

Letter
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To: CAP
Subject: Fwd: Trees for New Construction Sites
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From: **Sharon Reeve** <sharon.reeveclamesa@gmail.com>
 Date: Sun, Sep 17, 2017 at 6:14 PM
 Subject: RE: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PDS2015-POD-15-002), GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007), DRAFT SEIR (LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-00-003).
 To: cap@sdcountry.ca.gov

RE: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PDS2015-POD-15-002), GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007), DRAFT SEIR (LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-00-003).

Dear Members of the Climate Action Plan planning group:

I agree that tree planting is necessary for our urban environment, to contribute to carbon sequestration, as well as for the other benefits that trees provide to urban and suburban life. Ignoring native plants is a mistake. Native plants, if they are native to the site type or at least the region, should be a requirement, and public areas and parks should plant native trees that historically existed before considering vegetation that has to be irrigated and maintained. Native plants have the ability to do well on ambient rainfall. Their use could lessen the water bill burden, that would otherwise be a factor when using non-native trees.

Here are ten native evergreen trees that grow well in our City, with less water than many species of exotic evergreen trees of similar size. They are listed from largest to smallest. They all grow fast and will support native birds and other wildlife. They are lovely even in the driest summer months.

1. Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
2. Torrey Pine (*Pinus torreyana*)
3. Engelmann Oak (*Q. engelmannii*)
4. Island Oak (*Q. tomentella*)
5. Fernleaf Catalina Ironwood (*Lyonothamnus floribundus aspliniifolius*)
6. Teacote cypress (*Hesperocyparis forbesii*)
7. Cuyamaca cypress (*Hesperocyparis stephensonii*)
8. Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)
9. Catalina Cherry (*Prunus lyonii*)
10. Scrub Oak species (*Quercus dumosa*, *berberidifolia*, *acutidans*, etc.)

There are also deciduous species of native trees that are very lovely in our region.

Sincerely,
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Response to Comment Letter I43

Sharon Reeve
September 17, 2017

- I43-1** The County acknowledges support for planting trees for carbon sequestration. Please see response to comment I31-1.
- I43-2** The comment states the benefits of utilizing native plants in landscaping. Please see response to comment I5-2.
- I43-3** The comment provides information related to specific types of native plants that are well-suited to San Diego. The County acknowledges this comment. The comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required.
- I43-4** The comment states deciduous trees would do well in our region. This comment does not address the adequacy of the Draft SEIR and no further response is required.