



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL  
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, October 11, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room  
24351 El Toro Road**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Media
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Report for August 9, 2018
5. Chair's Remarks
6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)
7. Response to Member Comments

**Consent:**

None

**Reports:**

8. Irrigation Status Report

**Items for Discussion and Consideration:**

9. Appeal Denial of Tree Removal Request – Han (26-D Avenida Castilla)
10. Appeal Denial of Tree Removal Request – Serrano (2001 Via Mariposa W Unit A)
11. Tree Removal/Off-Schedule Trim Requests:
  - a) Choi (301-D Avenida Sevilla)
  - b) Abrams (851-O Ronda Mendoza)
  - c) Romero (89-F Aragon)

**Items for Future Agendas:**

12. Landscape Renovation Project Update (December)
13. Herbicide Trial Results (December)

**Concluding Business:**

14. Committee Member Comments
15. Date of Next Meeting – December 13, 2018
16. Adjournment

Maggie Blackwell, Chair  
Bruce Hartley, Staff Officer  
Telephone: 949-597-4650

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## **OPEN MEETING**

### **REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 9, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Sycamore Room – 24351 El  
Toro Road

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maggie Blackwell – Chair, Manuel Armendariz, Janey Dorrell, Catherine Brians (Advisor)

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Annie Zipkin (Advisor)

**OTHER DIRECTORS:** Juanita Skillman

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bruce Hartley, Larry Hernandez, Robert Merget, Lulu Boctor, Tiffany Rivas

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Blackwell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **2. Acknowledgement of the Press**

No media was present.

#### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Blackwell- added a new Item # 8a - "Department Reports" to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

#### **4. Approval of Committee Report for July 19, 2018**

The meeting report of July 19, 2018, was approved by consensus.

#### **5. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Blackwell commented – the last meeting was handled very well.

#### **6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

- Robert Johnson 487-D – requested to augment mowing.
- Jean Lustig 511- C- spoke about tree labels being removed.
- Robert Arguello 401-Q - spoke about potted plants and neighbor.
- Dr. Lois Rubin 781-C - spoke about her fruit tree and a pending Compliance issue.
- Jerome Golden 476-B – spoke about a pending landscape request.

#### **7. Response to Member's Comments**

- Committee and Staff responded to member comments.

#### **Consent:**

None

## **8. Reports**

### a) Department Reports

Mr. Hartley commented that the main focus in the Landscape Division is on the mowing schedules. The Division has been testing Avenger and other organic pesticide products. During the cooler months we will be start landscape renovation projects. Un-scheduled trimming of Carrotwood trees is currently underway in United Mutual.

### b) Irrigation Status Report

Mr. Hartley gave an overview of the irrigation status report and explained the attached graphs showing a reduction in water use.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

### **9. Evaluation of Alternative Herbicides**

Mr. Hartley gave an overview of the alternative herbicides.

Applications would be tested in specific cul-de-sacs; existing equipment will be cleaned prior to testing.

Testing would start in about two weeks and will take 100 days, to determine how effective the products are.

Staff will not treat yellow staked areas. Residents are not to apply any products during testing.

.The motion to approve staff's recommendation passed unanimously.

### **10. Tree Removal Requests**

a) 738-D Avenida Majorca (Rhee) Recommendation: The Committee recommends denial of the request to remove the tree, and recommended trimming on schedule. The tree was found to be in good condition with no visible pests or disease, and no evidence of property damage.

b) 835-P Ronda Sevilla (Hunt) The Committee recommends denial of the removal of the tree. The tree was found to be in good condition with no visible pests or disease, and no evidence of property damage.

c) 407-C Avenida Castilla (Choi) - The Committee recommends approval of the removal of the tree.

d) 2001-A Via Mariposa (Serrano) The Committee denied removal of the tree and recommended off schedule trimming in September. The tree was found to be in good condition with no evidence of pests or disease and no evidence of property damage.

Note: 781-C (Rubin). The Committee directed the member to trim the tree away from the building within sixty days at member's expense. Compliance will be notified of the decision.

## **Items for Future Agendas**

**11. Landscape Renovation Project Update**

**12. Management of Private Gardeners Servicing Common Area**

## **Concluding Business**


**13. Committee Member Comments**

- Mr. Armendariz suggested staff make a monthly calculation of trees identified by species and cost to be trimmed for the entire year as part of the business plan.
- Chair Blackwell provided information on possible canine sensitivity to Brazillian Pepper trees.

**14. Date of Next Meeting October 11, 2018**

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

  
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Maggie Blackwell, Chair

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## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Irrigation Status Report

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file this report.

### **BACKGROUND**

Irrigation water usage and charges for April through September, typically the months with the highest water demand, are provided to the Committee each meeting to show trends from 2015 to present.

