

DATE ISSUED: May 21, 2002

REPORT NO. 02-120

ATTENTION: Rules Committee, Agenda of May 22, 2002

SUBJECT: Tree Advisory Board's Tree Ordinance Status and Proposed FY 2003 Urban Forest Action Plan

### SUMMARY

Issue - Shall Rules Committee accept the Tree Advisory Board's status report on the Tree Ordinance and proposed FY 2003 Urban Forest Action Plan?

Manager's Recommendations -

1. Accept the Tree Advisory Board's status report on the proposed Tree Ordinance.
2. Direct the City Manager to return to Rules Committee on July 24, 2002 with a recommendation on the Tree Advisory Board's draft Tree Ordinance sections on Tree Protection and Tree Removal.
3. Accept the Tree Advisory Board's proposed Fiscal Year 2003 Urban Forest Action Plan.
4. Refer to the FY 2003 budget deliberations those elements of the proposed Action Plan that require City Council action.

Other Recommendations - None.

Fiscal Impact - None with this action.

### BACKGROUND

#### Tree Ordinance

The volunteer Tree Advisory Board envisions the City of San Diego adopting a comprehensive Tree Ordinance in 2002. At this time, the Board is working on two sections of that ordinance: Tree Protection and Tree Removal. The draft ordinance section on Tree Protection was recently reviewed by two City departments and, based on that preliminary input, the Tree Advisory Board is researching other cities' tree ordinances and revising the existing draft to: reformat it to more closely correspond to City of San Diego ordinances; reorganize it to better fit within a future comprehensive Tree Ordinance; clarify authority and decision-making processes; expand the definitions of violations; and incorporate language that will help make the ordinance's effectiveness more measurable. In addition, the Tree Advisory Board is working on formatting its recommended changes to City Council Policy #200-5, "Planting of Trees on City Streets," which also includes tree removal policies, into a section of the new, comprehensive Tree Ordinance. The Tree Advisory Board expects to complete its work on these two ordinance sections by May 31, 2002, and requests that the City Manager be directed to obtain review of the

drafts by affected City departments and return to Rules Committee at its July 24, 2002 meeting with a recommendation on the two new ordinance sections.

Proposed FY 2003 Urban Forest Action Plan

Attached is the Tree Advisory Board's proposed Fiscal Year 2003 Action Plan for the Mayor's Urban Forest Plan. The plan is a dynamic document which will be revised, as needed, to reflect opportunities and constraints as they occur.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Direct the Manager to return to Rules Committee in September, 2002 with a recommendation on the Tree Advisory Board's proposed ordinance sections after obtaining review and comment from City departments and the Community Planners Committee.
2. Do not refer the Action Plan's budgetary recommendations to FY 2003 budget deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: [Tree Advisory Board's Proposed FY 2003 Urban Forest Action Plan](#)