

# **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 2006.

Manager to provide monthly progress report.

## **STREET AND SUBDIVISION TREES**

### **OBJECTIVES**

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.
5. A survey of the urban forest in the area west of R Street and south of Bear Creek will be completed by third party.
6. Promote the benefits of a healthy urban forest, and maintain Tree City USA designation.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS**

Continue area prune in Area's 4 & 5.

**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 2006.

Survey results will be used to direct efforts of tree crews in removing diseased and damaged trees.

Show increased participation in Arbor Day event by involving more schools and public agencies.

### **2005-2006 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

During this budget cycle crews will concentrate on the area east of "G" Street, south of Bear Creek, including Gerard Avenue and surrounding areas. Reforestation of Silver Maple continues.