

Letter  
I17

**From:** Lori Hubbart  
**To:** CAP  
**Subject:** CAP Tree Planting  
**Date:** Friday, September 15, 2017 10:41:03 AM

Dear CAP Staff,

At the County Climate Action meeting, Sept. 12 2017 it was suggested that trees be planted at every new construction site. The trees that were recommended were eucalyptus.

This is a very bad idea because:

- 1) Eucalyptus may be fast growing, but many of them are invasive.
- 2) Eucalyptus do not support wildlife the way California native trees do
- 3) It is not helpful to mandate planting of just one type of tree.

I urge you to provide a list of trees for new construction sites, most of which should be native to San Diego County. I further urge you to consult with the experts, like the California Native Plant Society, in creating the trees list.

Most of my family lives in San Diego, and I'm considering moving there myself. Reports like this are very worrying! Please do th right thing, as you have an opportunity to get some tree diversity and native species into local landscapes.

Sincerely,

Lori Jirak

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I17-2

### Response to Comment Letter I17

**Lori Jirak**  
**September 15, 2017**

- I17-1** The County acknowledges concern with planting eucalyptus trees. Please see response to comment I5-2.
- I17-2** The comment suggests that the County consult with the California Native Plant Society regarding the selection of appropriate species for use in development projects. The County employs several registered landscape architects that review landscape plans associated with development projects. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required. However, the comment will be included in the Final EIR and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the project.