factor.</p> <p><u>City Staff recommends:</u> Hold a public workshop in accordance with the requirements of the STMP for Special Condition Streets and bring options before the TAB for consideration.</p> <p>Replacement species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Platanus acerifolia (Yarwood)</li> <li>• Quercus tomentella (Island Oak)</li> <li>• Ginkgo biloba (Saratoga)</li> </ul>

The City has a protocol for Special Condition Streets as stated in the STMP. Public workshops are held to discuss the strategy of handling Special Condition Street trees. To notify residents of the workshops, notices are posted around the affected neighborhood and in the newspaper. Once the workshop takes place, the TAB meets to provide recommendations for each tree involved. Recommendation factors include: damage to sidewalk, overhead and underground services, bulb outs, setback, road width reduction, tree species not on approved tree list, and removals and replacements. The TAB then forwards the results of the public workshops to the City Council for review and final direction.

The following are Special Condition Streets as stated in the City's STMP:

- Linden Avenue (Tipus)
- Seventh Street (Stone Pines)
- Carpinteria Avenue (Stone Pines)
- Arbol Verde (Shamel Ash)
- Calle Rey Mar (Shamel Ash)
- La Manida (Shamel Ash)
- Camino Trillado (Shamel Ash)
- Dariesa Street (Carrot Wood)
- Ogan Road (Carrot Wood)

Last year the City Council approved 6 tree replacements on Linden Avenue in addition to the Public Works Department Tree Planting Program. Attachment L shows photos of the tree replacements. As part of the Street Maintenance Program, the goal is to conduct tree replacements and repair work on a portion of Special Condition Streets each year to the extent possible. Currently, the Public Works Department also plants up to 60 new trees per year.

### **III. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City recently increased the annual street tree maintenance budget to \$80,000 per year and \$45,000 a year for additional trimming, emergency maintenance, and normal tree replacements. Replacements and repair work on Special Condition Streets often ranges from \$15,000 - \$25,000 per tree site.

#### **IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A – Site picture of 4241 Carpinteria Avenue
- Attachment B – Site picture of 4280 Carpinteria Avenue
- Attachment C – Site picture of 1336 Vallecito Place
- Attachment D – Site picture of 1296 Byrnes Lane
- Attachment E – Site picture of 4850 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Attachment F – Site picture of 5428 El Carro Lane
- Attachment G – Site picture of 1330 La Manida
- Attachment H – Site picture of 608 Maple Street
- Attachment I – Site picture of 1343 La Manida
- Attachment J – Site picture of 1329 Camino Trillado
- Attachment K – Site picture of 1334 Camino Trillado
- Attachment L – Photos of last year's tree replacements