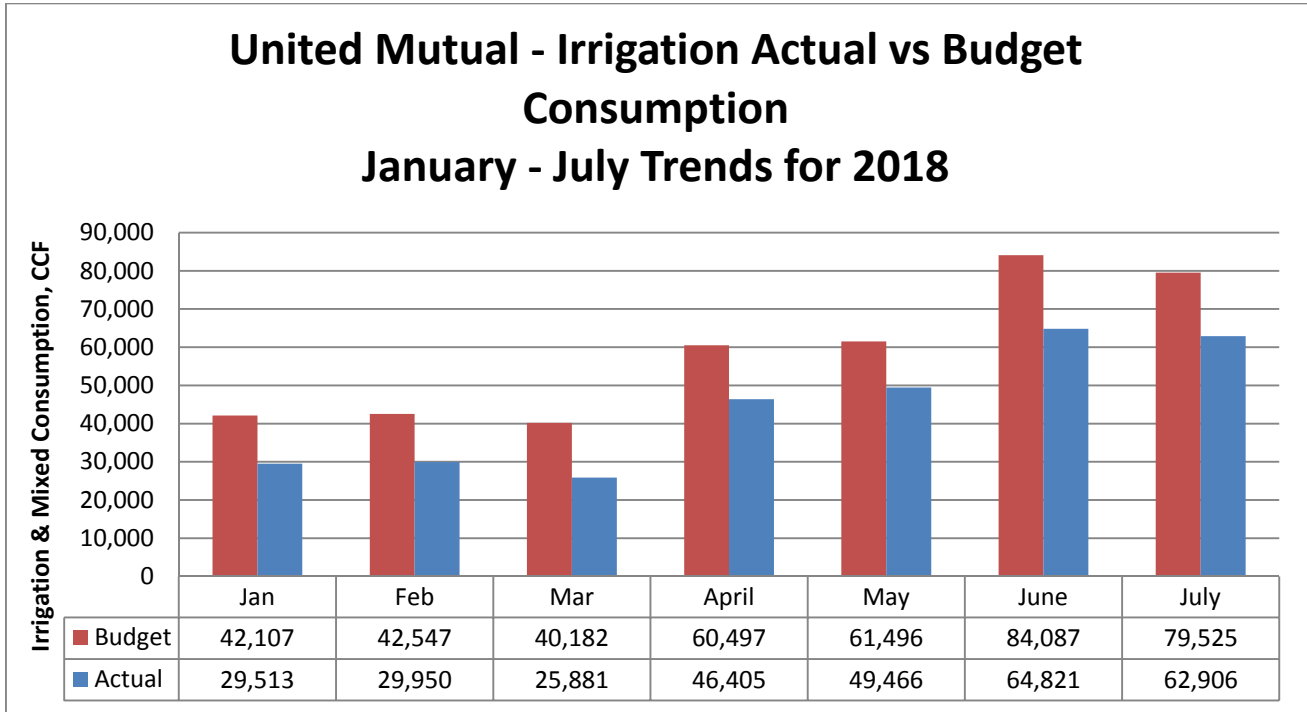
### **DISCUSSION**

Water use data collected for June and July 2015 through 2018 reveals water consumption increased in 2018 compared to previous years. July 2018 reflects a decrease in usage from June 2018 for Irrigation and Mixed Consumption. See Attachment 1.

There was no rainfall in June or July 2017 and for the same period in 2018. The evapotranspiration (Et) rate for both months reflect an increase from 2017; meaning that the plants' demand for water was higher. See Attachment 2. The Village computerized irrigation systems use Et to determine the optimum amount to irrigate by calculating the loss of moisture in the soil through evaporation and plant transpiration.

The attached charts show an increase in usage compared to previous years. This is presumably a result in the higher Et, which reflects higher irrigation demands and the likely increase in residential usage. The decrease in water usage from June to July 2018 is most likely a result of less water being used by residents.

It is apparent from the graph on the following page that Irrigation and Mixed Consumption year-to-date in 2018 for United Mutual is lower than budget.



**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

None

**Prepared By:** Mindra Fielding, Landscape Management Analyst

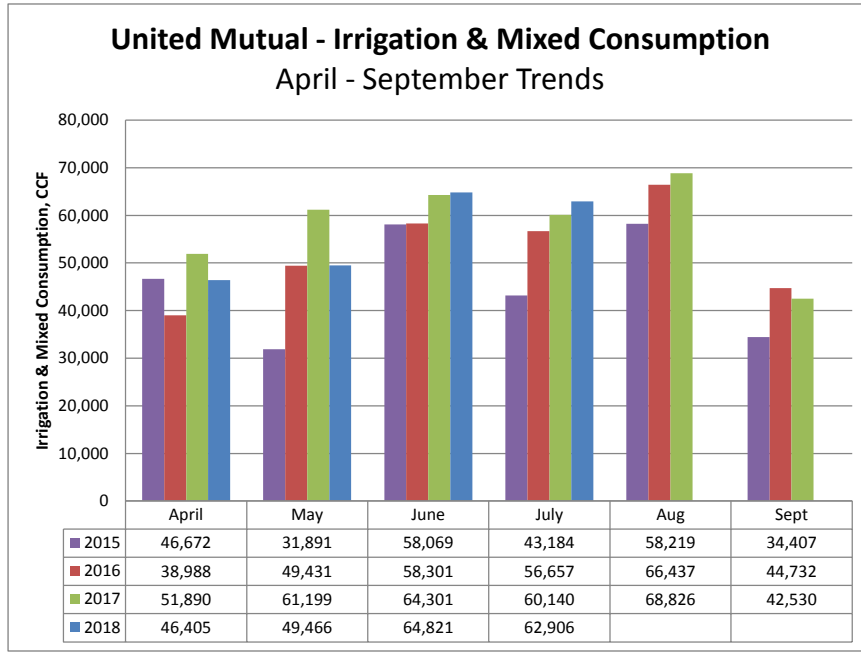
**Reviewed By:** Larry Hernandez, Landscape Manager  
 Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

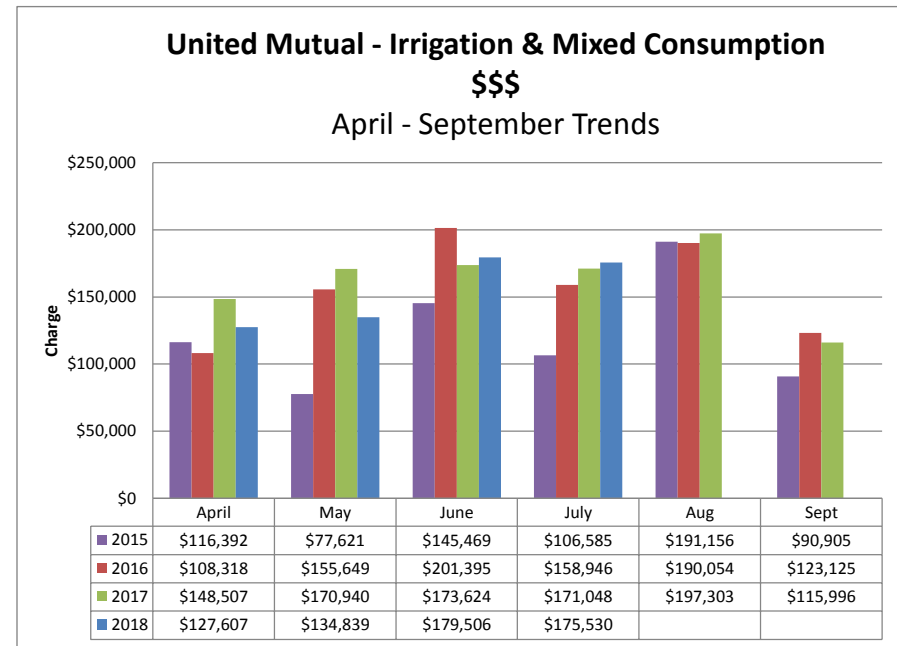
- ATT-1: April – September Water Consumption Charts
- ATT-2: April – September Rainfall and Evapotranspiration Trends



