



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Board of Supervisors Chambers  
400 County Center, Redwood City

## ITEM # 8

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Applicant/Owner: **San Mateo County Planning and Building Department**

File Number: **PLN 2016-00372**

Location: **County-wide**

Project Description :

**Consideration of amendments to Section 12,000 (Significant Tree Regulations) and Section 11,000 (Heritage Tree Regulations) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, to improve protection of Significant and Heritage Trees in the Unincorporated areas of San Mateo County.**



**COUNTY OF  
SAN MATEO**



**TREE PROTECTION,  
REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT**



## Project Summary

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- Improving and Supplementing Protection Measures During Construction and Demolition
- Utilizing input of qualified, objective arborists
- Applying Penalties and Stop Work Notices to Deter Unauthorized Tree Removal



*Photo: Jesus Monroy Jr*



## Tree Protection Measures

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### Existing Tree Plan:

- Plan must be prepared by a Licensed Surveyor or Registered Civil Engineer
- Must show location, species and size (both trunk and canopy) of all trees on a project parcel
- Must show the footprint of all existing or proposed structures
- Arborist report identifying basis for any proposed removal of significant or heritage tree and specifying measures for significant and heritage tree protection



# Tree Protection Measures

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## Tree Protection Plan

- Identify, establish, and maintain tree protection zones
- Specific requirements for tree protection fencing
- Arborist Inspection if root cutting is required
- Inspection of Tree Protection and Erosion Control Measures prior to permit issuance (Demolition, Grading and Construction)



## Unauthorized Tree Removal Deterrents

- Implementation of 10-times the application fee for after-the-fact removals to cover investigation activities
- Stop-Work notices
- Submittal and approval of a mitigation plan
- Payment of Violation Fines:

Significant Trees		Heritage Trees	
First Tree	\$2,500	First Tree	\$5,000
Second Tree	\$3,750	Second Tree	\$7,500
Each Additional Tree	\$5,000	Each Additional Tree	\$10,000



# Updates to Tree Removal/Protection Regulations

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- Significant and Heritage Tree Ordinances
- Planned Agricultural District and Resource Management Zoning
- Collaborative Stakeholder Process and One Year Timeline



*Photo: KP Botany*



*Photo: Dr. Roy Winkelman*



# Recommendation

- Adopt a resolution amending Sections 11,000 and 12,000 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, based on the information presented by staff and the findings included in Attachment A of the staff report