**ATTACHMENT A**



**ATTACHMENT B**



**ATTACHMENT C**



**ATTACHMENT D**



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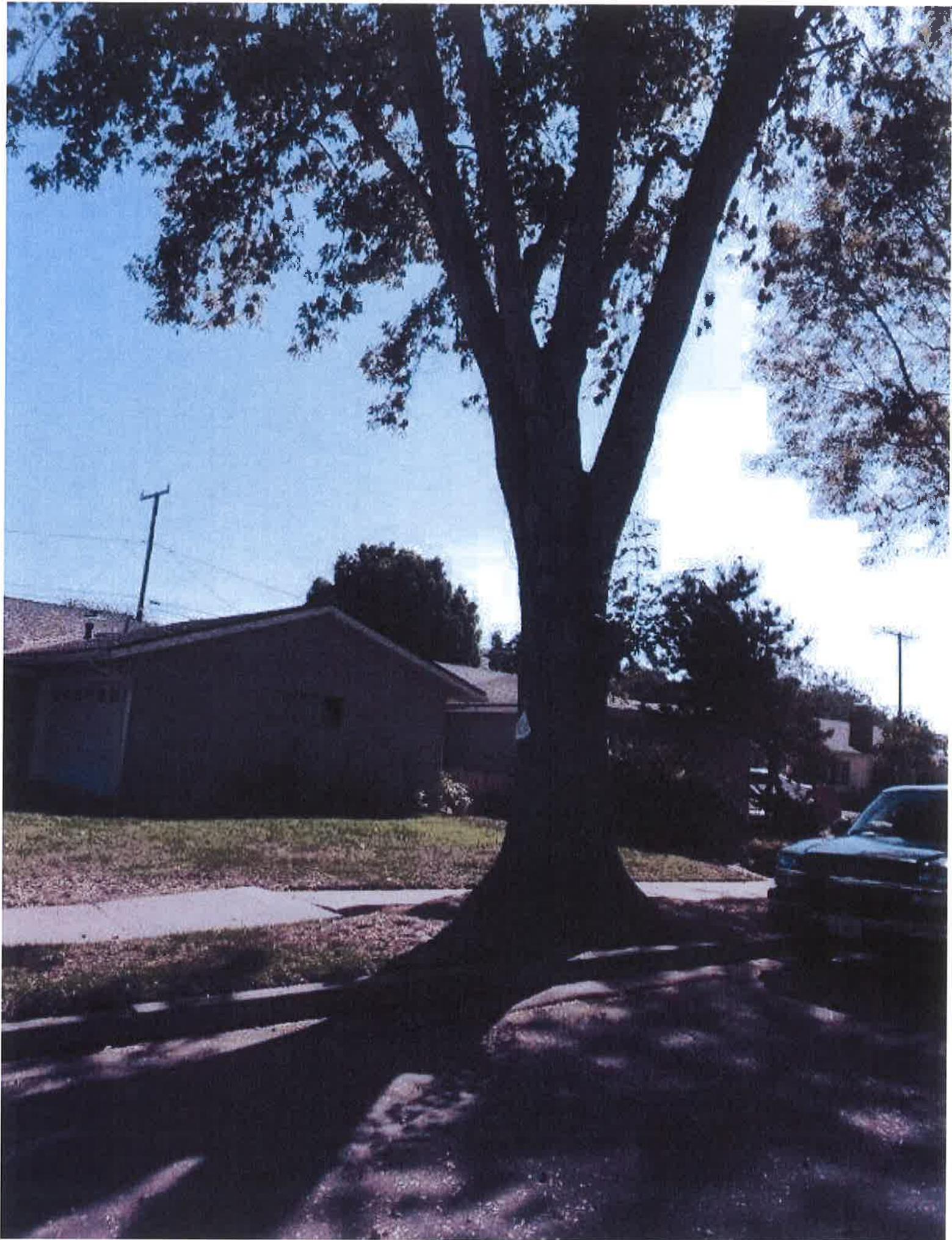
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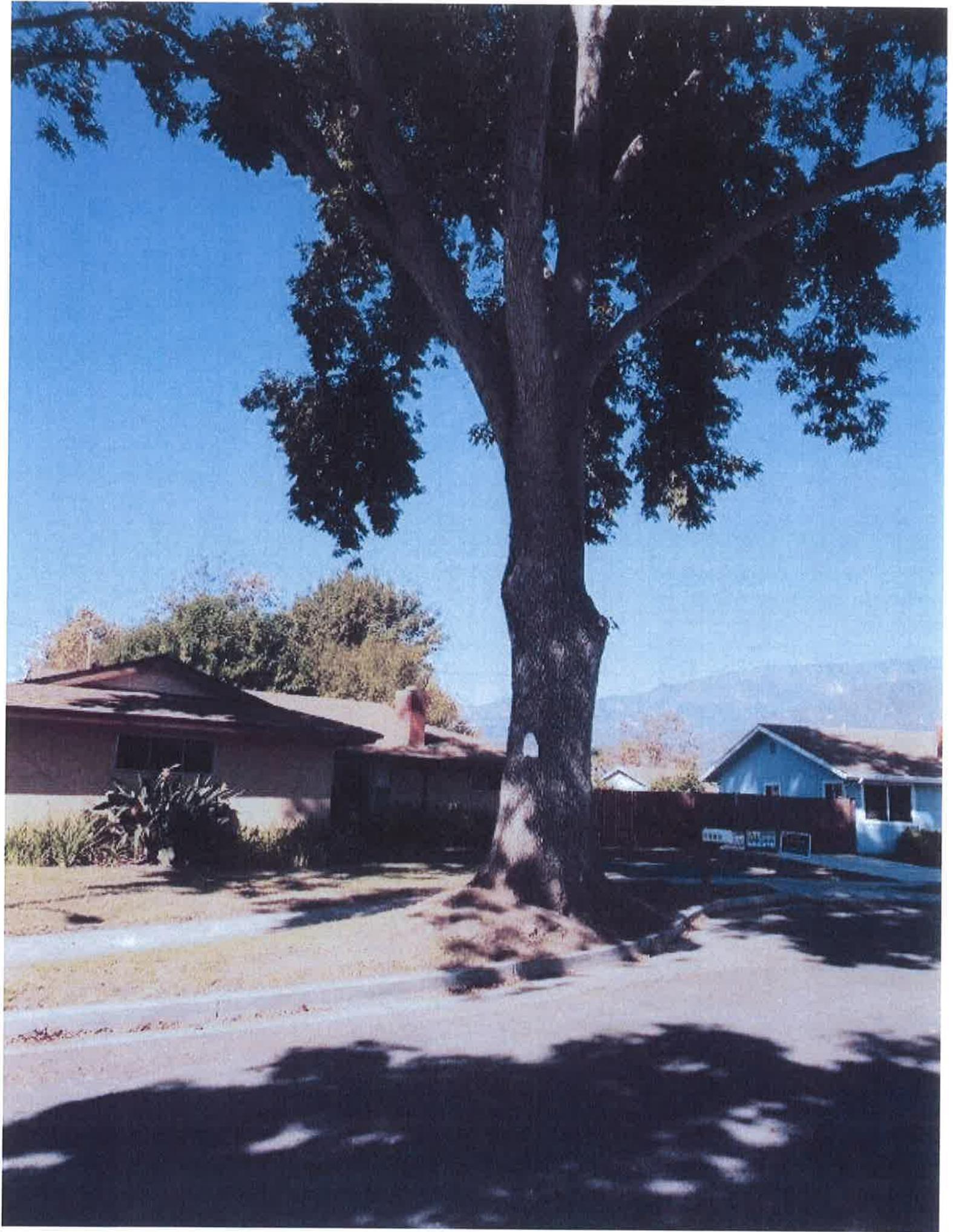
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# ATTACHMENT I



**ATTACHMENT J**



**ATTACHMENT K**



**ATTACHMENT L**