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APRIL - SEPTEMBER WATER CONSUMPTION TRENDS

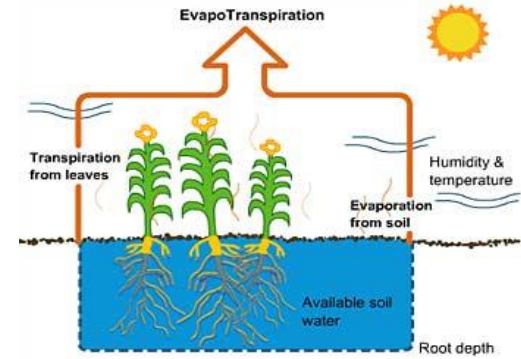
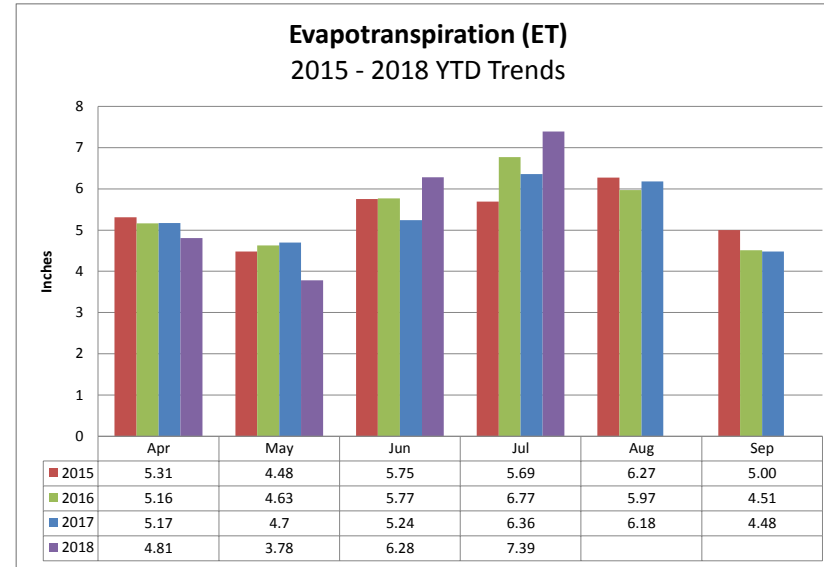
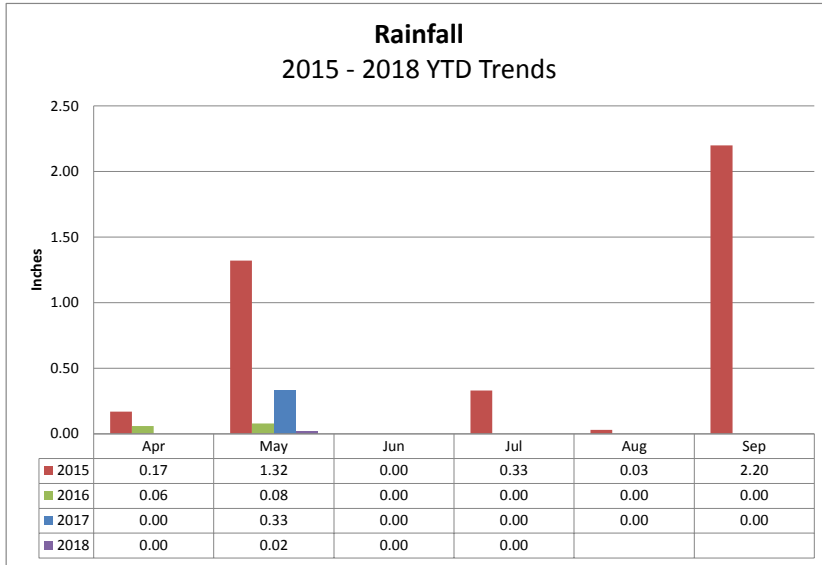


**Note:** Drought restrictions were in place from July 2015 thru June 2016.



**Note:** Effective July 2017, ETWD increased the Recycled and Tier Rates.

**LANDSCAPE DIVISION**  
**Rainfall and Evapotranspiration Trends**



It's a sunny day and the crop is absorbing available soil water from the root zone (root depth). As a result of humidity and temperature, water transpires through the leaves and evaporates from the soil into the atmosphere. This process is called EvapoTranspiration. When it rains, with low humidity and temperature, this process does not occur.



## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request – Han (26-D) – Shamel Ash

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the removal of one Shamel Ash tree located at 26-D and trim on schedule.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Landscape Committee considered the tree removal request submitted by Mr. Han at the regular meeting of June 14, 2018. The committee voted unanimously to deny the request to remove the tree. Mr. Han is appealing the decision to deny the removal and is requesting the Landscape Committee reconsider.

Mr. Han purchased the manor in July 1999. He is requesting the removal of one Shamel Ash tree, *Fraxinus uhdei*, located at the side of his manor in the shrub bed area. See Attachment 1. The reasons cited for the request are: sewer damage, overgrown, litter/debris, damage to the A/C unit from falling leaves and dangerously close to building with many roots above the ground. Surrounding neighbors have signed the Landscape Request Form in favor of the removal. See Attachment 2.

### **DISCUSSION**

The tree was last pruned in September of 2015 and is scheduled for pruning again in approximately October-November 2018. It is approximately 46 feet in height with a trunk diameter of approximately 32 inches and is growing approximately five feet from the sidewalk and building.

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in fair condition with some noticeable deadwood and decay. To date there is no record of any mainline stoppages associated with this manor. The Committee visited the site in June and observed no damage to property or infrastructure that would warrant removal. Conditions have not changed.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree is estimated at \$2,600, cost to trim is estimated at \$650 and the estimated value is \$7,155 based on ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Tree Supervisor

**Reviewed By:** Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

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Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request by – Han (26-D) – Shamel Ash  
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**ATTACHMENT(S)**

ATT-1: Photographs

ATT-2: Mutual Landscape Request Form with Letters

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Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request by – Han (26-D) – Shamel Ash  
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October 11, 2018



August 11, 2018

To : Landscape Committee - Bruce Hartley  
 From : Mr. & Mrs. Soung I. Han (714) 389-6763  
 26 Avenida Castilla, Unit D  
 Re : Tree Removal

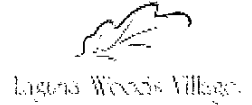
Dear Bruce,

Thank you for taking the time to review our request for tree removal.

This letter is to serve as an appeal to the Board's decision to not remove the tree adjacent to our property.

