



## California Urban Forests Council Fall Newsletter - November 2009

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2009 comes to an end, we look back over quite an eventful year for the California Urban Forests Council. Over the year, there grew a rising awareness of a critical void in urban forestry. There is a recognition and desire by the CaUFC Board of Directors to fill that void. [Click here to read the entire message...](#)

### CITIZEN'S EFFORTS & TREE PRESERVATION IN FRESNO

Last July a front page article was written in the Fresno Bee about removing the camphor grove at Eaton Plaza. This article led to a series of meetings to explore how to retain the larger, healthy trees in the grove. Clearly, this situation presented urban forest issues of regional significance. Eight members of the San Joaquin Valley Urban Forest Council met at the site, attended a city briefing, and advocated for retaining the mature trees. They then went to work to develop recommendations for the City of Fresno. Their report was well-received by the city staff and they were informed that a portion of the grove will be retained . . . a happy ending!" [Click here for document 1](#)

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### QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING CA URBAN FORESTS

A study of California communities is being conducted for the US Forest Service. This study is part of an effort to understand urban forests in California communities.

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### MEDIAN PLANTING BY THE BAY

It was a grisly day by the bay. As usual the fog had rolled in yesterday and was here to stay. Our universal air conditioner keeps the summers cool but the gray overcast doesn't brighten the spirits. Today was a volunteer event - the planting of the Castro Street Steps' Median. Unlike most volunteer events with their hoopla and pre-dug holes this was a major cardiovascular event. No easy chores for the timid. [Click here for the rest of the story...](#)

## REPORT

On Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, the City of Goleta will resume seeking community input on the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan. The draft copy of the "State of the Goleta Valley Urban Forest Report " will be the primary focus of discussion.. This report is a compilation of known facts about the City of Goleta Urban Forest, which is simply defined as all of the public and private trees within the City. [Click here to read the report](#)

## FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE APPROACHING

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