



January 27, 2024

Dan Maggar  
426 Creston Road  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Re: Addendum to Tree Protection Plan for development located at 426 Creston Road, Paso Robles, CA.

We recommend and agree with the removal of the native Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) as noted on the Tree Protection Plan dated December 21, 2022.

We would like to make note of the tree's poor condition due to its codominant stem and both trunks encroaching one another, included bark, a wire girdling the main trunk, and severe lean of the trunk/canopy from overgrown and nearby vegetation. The impacts of the grading/compaction and significant canopy reduction for road clearance and fire protection would hinder the tree's health beyond reason. Additionally, the continued maintenance and canopy reduction for road clearance and fire protection would inhibit its recovery and long-term health.

Please let us know if we can be of any future assistance to you for this project.

Morgan Scovell

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Morgan Scovell', is written over the printed name.

Certified Arborist #WE-12338A  
4<sup>th</sup> Generation Tree  
(805) 462-2020





December 21, 2022

Dan Maggar  
426 Creston Road  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Re; Tree Protection Plan for development located at 426 Creston Road, Paso Robles CA. 93446

This Tree Protection Plan is for the location stated above. The development will be impacting 2 native oak trees one live oak removal (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one blue oak (*Quercus douglassi*) saved. No other oak trees will be impacted and one oak tree are being requested for removal. Please keep the tree protection fencing in place during instulation.

It is the **responsibility of the owner/agency** to provide a copy of this tree protection plan to any and all contractors and subcontractors that work within the drip line of the native trees. It is highly recommended that each contractor sign and acknowledge this tree protection plan.

The trees impacted by this project are numbered and identified on both the grading plan and the tree protection spreadsheet.

### **Tree Rating System**

A rating system of 1-10 was used for visually establishing the overall condition of each tree on the spreadsheet. The rating system is defined as follows:

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Condition</u>
0	Deceased
1	Evidence of massive past failures, extreme disease and is in severe decline. Pruning from overhead utility lines.
2	May be saved with attention to class 4 pruning, insect/pest eradication and future monitoring.
3	Some past failures, some pests or structural defects that may be mitigated by class IV pruning.
4	May have had minor past failures, excessive deadwood or minor structural defects that can be mitigated with pruning.

- 5 Relatively healthy tree with little visual structural and or pest defects.
- 6 Healthy tree that probably can be left in its natural state.
- 7-9 Have had proper arboricultural pruning and attention or have no apparent structural defects.
- 10 Specimen tree with perfect shape, structure and foliage in a protected setting (i.e. park, arboretum).

The following mitigation measures/methods must be fully understood and followed by anyone working within the drip line of any native tree. Any necessary clarification will be provided by us (the arborists) upon request.

**1. Fencing:** The proposed fencing shall be shown in orange ink on the grading plan. It must be a minimum of 4' high chain link, snow or safety fence staked at the edge of the drip line or line of encroachment for each tree or group of trees. The fence shall be up before any construction or earth moving begins. The owner shall be responsible for maintaining an erect fence throughout the construction period. The arborist(s), upon notification, will inspect the fence placement once it is erected. After this time, fencing shall not be moved without arborist inspection/approval. If the orange plastic fencing is used, a minimum of four zip ties shall be used on each stake to secure the fence. All efforts shall be made to maximize the distance from each saved tree.

**2. Soil Aeration Methods:** Soils within the drip line that have been compacted by heavy equipment and/or construction activities must be returned to their original state before all work is completed. Methods include water jetting, adding organic matter, and boring small holes with an auger (18" deep, 2-3' apart with a 2-4" auger) and the application of moderate amounts of nitrogen fertilizer. The arborist(s) shall advise.

**3. Chip Mulch:** All areas within the drip line of the trees that cannot be fenced shall receive a 4-6" layer of chip mulch to retain moisture, soil structure and reduce the effects of soil compaction.

**4. Trenching Within Drip Line:** All trenching within the drip line of native trees shall be **hand dug**, augered or bored (for utilities). All major roots shall be avoided whenever possible. All exposed roots larger than 1" in diameter shall be clean cut with sharp pruning tools and not left ragged. A **Mandatory** meeting between the arborists and grading contractor(s) must take place prior to work start.

**5. Grading Within The Drip Line:** Grading should not encroach within the drip line unless authorized. Grading should not disrupt the normal drainage pattern around the trees. Fills should not create a ponding condition and excavations should not leave the tree on a rapidly draining mound.

**6. Exposed Roots:** Any exposed roots shall be re-covered the same day they were exposed. If they cannot, they must be covered with burlap or another suitable material and wetted down 2x per day until re-buried.