The pruning - if it occurred in July 2018 - did not shave sufficient amount of tree. While a total removal may not be necessary at this time, we ask that a considerable portion be cut/trimmed down. The tree's branches all tend to lean toward our roof. It will be a matter of time before significant damage to occur. The question will not be "if" but "when." Please carefully and thoughtfully consider our request. Again, if total removal is not deemed necessary, we ask for complete removal of its branches at the very least. Please find photo enclosed).

Thank you. 



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### MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

For all non-routine requests, please fill out this form. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Mutual's Landscape Committee for review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first contact Resident Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination.

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.**

#### Resident/Owner Information

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

26 AVENIDA CASTILLO # D

Address

APRIL 5, 2018

Today's Date

SOUNG I HAN

Resident's Name

714) 389-6763

Telephone Number

#### Non-Routine Request

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

Tree Removal

New Landscape

Off-Schedule Trimming

Other (explain):

#### Reason for Request

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

Structural Damage

Sewer Damage

Overgrown

Poor Condition

Litter/Debris

Personal Preference

View Obstruction

Other (explain):

TREE IS DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO BLDG 26 WITH MANY ROOTS ABOVE GROUND.

#### GUIDELINES:

- **Structural/Sewer Damage:** Damage to buildings, sidewalks, sewer pipes, or other facilities may justify removal if corrective measures are not practical.
- **Overgrown/Crowded:** Trees or plants that have outgrown the available space may justify removal.
- **Damaged/Declining Health:** Trees or plants that are declining in health will be evaluated for corrective action before removal/replacement is considered.
- **View Blockage:** By nature, view blockage must be reviewed case by case to determine the appropriate course of action.
- **Litter and Debris:** Because all trees shed litter seasonally, generally this is not an adequate reason to justify removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement may be at the resident's expense.
- **Personal Preference:** Because one does not like the appearance or other characteristics of the tree or plant generally does not justify its removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement is usually at the resident's expense.



**Description & Location of Request**

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

DID SO AT BOTTOM OF OTHER SIDE  
 TREE SITS JUST A FEW FEET FROM WALL OF A 26  
 UNIT. STORM OF WIND COULD BRING IT DOWN ONTO BLDG  
 25 OR 26-

**Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request**

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
Carmen Jrenkel	25-P	✓		
Randall Harlow	25-C	✓		
Stevie S. Wang	26-C	✓		
Juan M. Badi	26-B	✓		

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

**Acknowledgement - Owner**

By signing, you are acknowledging this request. PRINT:

X [Signature]  
 Owner's Signature

Soung I. Han  
 Owner's Name

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

MOVE-IN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

530 \_\_\_\_\_ 540 \_\_\_\_\_ 570 \_\_\_\_\_ LAST PRUNED: \_\_\_\_\_

RELANDSCAPED: \_\_\_\_\_ NEXT TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

TREE SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

TREE VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_ TREE REMOVAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

April 19, 2018

Hello,

This letter is to serve as a request to either significantly trim down or remove a tree adjacent to my residence. I am personally requesting the latter option:

Soung I. Han

26 Avenida Castilla – Unit D.

I have gained support from surrounding neighbors, including gathering resident-signatures. At this time I would like to list several reasons for tree removal request:

- Sewer damage
- Overgrown
- Debris (from small leaves)
- Roots exposed above ground
- Branches spread out and growing extremely close to my building
- Attracts unwanted birds (specifically crows), creating noise pollution
- Attracts unwanted insects that lead into my residence, creating the need to purchase insect spray
- Will either need to repair or replace my A/C unit due to damage from falling leaves:  
\$450 = repair fee  
\$1500 = replacement

I ask that you carefully review the above reasons and consider removing said tree. Should you have any questions please contact me at the below numbers:

Cell 714-858-4763

Hm 714-389-6763

Thank you for your time,

Soung I. Han

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## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Appeal Denial of Request for Tree Removal: Serrano (2001-A) – Brazilian Pepper

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the appeal for the removal of one Brazilian Pepper and perform an off-schedule trimming in to reduce the canopy.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the regular meeting of the United Landscape Committee of August 9, 2018, the Committee denied the request to remove the tree. Ms. Serrano submitted a letter dated August 30, 2018, appealing that decision and providing additional information to support her request. See Attachment 1.

### **DISCUSSION**

The staff report prepared for the meeting of August 9, 2018, is attached for additional information. See Attachments 2 and 3.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree is estimated to be \$ 2,100. The cost to trim the tree is estimated to be \$550; with an estimated value is \$9,460 based on the ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

ATT-1: Appeal letter from Ms. Serrano dated August 30, 2018

ATT-2: Staff Report from Meeting of August 9, 2018

ATT-3: Mutual Landscape Request Form with Letter and Attachments

United Laguna Woods Mutual  
Request for Tree Removal by – Serrano (2001-A) – Brazilian Pepper  
October 11, 2018

## ATTACHMENT 1

8/30/18 Bruce, Lany  
Mike

August 30, 2018

Landscape Committee  
United Laguna Woods

Appeal to Denial of Brazilian Pepper Tree Removal  
Sergio & Maureen Serrano  
2001 Via Mariposa W, Unit A  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

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Gen Mgrs. Office

In addition to the reasons we cited in our request of July 12, 2018, copy attached, we would like to appeal your decision to trim the tree, instead of removing it, as follows.

1. The canopy of the tree encroaches the entire 16.5-foot length of our patio at a depth of approximately 7 feet at its bulk. One branch is now approximating a depth of 11 feet into the patio.
2. The tree was trimmed in the summer of 2017; however, it did not provide any relief from the inordinate volume of berries and leaves that it constantly drops. In fact, the problem has gotten significantly worse. At the time we were told that the tree could not be trimmed so that the canopy would not cover our patio. Unless the tree can be trimmed so the canopy doesn't encroach our patio, trimming is not a viable solution for us.
3. As you know, this is no ordinary tree. The virtually year-round constant and overwhelming amount of litter that the tree produces is out of place in a retirement community. It seems even more out of place that our neighbor in Manor 2004C has to sweep the common area sidewalk under the tree as the volume of litter also affects her.
4. Please note that seven neighbors signed in favor of our request for removal, instead of three neighbors as erroneously reported on the Staff Report dated August 9, 2018.
5. It appears as if tree canopies covering patios or balconies is not a common problem in our section of Laguna Woods. As we were told in the board meeting of August 14, 2018, there are thousands of Brazilian Pepper trees in Laguna Woods. We have begun walking around the neighborhood to see and document if any manors had such trees covering their patio. So far, after seeing over 160 manors we haven't seen any branches, of any kind of tree, growing more than a handful of inches over any patio wall or balcony. Is our manor an exception?

