

STREET AND SUBDIVISION TREES

FUND NO. 021

ACCOUNT NO. 1122

DESCRIPTION

The Street Tree Division provides a full range of tree care services throughout the City, including scheduled tree pruning, dead wood, mistletoe and stump removal, reforestation, hazard elimination, special tree treatments and corrective measures as identified by our tree program objectives or by customer requests.

MISSION

To maintain the health and vitality of the urban forest through a comprehensive inspection, maintenance and reforestation program that is designed to ensure public safety, provide excellent customer service while beautifying the City of Merced.

GOALS

- ◇ Continue scheduled area pruning, mistletoe removal, and tree plant/removal programs to properly maintain the City's urban forest.
- ◇ Reduce claims resulting from incidents involving street trees through early identification and timely response to citizen requests.
- ◇ Continue to explore reforestation funding sources and seek City Council approval for implementation.

OBJECTIVES

1. Continue Mistletoe Abatement Program in conjunction with the Area Prune Program.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS

Continue aggressive preventive maintenance work on eradicating mistletoe on all city owned trees, as well as customer service/emergency requests throughout the City. To be completed by June 2005.

Manager to provide monthly progress report.

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2. Continue the Area Prune Program to insure all trees within the City inventory are maintained on a 6-year trim cycle.

3. Clear hazardous tree conditions upon crew observation or citizen reports.

4. Coordinate tree reforestation between developers and staff as well as respond to customer replanting requests in a timely manner.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS

Continue area prune in Area's 6 & 7.

Note: *Areas trimmed per year may vary depending upon the severity of tree conditions.*

Manager to provide monthly progress report.

Immediate response to all hazards upon notification. Ongoing.

Coordinate and inspect the planting of all trees by developers in new subdivisions. City crews to plant 450-trees as ongoing reforestation. To be completed by June 2005.

2004-2005 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

During this budget cycle crews will concentrate on the area between G and M Streets from East Main to Bear Creek (Reforestation--Old Silver Maple).