



**Agenda Item A.3**  
**CONSENT ITEM**  
**Meeting Date: July 17, 2024**

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**TO:** Public Tree Advisory Commissioners

**FROM:** Luz "Nina" Buelna, Interim Director of Public Works

**CONTACT:** Paul Medel, Street Maintenance Manager

**SUBJECT:** Street Maintenance Division Manager's Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and file a report regarding the Street Maintenance Division Manager's Report.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Goleta has 5 zones of street trees that are maintained. On July 1, 2023, the Streets division focused on the Goleta Community Center, the Rainbow School, and zone 4. The City of Goleta Public Works Streets Division began a work effort with West Coast Arborist that consists of approximately 360 Liquid Ambers and an additional 40 Chinese Elms that were located in trim zone 4. This work effort is identified as the 23-24 Special Trim list. This work effort was created to address the heavy growth that the Liquid Ambers and Chinese Elms have accumulated over the past 3 years, resulting in a large number of limb and tree failures during the latter part of 2023 and early part of 2024.

Staff also addressed the larger Ash Trees in zone 2 before the heavy winter rain events. Staff will complete trimming zone 2 in the coming months. Upon completion of zone 2, zones 4 and 5 will begin to complete the yearly trimming schedule.

During the February and March 2024 winter storms, Public Works Streets Division and City contractors responded to downed trees and fallen limbs. Staff logged a total of 13 downed trees, 11 fallen limbs, and two private large eucalyptus trees as a part of the winter storm response.