

Letter
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From: [Garden Contessa](#)
To: CAP
Cc: [Garden Contessa](#)
Subject: Please plant trees that will not fall over/lose large branches & kill people/new construction sites
Date: Friday, September 15, 2017 7:05:54 PM

I heard from one of my environmentally-aware SD California Native Plant Society members at the County Climate Action meeting on Sept. 12, your committee talked about planting trees at every new construction site. This is a great step! As a member of the California Native Plant Society, I'd love to see more native trees be included in construction site planning.

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Eucalyptus trees were, apparently, suggested as the go-to species. And I hope you will re-consider this recommendation. Eucalyptus roots are shallow water-seeking and insatiable. Their root structures will penetrate sewage wastewater systems, above ground planters, irrigation lines, while dropping leaf litter that inhibits other plants from growing underneath. In the past few years the tree have fallen on car in Balboa Park & killed at least one visitor in front of the SD Zoo.

The [California Invasive Plant Council](#) asks us not to plant Eucalyptus in Southern California, due to fire considerations.

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No single tree species is perfect for all conditions, so I am not offering up a specific solution. I would suggest that, if you are looking for better alternatives, there are several people within the [California Native Plant Society](#) that can help. If you'd like to connect with someone who can help on this issue, please contact the SD California Native Plant Society they can link you up with several experts.

Let's make CA look like CA again.

Best regards,
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Response to Comment Letter I15

Linda Aurora Espino
September 15, 2017

I15-1 The County acknowledges support for planting native trees at construction sites. This comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR, and no further response is required.

I15-2 This comment expresses concern for the planting of eucalyptus trees. Please see response to comment I5-2.