



April 28, 2015

Dear Lorayne Burley and other community team members,

Thank you for hosting us at the Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee June 3, 2014 meeting to learn about the City's trees and urban forestry program. With funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), we met with over 40 community planning groups last summer to share information on the City of San Diego's Urban Forest Management Plan (Plan).

The community input gathered was used to inform the draft Plan and its actions including planting trees, watering and pruning trees, program management, financing, and community partnerships. The draft Plan will undergo environmental review and be presented to the City Council this fall for their approval. Updated information on the draft Plan can be found here: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/urbanforest/index.shtml>

Attached is a table that compiles your community group's input on urban forestry goals and desired future condition in your community and/or business district, based on surveys completed during the meeting.

If you have questions regarding the City's urban forestry initiatives, you may contact the City planner assigned to your community, or Melissa Garcia, Senior Planner, [magarcia@sandiego.gov](mailto:magarcia@sandiego.gov) and Anne Fege, Ph.D., Chair of the City of San Diego's Community Forestry Advisory Board, [afege@aol.com](mailto:afege@aol.com).

Thank you so much for participating in this project and recognizing the benefits of trees and community forestry programs in your neighborhood!

Sincerely,

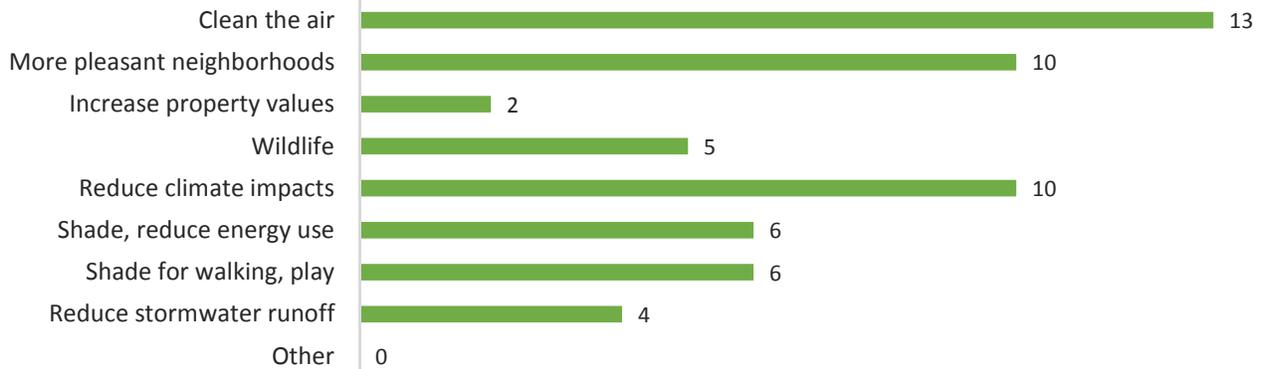
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# City of San Diego, Urban Forest Management Plan

## Feedback from Community Groups, May to September 2014

### Miramar Ranch North

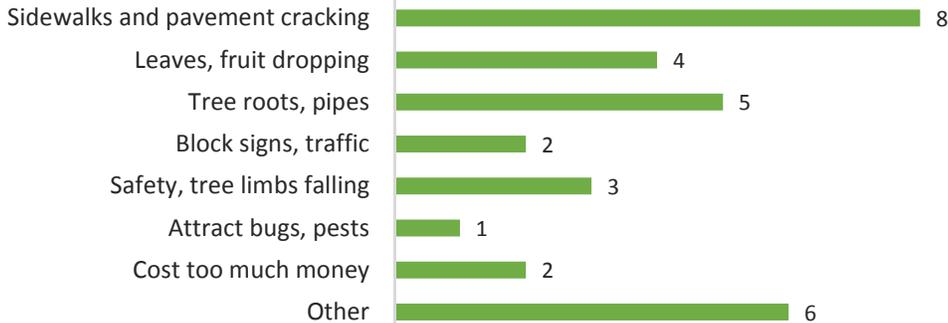
#### What are the three (3) most important benefits of trees?



