Landmark Tree Considerations and Direction to Staff
Recent Registry Addition in 2022

- Registry established in the 1990s with total of 8 landmark trees and 2 landmark groves
- First addition to the Landmark Tree Registry in 23 years
- Interior live oak on CAISO Property
- Aggregate trunk diameter of 101 inches!
What is a Landmark Tree?
FMC Chapter 12.16.170

Designated by City Council

➢ Historical value
➢ Outstanding habitat
➢ Unusual species
➢ Superior beauty
Benefits of Landmark Trees

- Ecological benefits
- City Identity – “Distinctive by Nature”
- Assessment and maintenance assistance from the city arborist using Tree Planting and Replacement Fund
- Any request for removal requires declassification by the City Council
Landmark Tree Candidates
Arborist Recommendations and Other Inputs
Candidate #1 – *The Grover Tree*

- Valley Oak located at 710 Sibley Street
- Trunk diameter of 41.5”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
  - Historical Value
  - Superior Beauty
Candidate #1 – *The Grover Tree*
Candidate #2 – The Dermatology Tree

- Interior Live Oak located at 192 Blue Ravine Rd
- Trunk diameter of 53”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
  - Historical Value
  - Superior Beauty
Candidate #2 – The Dermatology Tree
Candidate #3 – The Hana Tree

- Blue Oak located at 785 Hana Way
- Trunk diameter of 44.5”
- Qualifying Attributes for “Landmark” Status:
  - Historical Value
  - Superior Beauty
Candidate #3 – The Hana Tree
Candidate #4 – The Oak Parkway Grove

- Blue and interior live oaks along the Oak Parkway Trail
- Approximately 50 trees
- Considerations for Landmark Status:
  - Outstanding habitat value
  - Superior Beauty
Candidate #4 – The Oak Parkway Grove
Candidate #5 – The Folsom Prison Grove

- Blue and interior live oaks on Folsom State Prison Property
- Approximately 140 acres
- Considerations for Landmark Status:
  - Historical value
  - Outstanding habitat value
Candidate #5 – The Folsom Prison Grove
The City Council may on its own motion and without the payment of the application fee, commence the process of designating a landmark tree.
Considerations

➢ Owner consent
   ❖ FMC 12.16.170(A)(1) requires the city to notify the owner 30 days before the hearing on the application via first-class mail. The owner must submit written confirmation to the city that they support the application.

➢ Necessary Findings
   ❖ Is the tree(s) truly exceptional?
     • Historical Value
     • Outstanding habitat value
     • Unusual species
     • Superior beauty

➢ Financial Impact for the City
   ❖ Application fees waived
   ❖ Maintenance costs (individual trees vs groves)
   ❖ Staff time and resources
1. Move to initiate the process of designating all five candidates as landmark trees; or
2. Move to initiate the process of designating one or more of the presented options as a landmark tree; or
3. Reach out to property owners to educate and encourage landmark tree applications for qualifying trees on private property as recommended by the City Arborist