Under separate cover we will be requesting information regarding the policy for encroachment by common area trees and whether there has been any request for removal of this particular tree in the past.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maureen S. Serrano  
[Signature]

Attachment: Mutual Landscape Request Form dated 07/12/2018



## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** August 9, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Tree Removal: Serrano (2001-A) – Brazilian Pepper

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the removal of one Brazilian Pepper and perform an off-schedule trimming in September 2018 to reduce the canopy.

### **BACKGROUND**

Ms. Serrano purchased the manor in January 2017. She is requesting the removal of a Brazilian Pepper tree, *Schinus terebinthifloius*, located at the front of her manor in the raised shrub bed. See Attachment 1. The reasons cited by her for the removal are: heavy litter/debris, seeds generated from the tree are potentially dangerous for her dog if eaten and damage to the laminate floor from tracking in the berries on shoes. Three neighbors have signed the request in favor of the removal. See Attachment 2.

The tree was last pruned in June 2017 and is scheduled for pruning again in June 2020. It is approximately 36 feet in height with a trunk diameter of approximately 31 inches and is growing approximately three to four feet from the patio wall.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good condition with no visible decay, pests or trunk damage. There are noticeable surface roots with no observable damage to the adjacent patio wall. There has been concrete grinding performed on the walkway to prevent any trip hazards and the walkway approaching the manor has been replaced. Although the tree was trimmed over a year ago, it has grown to the size where clearance trimming will be required prior to the scheduled trimming. Staff will trim to reduce end weight and the crown of the tree.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree is estimated to be \$ 2,100. The cost to trim the tree is estimated to be \$550; with an estimated value is \$9,460 based on the ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Tree Supervisor  
**Reviewed By:** Larry Hernandez, Landscape Manager  
 Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

United Laguna Woods Mutual  
Request for Tree Removal by – 2001-A (Serrano) – Brazilian Pepper  
August 9, 2018

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

ATT-1: Photographs

ATT-2: Mutual Landscape Request Form with letter and attachments

United Laguna Woods Mutual  
Request for Tree Removal by – 2001-A (Serrano) – Brazilian Pepper  
August 9, 2018



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Request for Tree Removal by – 2001-A (Serrano) – Brazilian Pepper  
August 9, 2018





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**MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM**

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Your request is important to us and will be handled accordingly. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Landscape Committee for their review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first please contact your area's landscape supervisor through Property Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination. If this is the case, then first you will receive a written confirmation acknowledging receipt of your request with an explanation of the review process. Once reviewed by the Committee, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors for action. You will then be notified of the Board's decision. Please be patient as this process can take from a few weeks to a month or longer.

Date: 7-12-18 Address: 2001 VIA MARIPOSA W. Unit A

Requestor Signature: [Signature] Print Name: Sergio & Myra Serrano  
(owner signature is required on the line above if the requestor is a lessee or occupant)

**Request (please check):** REFER TO GUIDELINES ON REVERSE SIDE

- Tree Removal
- Plant Replacement
- Off-Schedule Trimming

Landscape Design Change (e.g., Alteration of Turf and/or Flower Bed, Paved Planter Conversion, Stepping Stones, Mortarless Block Garden Walls, etc.): **Please note that all requests for design changes must include a design plan with a description (including a list of plant selections and/or materials, if applicable).**

Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason (please check):** REFER TO GUIDELINES ON REVERSE SIDE

- Structural Damage
- Sewer Damage
- Overgrown
- Poor Condition
- Litter/Debris
- Personal Preference
- View Obstruction
- Other (explain):

SEE ATTACHED

**Description & Location:** TREE IN FRONT OF MANOR 2001 A

**\* Signatures of All Neighbors Affected by this Request (owner signature is required below for lessees and occupants of neighboring residences):**

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
<u>Hyo Sup Han</u>	<u>2001 D</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
<u>Yung S. Rim</u>	<u>2004 D</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
<u>Grace M. Wilcox</u>	<u>2003-B</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—
<u>Hayden Modica</u>	<u>2003-C</u>	<u>X</u>	—	—

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

**PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO:**  
Laguna Woods Village Landscape Division  
P. O. Box 2220, Laguna Hills, CA 92654-2220

\* Additional Signatures on Reverse →



Attachment to Mutual Landscape Request Form  
 Reason for Request – Tree Removal  
 2001 Via Mariposa W, Unit A  
 Owners: Sergio & Maureen Serrano.  
 July, 12, 2018

The tree is a very large Brazilian pepper tree that is 5 feet from our patio wall. The canopy extends 7 feet over our patio and produces very large amounts of litter, not on a seasonal basis, but for most of the year. The litter is primarily composed of ripe berries and dead leaves. The berry is hazardous to our dog and is deteriorating our laminate flooring in the house.

The tree was trimmed late last summer and we were then told that it could not be trimmed so that the canopy would not cover the patio. Hence, we are requesting removal of the tree for the reasons detailed below:

- From approximately January through October, 10 months out of the year, the tree drops copious amounts of red berries and other litter inside our patio and, to a lesser extent, inside our atrium 30 feet away. We have tried to live with this tree for 14 months now, however, the daily maintenance required in our patio and walkway is distressing to us. A tree that sheds large volumes of litter right inside one's patio seems out of place in a retirement community.
- Unfortunately, our dog enjoys eating the berries. The berries are mildly toxic. Consequently, we are unable to allow her in the patio without continuous 100% supervision as the berries that may fall after the patio is swept cause her gastric problems including vomiting. Worse yet, the berries release a substance that causes skin irritation (dermatitis) to her paws. Although Maureen Serrano is a retired Veterinary Technician registered with the State of California, and is qualified to manage dermatitis in dogs, on one occasion the dermatitis was severe enough to cause an expensive visit to a veterinary in order to get prescription medication.
- The new laminate floor inside the house is deteriorating as a result of the berries. Even though we wipe our feet on two floor mats and manually remove the berries embedded in the shoe soles, a sap-like substance manages to mark the floor. The substance won't scrape off without damage to the floor and requires getting down on the floor and the use of tar/adhesive removers, which are not approved cleaners by the manufacturer of the laminate floor, with extensive elbow grease. Again, that seems out of place in a retirement community.
- All the neighbors that signed this request use the sidewalk in the common area under the tree and they all expressed their annoyance with the litter. Others complained about the berries being a nuisance as they track onto their floors. Additionally, and for your information, two neighbors said that during the rainy season they have slipped on the accumulation of berries and leaves.
- The excessive debris from this tree in our patio precludes us from installing a patio cover.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Attachments:

University of California – Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants – Toxic Plants  
 San Francisco Chronicle – SFGATE – Facts About Problems with Pepper Tree Plants  
 San Francisco Chronicle – SFGATE – Is a Pepper Tree Bad for Dogs?  
 Photos of the tree canopy over the patio, flooring marks and the berries.

