



# Park and Recreation Commission

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS** **DATE: APRIL 10, 2017**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY/LANDSCAPE DIVISION**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT URBAN FORESTRY/LANDSCAPE DIVISION  
QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

**ISSUE:**

Receive the quarterly activity report for the Urban Forestry/Landscape Division of the Public Works Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Park and Recreation Commission receive and file the quarterly activity report for the Urban Forestry/Landscape Division of the Public Works Department.

**BACKGROUND:**

The following report details accomplishments, claims, plan checks, tree removals, and tree plantings in the first quarter of 2017 and activities planned for the second quarter of 2017.

***Public Outreach***

1. On Saturday, February 4, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), held a beautification project in Ward 2. Volunteers planted 10 flats of Yellow Trailing Gazanias, 50 one-gallon Honeysuckles, and 30 one-gallon white roses along a publically maintained parkway on the southwest corner of Vine Street at Third Street. The new plants will grow to help beautify and protect the soil from eroding onto the roadways and into the storm drain systems.
2. On Saturday, February 25, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), held a volunteer tree planting project on Victoria Avenue between La Sierra Avenue and Jane Street. Volunteers planted 49 trees within the median areas to replace trees that were missing or had died.
3. On Saturday, March 4, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, held a beautification project in Ward 7. Volunteers planted 40 five-gallon Abelia Grandiflora and 60 one-gallon Orange Daylilies along a publically maintained right of way on Golden Avenue between Magnolia and Cochran Avenues. The plant material will grow to help beautify the area and enhance the existing landscape.
4. On Saturday, March 11, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with VAF, Casa Blanca House of Neighborly Services (CBHNS) and Villegas Park Advisory Committee (VPAC), in celebration of California Arbor Week and Arbor Day, held a tree planting project

on Victoria Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets. Volunteers planted 55 Eucalyptus trees within the north and south parkways. The newly planted trees were funded through a grant received by VAF from California ReLeaf and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire). The California ReLeaf 2016 Social Equity Tree Planting Grant titled, "Planting Trees in the Casa Blanca Neighborhood" was a joint effort with VAF, City of Riverside Public Works; Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD), CBHNS and VPAC. The grant included installing irrigation to the newly planted trees, planting 15 trees around Villegas Park, 8 trees around Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Services center and 33 additional Eucalyptus trees on Victoria Avenue between Madison and St. Lawrence Streets.

5. On Saturday, April 8, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with KRCB, will hold a beautification project in Ward 5. The meeting location will be at California Baptist University, 8432 Magnolia Avenue. The project sites, to be determined, will include litter cleanup, graffiti removal and a planting site.
6. On Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with VAF, CBHNS, VPAC, and PRCSD will hold a volunteer tree planting project at Villegas Park. Fifteen new trees will be planted around the park with funds provided by the "Planting Trees in the Casa Blanca Neighborhood" grant.
7. On Saturday, May 13, 2017, the Public Works Department, working with VAF, KRCB, CBHNS, and VPAC, will hold a volunteer tree planting project at the Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Services center. Eight new trees will be planted around the center with funds provided by the "Planting Trees in the Casa Blanca Neighborhood" grant.

### ***Tree Projects***

1. Tyler Avenue Widening Project between Wells and Hole Avenues – on schedule.

### ***Tree Maintenance***

1. The following grid is currently underway:
  - Grid 51 – La Sierra South Neighborhood
2. The following grids are scheduled:
  - Grid 37 – Mission Grove Neighborhood
  - Grid 53 – La Sierra Neighborhood

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachments: 1. Tree Removal and Planting List  
2. Plan Checks – 4th Quarter 2016  
3. Claims – 4th Quarter 2016