



Mission Oaks is among several Recreation & Park Districts to receive State Grant from CalFire for a Sustainable Urban & Community Forest

The Governor of the State of California, in cooperation with the California State Legislature, has enacted Propositions 40 and 84, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs. The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, pursuant to the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.

Rio Linda-Elverta Recreation and Park District has entered into an agreement with the State of California to carry out this urban forestry grant project on behalf of Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, the Orangevale Recreation and Park District and North Highlands Recreation & Park District. At the end of this project, each district will have its own current and complete tree inventory. A consulting arborist and certified tree risk assessor will do an inventory of all of the trees in the parks, parkways and landscape corridors of each District. The mission of CalFire's Urban Forestry Program is to lead the effort to advance the development of sustainable urban and community forests in California.

This tree inventory will note the location, species, size, drip line environment, structural condition, health, potential for infrastructure conflicts, hazard potential, and recommendations for each tree on District owned property, as well as noting empty planting locations. With this information Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District will be taking the first step in better understanding the value of its urban forest asset, the needs and distribution of its trees, and qualify to apply in the next cycle for an urban forest management plan grant.

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