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**To:** CAP  
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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. Tecate 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 I44

**Sharon Reeve**  
**September 17, 2017**

**I44-1** This comment letter is a duplicate of letter I43. Please see response to comments I43-1 through I43-4.