

# **STREET AND SUBDIVISION TREES**

**FUND NO. 021**

**ACCOUNT NO. 1122**

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## ***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***

## ***PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS/INDICATORS***

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| 1. Continue Mistletoe Abatement Program in conjunction with the Area Prune Program. | Continue aggressive preventative 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 2004.<br><br>Manager to provide monthly progress report. |
| 2. Consideration of a citywide private mistletoe abatement program.                 | Inspect and document all mistletoe growing in private trees by December 2003, in preparation of notices to be sent out for eradication. Complete by  |

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| 3. Continue the Area Prune Program to insure all trees within the City inventory are maintained on a 6-year trim cycle.              | April 2004.<br>Continue area prune in Area's 4 & 5.<br><br><b>Note:</b> <i>Areas trimmed per year may vary depending upon the severity of tree conditions.</i>            |
|  | Manager to provide monthly progress report.   |
| 4. Clear hazardous tree conditions upon crew observation or citizen reports.   | Immediate response to all hazards upon notification. Ongoing.   |
| 5. Coordinate tree reforestation between developers and staff as well as respond to customer replanting requests in a timely manner. | Coordinate and inspect the planting of all trees by developers in new subdivisions. City crews to plant 400-trees as ongoing reforestation. To be completed by June 2004. |

### ***2003-2004 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS***

During this budget cycle crews will concentrate on the area between "G" Street and Glen Avenue, from E Main to Bear Creek.