

Tree Policy Comments

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Subject: Tree policy comments

Hi there and thank you for keeping our neighborhoods safe ~

We have lived on Via Palomino for 22 years and absolutely love this charming street and neighborhood known for its lush and mature trees. It has been very sad to see the canopy change over time due to the extended drought of the past years. Having also grown up here, the most noticeable changes are on PV Dr. North between Via Valmonte and the end of the split Drive heading down to Malaga Cove. It is so sparse now.

As we understand it, the gorgeous and majestic eucalyptus trees weren't exactly meant for this climate and are prone to falling over after periods of rain 'when their feet get wet' – their characteristically short root system gives way from prolonged moisture and as they sway in the high winds they topple due to their height.

Carl the magnificent knows what he's doing and we appreciate him greatly. We back up to the trail and there is activity on our property it seems weekly in an effort to guard the SCE, phone and cable lines. It can seem counterintuitive to cut the very tall eucalyptus in the shape of an asparagus – it seems to make them more top heavy and possibly prone to falling in the future.

What are the plans for replacing fallen or non-thriving trees? There was federal or state funding used for identifying, marking and cutting many down. Were there also funds for planting new indigenous trees? Do volunteer groups get involved in this kind of thing?

***Can there be a notification system when more tree trimming is planned.

Thank you again for keeping us safe and for ensuring the future of our neighborhoods with clean air from thriving trees.

~Kristin & Andrew
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