Landmark Tree Designations

Arborist Recommendations/City Council Follow Up
Established in the 1990s with total of 9 landmark trees and 2 landmark groves

In 2022, first application to add 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
The Landmark Tree Program

- Recognize 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
Owner submission of an application and $280 fee

OR

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

1. Owner Consent – FMC requires written property owner notification 30 days prior to hearing and owner written confirmation of support

2. Necessary Findings - Is the tree(s) truly exceptional?
   ✓ Historical Value
   ✓ Outstanding habitat value
   ✓ Unusual species
   ✓ Superior beauty

3. Financial Impact for the City
   ▪ Application fees waived
   ▪ Maintenance costs (individual trees vs groves)
   ▪ Staff time and resources
Landmark Tree Candidates
Updates from the October 11, 2022 CC Meeting
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
Considerations

1. **Owner consent**
   Owners of both candidates have granted permission to the City to exercise execution of FMC 12.16.170(A)(1) to commence Landmark Tree designations

2. **Applicable Findings**
   ✓ Historical Value
   ✓ Outstanding Habitat
   ✓ Superior Beauty

3. **Financial Impact for the City**
   - One time $280 application fee waived
   - Staff time (annual inspection by City Arborist at owner request)
   - Maintenance when deemed necessary by the City Arborist (anticipated 3 to 7 year intervals) pruning and mulching
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt:

➢ Resolution 10996 – A Resolution Establishing a Landmark Tree Designation for a Valley Oak Tree in the Front Yard of 710 Sibley Street; and

➢ Resolution No. 10997 – A Resolution Establishing a Landmark Tree Designation for an Interior Live Oak Tree in Front of the Dermatology Center of Northern California at 192 Blue Ravine Road.