

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Joseph M. Deakin, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Oak Tree Removal
DATE: September 16, 2003

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider permitting an oak tree removal on the west side of South River Road between Creston Road and Niblick Road (City property).

FACTS:

1. There is a 34-inch Valley Oak (*Quercus Lobata*) on the west side of South River Road near the Navajo Drive intersection on City property. A certified arborist was contacted to investigate the tree due to its defoliated and apparently unhealthy condition.
2. The City Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance under section 10.01.030 (b) states that "No person shall remove or otherwise destroy an oak tree of six inches or greater diameter growing on private or public property with the City Limits of the City of Paso Robles unless they have first received a Permit to Remove as authorized by the Director of Community Development or the City Council".

**ANALYSIS
AND**

CONCLUSION: The arborist report (attached) clearly states that the oak tree is dead without any possibility of reclamation. Staff is requesting that in the interest of public safety, and to provide a healthy landscape aesthetic, that the City Council permit removing this tree. Per the oak tree ordinance, six replacement oak trees with a caliper of not less than 1.5 inch per replacement tree will be replanted. The trees will be planted on City property in areas conducive to long term survival.

POLICY

REFERENCE: Oak Tree Preservation ordinance

FISCAL

Impact: \$1,500 (\$250 each) for the purchase of (6) six 24-inch box 1.5 inch caliper oak trees

OPTIONS:

- a. Authorize the issuance of a permit to remove the dead oak tree on the west side of South River Road near the intersection of Navajo Drive.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the above option.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Arborists report
- B. Map showing location



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August 29, 2003

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RE: Oak Tree Evaluation Report

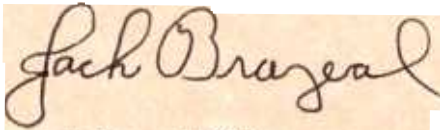
Located @
The west side of River Road approximately half way
between Creston Road and Niblick Road, Paso Robles, California

Dear Charles,
The following is the tree condition report that you requested.

The subject tree is a thirty-four inch diameter valley oak (*Quercus lobata*) tree.
The present condition of this tree is completely dead with no possibility of
reclamation.

If you have any questions please give me a call.

Sincerely,


Jack Brazeal RCA
Registered Consulting Arborist



attachment: (1) picture

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**SUBJECT TREE
34 " DIA, VALLEY OAK
SOUTH RIVER ROAD, PASO ROBLES
CALIFORNIA**