



TO: Chair and Members of The Public Tree Advisory Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Luz “Nina” Buelna, Public Works Director

PREPARED BY: Paul Medel, Public Works Manager

SUBJECT: Street Maintenance Division Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report regarding Street Tree maintenance activities during January 2026 through May 13, 2026.

DISCUSSION:

Tree Maintenance

From January 2026 through May 13, 2026, the City of Goleta’s street tree maintenance contractor, West Coast Arborists (WCA), continued towards the completion of tree maintenance in Zones 4 and 5, which are located east of Los Carneros Road, west of Kellogg Avenue, and south of Calle Real, extending northward. These zones comprised approximately 1,800 trees in Zone 4 and 1,100 trees in Zone 5, totaling approximately 2,900 trees.

During these last few months of the fiscal year, the streets division had WCA focus on the eastern part of Zone 4, which contained multiple large tree species and many neighborhoods with Carrot Woods and bottlebrush trees.

The pruning of the larger tree species was especially noticeable during the two recent rain events the City experienced. These two storms were followed by strong winds that drove them through the south coast. This would generally result in downed trees or loss of tree limbs throughout the neighborhoods, but we did not experience either of these two issues due to the amount of pruning during this cycle.

Contract Amendment

The Public Works Streets Division amended and extended the street tree contractor agreement with WCA for one additional year, with approval from the City Council. During the current contract term, the City has received thank-you messages from residents regarding completed street tree work. Next fiscal year, the Public Works Streets Division

will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for street tree contractors to continue maintenance of City parkway trees.

Approved By:



Luz "Nina" Buelna
Public Works Director