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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item: **VI-B**
December 2, 2025

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: Reforestation Request – 2 Westcliff Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of one Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*) and one Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) located at Westcliff Park (Park 36 and 41) due to view encroachment.

The applicant, Claire Squire (project manager for 1034 West Wind Way) has attained the required number of approved petitions to bring the reforestation forward to the PB&R Commission. If approved, the applicant has agreed to fund the two tree removals and replanting with nine Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) 24-inch box trees along the park's slope.

DISCUSSION:

The applicant, Claire Squire (project manager for 1034 West Wind Way) contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of one Stone Pine (*Pinus pinea*) and one Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) located on the slope at Westcliff Park (Park 36 and 41) due to view encroachment from a property with a planned redevelopment.

Staff inspected the trees and determined the trees were in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in City Council Policy G-1 – *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees*. The applicant was advised of the Reforestation process as an option.

Ms. Squire went through the petition process and attained 60% approved petitions from the petition area to bring the issue forward for PB&R Commission consideration. The applicant is willing to pay for the tree removals and the planting of nine Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) 24-inch box replacement trees along the park's slope.

NOTICING:

Claire Squire, Councilmember Erik Weigand and Dover Shores Community Association have received a copy of this report. The trees were posted with information regarding the reforestation request, and postcard notifications were sent by the City to property owners within 500 feet of the subject tree's location. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Reforestation Application
- B. Tree Removal Report/Review
- C. Info Sheet – Toyon
- D. Postcard Notification Map