## Toxic Plants (by common name) - Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants

**University of California  
Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants**

## Toxic Plants (by common name)

To search for **photos** of these plants, check the UC Berkeley [CalPhotos: Plants](#) site.

**Toxicity Class** (third column in table below)

1. **Major Toxicity:** These plants may cause serious illness or death. If ingested, immediately call the Poison Control Center -- (800) 222-1222 -- or your doctor.
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4. **Dermatitis:** The juice, sap, or thorns of these plants may cause a skin rash or irritation. Wash the affected area of skin with soap and water as soon as possible after contact. The rashes may be very serious and painful. Call the Poison Control Center or your doctor if symptoms appear following contact with the plants.

Toxic plants: Common name	Scientific name	Toxicity class
Achillea	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	2,4
Aconite	<i>Aconitum spp.</i>	1
African boxwood	<i>Myrsine africana</i>	2
African lily	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Agapanthus	<i>Agapanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Agave	<i>Agave spp.</i>	2,3,4
Aglaonema	<i>Aglaonema spp.</i>	3,4
Ailanthus	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	2,4
Alder	<i>Alnus spp.</i>	4
Allium	<i>Allium spp.</i>	2
Almond (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Alocasia	<i>Alocasia spp.</i>	3,4
Alstroemeria	<i>Alstroemeria spp.</i>	2,4
Amaryllis	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Amaryllis	<i>Hippeastrum spp.</i>	2

## Toxic Plants (by common name) - Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants

Anemone	<i>Anemone spp.</i>	2,4
Angel's trumpet	<i>Brugmansia spp.</i>	1
Anthurium	<i>Anthurium spp.</i>	3,4
Apple (seeds)	<i>Malus spp.</i>	1
Apricot (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Aralia, Ming	<i>Polyscias spp.</i>	2,4
Arborvitae	<i>Thuja spp.</i>	2,4
Arrowhead plant	<i>Syngonium podophyllum</i>	3
Arum	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Ash	<i>Fraxinus spp.</i>	4
Asparagus, Garden	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	4
Asparagus, Sprenger	<i>Asparagus densiflorus</i>	4
Aster	<i>Aster spp.</i>	4
Aucuba, Japanese	<i>Aucuba japonica</i>	2
Autumn crocus	<i>Colchicum autumnale</i>	1,4
Azalea	<i>Rhododendron spp.</i>	1
Baby's breath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	4
Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	4
Barberry	<i>Berberis spp.</i>	2,4
Begonia	<i>Begonia spp. (some spp.)</i>	2,3
Belladonna	<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	1
Belladonna lily	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	2,4
Bermudagrass	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	4
Birch tree	<i>Betula spp.</i>	2,4
Bird-of-paradise shrub	<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	2
Bishop's weed	<i>Ammi majus</i>	4
Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	2
Black calla	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Black cherry (seeds)	<i>Prunus spp.</i>	1
Black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	1
Black locust (seeds)	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	1
Black nightshade	<i>Solanum spp.</i>	1

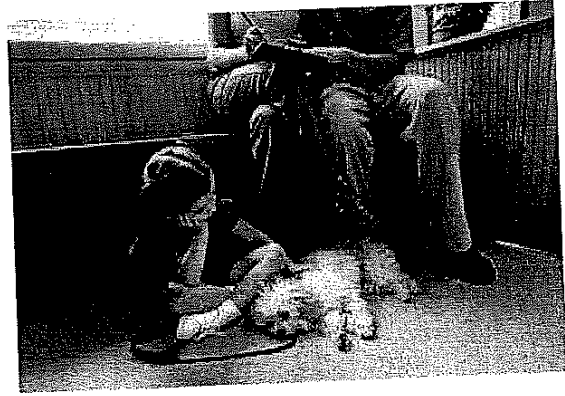
## Toxic Plants (by common name) - Safe and Poisonous Garden Plants

Blanket flower	<i>Gaillardia spp.</i>	4
Bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra spp.</i>	4
Blood lily	<i>Haemanthus spp.</i>	2,4
Blue gum	<i>Eucalyptus spp.</i>	2,4
Boston ivy	<i>Parthenocissus spp.</i>	3,4
Bottle tree	<i>Brachychiton populneus</i>	4
Bougainvillea (thorns)	<i>Bougainvillea spp.</i>	4
Boxwood	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	2,4
Brazilian pepper tree	<i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	2,4
Broom	<i>Cytisus spp.</i>	2
Buckeye	<i>Aesculus spp.</i>	2
Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus spp.</i>	2,4
Burning bush	<i>Euonymus spp.</i>	2
Bushman's poison	<i>Acokanthera spp.</i>	1
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus spp.</i>	2,4
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>	2,4
Cactus (thorns and sap)	<i>Cactus spp.</i>	4
Cajeput tree	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	4
Caladium	<i>Caladium bicolor</i>	3,4
California bay	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	4
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus spp.</i>	2
California laurel	<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	4
California pepper tree	<i>Schinus molle</i>	4
Calla, Black	<i>Arum spp.</i>	3,4
Calla lily	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	3,4
Camphor tree	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i>	2
Candytuft, Evergreen	<i>Iberis sempervirens</i>	4
Cape plumbago	<i>Plumbago auriculata</i>	4
Cardinal flower	<i>Lobelia spp.</i>	1,4
Carnation	<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i>	2,4
Carolina jessamine	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	1,4
Carolina laurel cherry	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	1

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# Is a Pepper Tree Bad for Dogs?

Pepper tree, or Brazillian pepper tree (Schinus terebinthifolius), isn't listed as one of the toxic plants known to be deadly to dogs. Still, that doesn't mean no harm will come to your pet if it comes in contact with pepper tree. The ASPCA recommends keeping your pets away from pepper tree and pepper tree berries to stay on the safe side.



