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Clerk – pls accept the attached for item D-3 for the Board’s 4/7 hearing on behalf of SaveMontEucs

Thanks

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

April 3, 2026

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
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RE: Long Range Planning Priorities - Item D-3, April 7, 2026
Montecito Tree Protection Ordinance

Chair Nelson and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This office represents Savemonteucs.com, a group formed to ensure preservation of the historic stand of eucalyptus trees on East Valley Road (aka SR 192) and similarly situated trees in Montecito. Montecito's trees generally, and the East Valley Road Eucalyptus Trees specifically, have historic, cultural, aesthetic and biological significance to Montecito and the County at large.

The 1992 Montecito Community Plan (MCP) included policies and actions mandating preservation of specimen and native trees. MCP Policy BIO-M-1.15 & 16. Adoption of a tree ordinance is expressly contemplated by MCP Action BIO-M-1.16.1 and generally by MCP Action BIO-M-1.15.1. The MCP establishes that a tree protection ordinance is warranted, and we believe this action would offer some level of protection for the East Valley Road Eucalyptus Trees. Montecito's specimen and native trees are experiencing increasing threats. Thus, the adoption of this preservation measure is long overdue.

In previous years, the County and Montecito Planning Commissions each recommended advancing the proposed development and adoption of Montecito Tree Protection Standards, dating back as far as 2011, and was previously identified on Planning and Development Department Work Plans. See attachments.

While we appreciate the limited financial resources available for long range planning, **we request that the Board of Supervisors provide direction that the Montecito Tree Protection Ordinance be identified as a priority for adoption.**

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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**Potential
Project**

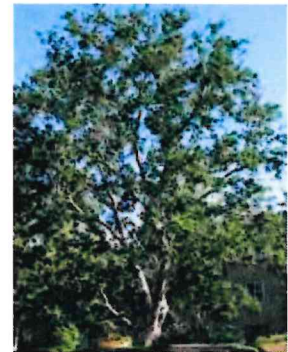
MONTECITO TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS

Long Range Planning Division

Goal: To develop a set of tree protection standards regulating tree removal in Montecito Planning Area.

BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION

- Since the development of the Montecito Community Plan, Montecito residents have expressed interest in adoption of a regulatory structure that would require review and permits for specific types of tree removal.
- This project will involve analysis of the types of trees that warrant protection and creation of appropriate criteria that would trigger the need for a permit, as well as, creation of standards that will apply to tree removal in the coastal and inland areas of Montecito. An important component of the project will be to work closely with the Montecito community, including the Montecito Association and other groups, throughout the project's development.
- Environmental review, Montecito Board of Review (MBAR), Montecito Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Hearings, and submittal for California Coastal Commission certification are anticipated in the cost estimate for the project.
- Implementation will include staff trainings, and public information documents.



BUDGET

ESTIMATED FY 11-12			ESTIMATED FY 12-13			ESTIMATED FY 13-14			PROJECTED TOTAL		
FTE	Consultant & Dept. Support	Total	FTE	Consultant & Dept. Support	Total	FTE	Consultant & Dept. Support	Total	FTE	Consultant & Dept. Support	Total
0.45	\$10,575	\$70,885	0.06	\$1,500	\$8,600	0.00	\$0	\$0	0.51	\$12,075	\$79,485

Montecito Tree Protection Standards

FY Year	Task	Staff Hrs	Dept. Hrs	Start Date	Finish Date	Total Cost	Staff Cost	Consultant Fees	Dept. Support	LRP FTE
	Research	80	20	Jul-11	Aug-11	\$7,420	\$5,920		\$1,500	0.04
	Ordinance Development & Writing	160	40	Aug-11	Oct-11	\$14,840	\$11,840		\$3,000	0.09
	Stakeholders/BAR Meetings	160	40	Oct-11	Feb-12	\$14,840	\$11,840		\$3,000	0.09
	Environmental Review	150	20	Feb-12	May-12	\$12,600	\$11,100		\$1,500	0.08
	PC Hearings (2)	125	5	May-12	Jun-12	\$9,625	\$9,250		\$375	0.07
	BOS Hearings (2)	100	6	May-12	Jun-12	\$7,850	\$7,400		\$450	0.06
	Coastal Commission Submittal	40	10	Jun-12	Jun-12	\$3,710	\$2,960		\$750	0.02
2011/2012		815	141	Jul-11	Jun-12	\$70,885	\$60,310	\$0	\$10,575	0.45
	Implementation	100	20	Jul-12	Dec-12	\$8,600	\$7,100		\$1,500	0.06
2012/2013		100	20	Jul-12	Dec-12	\$8,600	\$7,100	\$0	\$1,500	0.06
	Total:	915	161	Jul-11	Dec-12	\$79,485	\$67,410	\$0	\$12,075	0.51



**PROPOSED
PROJECT**

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Long Range Planning Division | Planning and Development Department

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<i>Estimated FY 12-13</i>			<i>Estimated FY 13-14</i>			<i>Estimated FY 14-15</i>			<i>Projected Total</i>
Consultant &			Consultant &			Consultant &			
FTE	Dept Support	Total Cost	FTE	Dept Support	Total Cost	FTE	Dept Support	Total Cost	Total Cost
0.40	\$8,668	\$61,593	0.07	\$1,980	\$10,740	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$72,333