

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 6/2/03  
**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**Agenda Date:** 6/17/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

---

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phillip M Demery, Director  
Public Works

**STAFF CONTACT:** Gary Christiansen -568-3336  
Road Maintenance Manager

**SUBJECT:** Approve the Expanded List of Street Trees- All Supervisorial Districts

---

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Review and Approve the North, Central and South county arborist recommended expanded list of street trees for the County of Santa Barbara.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan**

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2 & 5: Ensure the public health and safety and provide essential infrastructure, and to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On December 12, 2000 your Board approved the County of Santa Barbara, Department of Public Works, Transportation Division, Street Tree Policies and Regulations. Since that time the Department has conducted numerous public meetings where street trees and the Urban Forest have been the primary subject with the residents in attendance. At many, if not all of these gatherings, the one message delivered to staff was that the residents preferred to have more species variety with regards to replacement trees countywide.

In response to these requests, the Transportation Division recently conducted two public workshops to introduce additional tree species for inclusion to both our South County and North/Central County street tree lists. The workshops were held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara respectively. Staff introduced additional trees for the list and received recommendations from the public for additional tree replacement species. With the minimum amount of space we have available for planting street trees in our communities our research of tree types focused on species that would provide minimal future damage if any.

Approve the Expanded List of Street Trees- All Supervisorial Districts  
Agenda Date: 06/17/03  
Page 2

We are confident that the expanded lists of street trees, attached, will satisfy the requests of the community and provide for a sustainable Urban Forest well into the future. Staff recommends approving Santa Barbara County Road Division Arborist Approved Trees for Planting in the County Road Right-of-way, South and North/Central List.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Service levels are not expected to increase due to the addition of new street tree species. However, additional variety of tree species will allow staff to accommodate the requests of the various unincorporated urban areas of our County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

There will be no additional cost associated with providing more variety of street tree species.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a certified stamped Minute Order approving this action to Transportation Division, attn: Cecelia Barnes.

**Concurrence:**

None

**Attachments:**

Existing Approved Tree List  
Expanded Tree List; South, North/Central County