

Fred Roth commented that pine bark beetle is a general term and clarified which beetles affect which species. Adequate irrigation/rain mitigates the effects of the beetles, and trees don't necessarily need to be removed.

There were no additional requests to speak.

***Committee Member Sifuentes moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission receive and file the report, seconded by Committee Member Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:**                ***Committee Member – Binder, Brower, Sifuentes***  
**NOES:**              ***Committee Member – None***

### 3. Semi-Annual Reporting of Urban Forest Maintenance Activities

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on urban forest maintenance activities for the period of July–December 2023.

Manager Dillman responded to questions from the Committee regarding data points to include in charts and graphs and which trees are removed by staff as opposed to the contractor.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

Fred Roth suggested that categories for removal should be in concert with the policy manual as it exists. More description should be provided for the category of “greater good,” and a diagnosis should accompany “diseased.” Dr. Roth also suggested greater observance of tree quality when planting.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee regarding determining viability and quality of planted trees, responsibility for quality control, young tree care, clarification of the term “volunteer” as it relates to reason for removal, reasons for removal as they appear in the current Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual, and proposed revisions to the reasons for removal in the updated Manual.

***Committee Member Sifuentes moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission receive and file the report, seconded by Committee Member Brower, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:**                ***Committee Member – Binder, Brower, Sifuentes***  
**NOES:**              ***Committee Member – None***