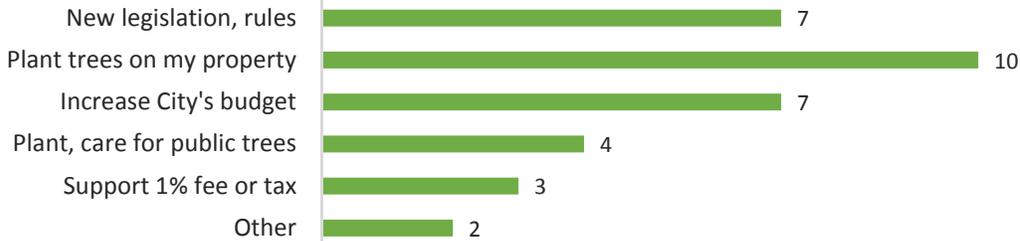
#### Are there too many or too few public trees in your neighborhood?



#### What are your top two (2) concerns relating to tree planting and care?



#### What are you willing to do to ensure San Diego's trees are maintained and protected for future generations?



Presentations about trees and the Urban Forest Management Plan were given to 40 community-planning groups, business improvement districts, and other community groups from May to September 2014. Each attendee was invited to provide input on community forestry benefits and issues in their community, and this report summarizes the responses from your community group. The responses to four of the questions are also summarized for the 487 attendees at the presentations and 220 who completed the online survey, for a total of 707 respondents.

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**Miramar Ranch North**

**In your neighborhood, where do you think more trees should be planted? (Name the streets or areas)**

Broadway
Caltrans right of way along Erma Rd.
Mandrake Pt. more or larger street trees
Need to manage fire danger
Not at this time
Not if you are going to ask us to pay for it
Parks
Stonebridge Community parks

**Why are trees important to you (personally) and your family?**

Aesthetics, shade
All of the benefits in question 1, green house gas emissions
Attractive
Clean air
Nicer communities, preserving a natural environment
Provide greater sense of community
See above
Shade and my hammock
Trees are part of the ecosystem

**Other comments and suggestions for the City of San Diego regarding urban trees.**

Opposed to restriction or requirements on private land owners/HOA's
Fire fuel reduction through responsible forest management.
Until drought conditions subside and water costs are lowered I do not support additional planting

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Summary of All Responses

707 total respondents

487 surveys from community group presentations and 220 online surveys

<b>What are the three (3) most important benefits of trees?</b>	<b>% total</b>
Create more pleasant neighborhoods and business districts	53%
Clean the air by absorbing pollutants	49%
Reduce greenhouse gases, summer temperatures and address climate change	45%
Shade streets for walking and parks for playing	35%
Shade buildings and lower energy bills	28%
Provide food and shelter for wildlife	26%
Stabilize soil and reduce storm water runoff	24%
Increase property values	11%
Other	2%
<b>In your neighborhood, are there are too many or too few public trees?</b>	
Too few trees	68%
Enough trees	24%
Too many trees	2%
<b>What are your top two (2) concerns relating to tree planting and care?</b>	
Sidewalks and pavement cracking	53%
Leaves and fruit dropping/ongoing maintenance	29%
Tree roots and underground pipe problems (similar to A-sidewalks-pavement)	28%
Blocking traffic, sidewalks, signs, and/or street lights	16%
Other (not identified)	12%
Creating safety problems from trees and limbs falling	9%
Other: Watering and water costs	6%
Trees cost too much money	5%
Attracting bugs and other pests	3%
Other: Maintenance, trimming, and pruning	3%
Other: Fire hazards	2%
<b>What are you willing to do to ensure San Diego's trees are maintained and protected for future generations? (check all that apply)</b>	
Plant new trees on my property when trees die or need to be removed	54%
Support new legislation or rules about planting and tree protection	52%
Increase the city's budget for tree planting and maintenance	49%
Volunteer to plant and maintain trees on public property	34%
Support a 1% fee or tax, dedicated to tree care and maintenance	28%
Other (none)	10%