**7. Paving Within The Drip Line:** Pervious surfacing is preferred within the drip line of any native tree. If pavers are required, the areas are outlined on the grading



plans. Pavers must be interlocking with a minimum of 10% void space backfilled with pea gravel. Fabric shall be permeable. The % slope of the driveway may prohibit the engineering of pavers for this project.

**8. Equipment Operation:** Vehicles and all heavy equipment shall not be driven under the trees, as this will contribute to soil compaction. Also there is to be no parking of equipment or personal vehicles in these areas. All areas behind fencing are off limits unless pre-approved by the arborist.

**9. Existing Surfaces:** The existing ground surface within the drip line of all oak trees shall not be cut, filled, compacted or pared, unless shown on the grading plans **and** approved by the arborist.

**10. Construction Materials And Waste:** No liquid or solid construction waste shall be dumped on the ground within the drip line of any native tree. The drip line areas are not for storage of materials either.

**11. Arborist Monitoring:** An arborist shall be present for selected activities (trees identified on spreadsheet and items bulleted below). The monitoring does not necessarily have to be continuous but observational at times during these activities. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) or their designee to inform us prior to these events so we can make arrangements to be present. It is the responsibility of the owner to contract (prior to construction) a locally licensed and insured arborist that will document all monitoring activities.

- Pre-construction fence placement
- any utility or drainage trenching within any drip line
- All grading and trenching near trees requiring monitoring on the spreadsheet
- All driveway construction activities
- Tree removal operations

**12. Pre-Construction Meeting:** An on-site pre-construction meeting with the Arborist(s), Owner(s), Planning Staff, and the earth moving team shall be required for this project. Prior to final occupancy, a letter from the arborist(s) may be required verifying the health/condition of all impacted trees and providing any recommendations for any additional mitigation. The letter shall verify that the arborist(s) were on site for all grading and/or trenching activity that encroached into the drip line of the selected native trees, and that all work done in these areas was completed to the standards set forth above.

**13. Pruning:** Class I pruning includes deadwood removal along with selective thinning to lesson wind resistance. Class 4 pruning includes-Crown reduction pruning shall consist of reduction of tops, sides or individual limbs. A trained arborist shall perform all pruning. No pruning shall take more than 25% of the live crown of any native tree. Any trees that may need pruning for road/home clearance shall be pruned **prior** to any grading activities to avoid any branch tearing.

**14. Landscape:** All landscape under the drip-line shall be drought tolerant or native varieties. Lawns shall be avoided. All irrigation trenching shall be routed around drip lines; otherwise above ground drip-irrigation shall be used. It is the owner's responsibility to notify the landscape contractor regarding this mitigation.

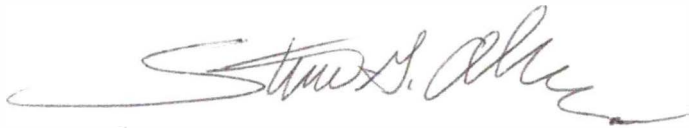
**15. Utility Placement:** All utilities shall be placed down the road/driveway and when possible outside of the drip lines. The arborist shall supervise trenching within the drip line. **All trenches in these areas shall be exposed by air spade or hand dug with utilities routed under/over the roots.**

The included spreadsheet includes trees listed by number, species and multiple stems if applicable, diameter and breast height (4.5'), condition (scale from poor to excellent), status (avoided, impacted, removed, exempt), percent of drip line impacted, mitigation required (fencing, root pruning, monitoring), construction impact (trenching, grading), recommended pruning and individual tree notes.

If all the above mitigation measures are followed, we feel there will be no additional long-term significant impacts to the remaining native trees.

Please let us know if we can be of any future assistance to you for this project.

Steven G. Alvarez

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven G. Alvarez", with a long, sweeping underline.

Certified Arborist #WC 0511





CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
"The Pass of the Oaks"

Exhibit A

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OAK TREE REMOVAL PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: DATE ISSUED:

NAME OF APPLICANT: PHONE NO:

STREET ADDRESS:

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF OAK TREE(S):

[Blank lines for location and description]

Pursuant to Section 10.01 (Oak Tree Preservation) of Title 10 of the Paso Robles Municipal Code, the property-owner is hereby requesting one of the following:

- A. Removal of Oak Tree(s) where no Development Application is pending
B. Removal of Oak Tree(s) clearly dead or diseased beyond correction
C. [Checked] Removal of 1 Oak Tree(s) as part of a Development Application
D. Emergency Removal of Oak Tree (s)

As recommended and identified in the Arborist Report prepared for this Request for Removal by

Steven G Alvarez (ISA Certified Arborist) dated 12-20-22
WC-0511A

By: Community Development Director or authorized representative

Council Action: Date: Resolution No.:

[Horizontal line]



Exhibit A