### Related Articles

- 1** Facts About Problems With Pepper Tree Plants
- 2** What Are the Treatments for Psyllids on Pepper Trees?
- 3** Trim Mature California Pepper Trees
- 4** Germinating California Pepper Tree Seeds

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### Ingestion

Pepper tree is listed by the University of California as a Class 2, minor toxicity plant when ingested by humans. This means it can cause you to feel sick if you ingest it but isn't likely to be deadly. The same symptoms may occur when your pet ingests the plants. The ASPCA reports the plant can cause gastrointestinal irritation. This irritation may lead to vomiting, diarrhea, heaving or a general appearance of feeling unwell in dogs. If your dog ingests any part of the plant, not just the berries, call your vet for guidance. Any plant can cause a reaction in an animal that can be minor or serious.

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**Dermatitis**  
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The sap and juices of the pepper tree contain substances that have been known to cause skin irritation. These volatile substances can cause skin irritation, such as pain, swelling and itching. Dogs have a tendency to lick and scratch at irritated skin, which can lead to hair loss and infection. If you dog comes in contact with pepper tree sap, wash the animal right away in warm water, then monitor it for signs of discomfort. Contact your vet if a reaction occurs.

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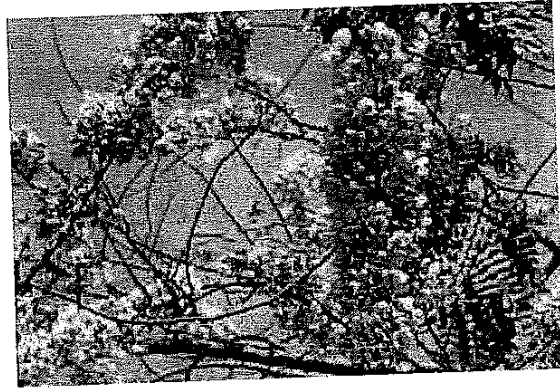
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### Facts About Problems With Pepper Tree Plants

With their interesting weeping forms, delicate leaflets, and profuse flowers and berries, both California pepper tree (*Schinus molle*) and Brazilian pepper tree (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) are favorites for some. But they are shunned by others. Both trees provide dense shade, with California pepper tree growing 25 to 40 feet tall in U. S. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 8 through 11 and Brazilian pepper tree growing 15 to 30 feet tall in USDA zones 9 through 11.



#### Related Articles

- 1** Trim Mature California Pepper Trees
- 2** Is a Pepper Tree Bad for Dogs?
- 3** What Are the Treatments for Psyllids on Pepper Trees?
- 4** Kill Brazilian Pepper Trees Without Chemicals

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#### Invasive Listings

Both California and Brazilian pepper trees appear on invasive lists in some states, meaning they crowd out native plants and destroy the habitat for animals that depend on native plants. In some cases, the listings also mean it is illegal to own or grow the plant. Pepper trees spread primarily through birds and small mammals eating the prolific berries and spreading seeds.

#### Debris Problems

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With their prolific berries and 4- to 6-inch clusters of flowers, pepper trees produce a lot of litter. Other litter include the branches on both trees that break frequently, with or without wind, and the numerous leaflets that fall even through the trees are evergreen. Female California pepper trees produce berries twice a year, in fall and winter, adding more litter to be cleaned up from yards, sidewalks or brushed off of parked cars.

### Problematic Root Systems

The California pepper tree has roots that go everywhere and anywhere in search of water and nutrients, making it drought-tolerant but problematic. Its surface roots make it impossible to grow anything under the tree and the roots' aggressive qualities break pavements and invade sewers and drains. Brazilian pepper tree roots produce suckers that give the tree a dense thicket appearance if they are not removed.

### Toxic Properties

Pepper trees belong to the Anacardiaceae family, as do other poisonous plants, including poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), which grows in USDA zones 5 through 9. Not surprisingly, the attractive leaflets of pepper trees can cause similar allergic skin reactions in some people as do the other poisonous plants. If eaten by people or pets, the berries of Brazilian pepper trees cause gastric problems.

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## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Removal of Three Palms by Mr. Choi (301-D)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the request for the removal of three Queen Palms located a 301-D.

### **BACKGROUND**

Mr. Choi purchased the manor in February 2018. He is requesting the removal of three Queen Palms, *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, located at the front of the manor in the shrub bed. See Attachment 1. The reason cited by him is excessive litter/debris. See Attachment 2.

The palms were last trimmed in November 2016 and are scheduled for pruning again in approximately November 2018. They are approximately 25 feet in height with a trunk diameter of approximately 12 inches and are growing approximately one to two feet from the building.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the palms were found to be in good condition with no visible decay, pests or trunk damage. While they were planted too close to the building to allow for their mature size; there is no visible damage to the building. This species of palm requires additional trimming throughout the year due to the rapid growth of the fronds and seed pods. Staff recommends the removal of these palms due to the proximity to the building and the multiple pruning cycles required each year to alleviate the heavy debris and hanging fronds.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the three palms is estimated to be \$1,200. The cost to trim them is estimated to be \$300, with an estimated value of \$2,743 based on ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Tree Supervisor

**Reviewed By:** Larry Hernandez, Landscape Manager

Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

ATT-1: Photographs

ATT-2: Mutual Landscape Request Form

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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.

Resident/Owner Information

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

301 Avenida Sevilla #D  
Address

7/20/18  
Today's Date

Kyu Whan Choi  
Resident's Name

(818) 521-8776  
Telephone Number  
437-8776

Non-Routine Request

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

- Tree Removal
- New Landscape
- Off-Schedule Trimming
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Request

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

- Structural Damage
- Sewer Damage
- Overgrown
- Poor Condition
- Litter/Debris
- Personal Preference
- View Obstruction
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

GUIDELINES:

- **Structural/Sewer Damage:** Damage to buildings, sidewalks, sewer pipes, or other facilities may justify removal if corrective measures are not practical.
- **Overgrown/Crowded:** Trees or plants that have outgrown the available space may justify removal.
- **Damaged/Declining Health:** Trees or plants that are declining in health will be evaluated for corrective action before removal/replacement is considered.
- **View Blockage:** By nature, view blockage must be reviewed case by case to determine the appropriate course of action.
- **Litter and Debris:** Because all trees shed litter seasonally, generally this is not an adequate reason to justify removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement may be at the resident's expense.
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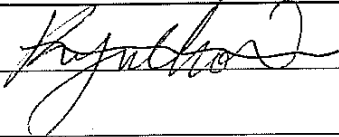
**Description & Location of Request**

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

Rosit side of House that big tree (Pine) <sup>Palm</sup> all leave come in side House and ball yard, house become very dark. leaves in everywhere inside of house.

**Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request**

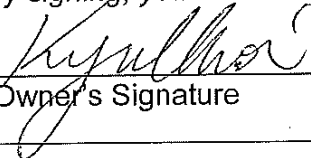
Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
	301-D			

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

**Acknowledgement - Owner**

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

  
Owner's Signature

Kyu whan Choi  
Owner's Name

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 TREE SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TREE VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_ TREE REMOVAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

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## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Off Scheduled Trimming by Abrams (851-O) – 20 Brush Cherry Trees

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the Off-Schedule Trimming of 20 Bush Cherry trees and trim on schedule.

### **BACKGROUND**

Mr. Abrams purchased the manor in September 2013. He is requesting the off-schedule trimming of 20 Brush Cherry trees, *Syzygium paniculatum*, located at the rear of his manor in the shrub bed. These trees were planted to screen the back of the carport from adjacent homes. Mr. Abrams is requesting three to four feet of crown reduction. See Attachment 1. The reasons cited by him for the off schedule trimming are: personal preference, overgrown, view obstruction and cuts out light into his manor. Four additional neighbors have signed the request in support of the off-schedule trimming/crown reduction. See Attachment 2.

The trees were last pruned in November 2016 and are scheduled for pruning again in November 2019. They are approximately 25 feet in height with trunk diameters of approximately seven inches. They are growing approximately four to six feet from the sidewalk and approximately 20 feet from the balcony of the manor.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the trees were found to be in good condition with no visible decay, pests or trunk damage. There is some branch die-back, which will be removed during the next trimming cycle. The trees are properly spaced and create the intended screen for the back of the carport. Staff will perform crown reduction of the trees when in the area.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to trim all of the trees is estimated at \$1,400; with an estimated value of \$9,400 based on ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Tree Supervisor

**Reviewed By:** Larry Hernandez, Landscape Manager

Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

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Request for Off Scheduled Trimming by Abrams (851-O) – 20 Bush Cherry Trees  
October 11, 2018

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

ATT-1: Photographs

ATT-2: Mutual Landscape Request Form

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**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.**

#### Resident/Owner Information

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

851 O Ronda Mendoza  
Address

8/7/18  
Today's Date

Arthur J. Abrams  
Resident's Name

623 202 7372  
Telephone Number

#### Non-Routine Request

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

Tree Removal

New Landscape

Off-Schedule Trimming

Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reason for Request

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

Structural Damage

Sewer Damage

Overgrown

Poor Condition

Litter/Debris

Personal Preference

View Obstruction

Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

#### GUIDELINES:

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- **Personal Preference:** Because one does not like the appearance or other characteristics of the tree or plant generally does not justify its removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement is usually at the resident's expense.

**Description & Location of Request**

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

Overgrown Trees That serve as a barrier to car ports & garbage bins, are overgrown & too high & too thick. Looks wild & unattractive & cuts out light.

**Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request**

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
<i>Greg J. O'Leary</i>	851 C	✓		
<i>Antoinette Treches</i>	851 A	✓		
<i>Joy R. Moore</i>	851 B	✓		
<i>John H. Reed</i>	851 D	✓		
<i>Dave Southworth</i>	851 N	✓		

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

**Acknowledgement - Owner**

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

*Greg J. O'Leary*      Arthur J. Adams  
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## STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** October 11, 2018  
**FOR:** Landscape Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Tree Removal by Romero (89-F) – Brazilian Pepper tree

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Deny the request for the removal of one Brazilian Pepper tree located at 89-F and trim on-schedule.

### **BACKGROUND**

Ms. Romero purchased the manor in April 2006. She is requesting the removal of a Brazilian Pepper tree, *Schinus terebinthefolius*, located at the front of her manor in the lawn area. See Attachment 1. The reasons cited by her for the removal are: the tree attracts a large number of bees and produces a heavy pollen, which affects her allergies. See Attachment 2.

The tree was last trimmed in January 2017 and is scheduled for pruning again in approximately January 2020. The tree is approximately 19 feet in height with a trunk diameter of approximately 15 inches and is growing approximately six to seven feet from the building.

### **DISCUSSION**

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good condition with no visible decay, pests or trunk damage. There is some noticeable surface rooting which is not causing any structural damage. The tree has a balanced canopy and is well placed. Currently there is no policy for the removal of a tree due to allergies. Six neighbors signed the Landscape Request Form in support of removal.

### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The cost to remove the tree is estimated at \$1,200. The cost to trim the tree is estimated at \$300, with an estimated value of \$2,743 based on ArborPro tree inventory.

**Prepared By:** Bob Merget, Tree Supervisor

**Reviewed By:** Larry Hernandez, Landscape Manager

Bruce Hartley, General Services Director

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

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ATT-2: Mutual Landscape Request Form

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Request for Tree Removal by Romero (89-F) – Brazilian Pepper Tree  
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## Resident/Owner Information

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

89 Calle Aragon Unit F  
Address Laguna Woods  
Encarnacion Romero  
Resident's Name

7/20/2018  
Today's Date  
(562) 708-7210  
Telephone Number

## Non-Routine Request

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

- Tree Removal
- New Landscape
- Off-Schedule Trimming
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

## Reason for Request

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

- Structural Damage
- Sewer Damage
- Overgrown
- Poor Condition
- Litter/Debris
- Personal Preference
- View Obstruction
- Other (explain): The tree attracts a large volume of bees/leaves/

### GUIDELINES:

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- Damaged/Declining Health: Trees or plants that are declining in health will be evaluated for corrective action before removal/replacement is considered.
- View Blockage: By nature, view blockage must be reviewed case by case to determine the appropriate course of action.
- Litter and Debris: Because all trees shed litter seasonally, generally this is not an adequate reason to justify removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement may be at the resident's expense.
- Personal Preference: Because one does not like the appearance or other characteristics of the tree or plant generally does not justify its removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement is usually at the resident's expense.

*tree I'm not able to open my front window too many bees Attracting my health.*

**Description & Location of Request**

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

The tree is located directly across from my house. Attracts a very high volume of bees and pollen. Every season this tree affects my allergies and prevents me from ever opening my <sup>front</sup> window.

**Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request**

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
	89F	X		
	527-B	X		
	201146	X		
	526 Q	X		
	527C	X		
	89H	X		

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

**Acknowledgement - Owner**

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

Owner's Signature

ENCARNACION ROMERO  
Owner's Name

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MOVE-IN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 530 \_\_\_\_\_ 540 \_\_\_\_\_ 570 \_\_\_\_\_ LAST PRUNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RELANDSCAPED: \_\_\_\_\_ NEXT TIME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TREE SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TREE VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_ TREE REMOVAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_