



**City of Santa Ana**  
**20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701**  
**Staff Report**  
**October 19, 2021**

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**TOPIC:** Urban Forest Management Plan

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**AGENDA TITLE**

Receive and File of the Urban Forest Management Plan as Part of the City Forest Renewal Project in Collaboration with West Coast Arborists, Inc. and California Urban Forests Council

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive and file the Urban Forest Management Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

The City Forest Renewal (CFR) project provides funding for the removal of trees that are diseased, posing a risk, and/or dead. Funding for this project was made possible through Proposition 68 and administered by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)'s Urban and Community Forestry grant program. The grant recipient was the California Urban Forests Council (CaUFC), in collaboration with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) as the project contractor. In January 2020, the City of Santa Ana was selected as a qualifying partner based upon the City's urban forest needs, Disadvantaged Communities status, and working relationships.

A component of the CFR project promotes urban forestry improvements by assisting partner cities to update tree-related documents and provide recommendations for the City's urban forest management guidelines, leading to the creation of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). The UFMP is a centralized document that reflects best management practices through professional tree care standards related to planting, maintenance, removal, protection, and pruning of City-owned trees in the right-of-way. The UFMP will further strengthen the City's position when applying for grant opportunities to supplement/increase City Street Trees Services programs and budgets.

The UFMP was presented to the City's Environmental and Transportation Advisory Commission on September 14, 2021 and they were supportive of the document.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no environmental impact associated with the action.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**EXHIBIT(S)**

1. Urban Forest Management Plan

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