

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: December 17, 2019
To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
From: Community Services Department
Presentation by: Brad McIntire, Community Services Director

Summary

Subject: Submission of Recertification Application for Tree City USA Designation

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of the City to continue its designation as a Tree City USA community.

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City for recertification application. Designation is based in part on the City's community forestry expenditures.

Purpose:

To recognize the City's ongoing efforts to expand and maintain the City's urban forest.

Background:

For the past twenty years, the City of Yuba City has earned the designation of a Tree City USA community by meeting the following criteria: 1) conducting an annual Arbor Day observance; 2) spending at least \$2.00 per capita on tree-related programs; 3) having a tree ordinance, and; 4) having a tree advisory board, which is the Parks & Recreation Commission. The Tree City USA designation recognizes the City's long-term dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents through its planning and maintenance standards.

Analysis:

The City's efforts to expand and maintain its urban forest remain ongoing and staff would like to ensure that the organization's efforts continue to be recognized. The Parks Division maintains approximately 1,228 trees in our parks and facilities and 10,632 City street trees. Staff is requesting authorization from Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska City, Nebraska, for consideration of the City continuing its designation as a Tree City USA community. Communities who have received the designation must submit an application for recertification on an annual basis to maintain their Tree City USA designation.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no cost to the City to submit the recertification request outside of staff time. Selection as a Tree City USA community is based on the annual expenditure for tree-related programs and

services within a community that includes labor costs, tree purchases and tree maintenance throughout our City parks and Landscape Maintenance Districts. In 2019, Yuba City expended a total of \$328,865 on community forestry expenditures.

Alternatives:

Do not request recertification.

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to submit an application for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of the City continuing its designation as a Tree City USA community.

Attachment:

1. Resolution

Prepared By:

/s/ Brad McIntire
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Community Services Director

Submitted By:

/s/ Michael Rock
Michael Rock
City Manager

Reviewed By:

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City Attorney

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ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF
YUBA CITY BEING DESIGNATED A TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, trees play an important role in the quality of life of a community in providing needed shade and cooling, aesthetic beauty, and increased property values; and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees today allows us to pass along a legacy of community and environmental awareness to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City has made a significant policy statement regarding the important role trees play in the development and redevelopment of public and private property within the City, as exhibited by the Town Center project, the requirement for landscape maintenance districts, 50% shade requirement on all parking lots, including access areas within 15 years of the tree being planted, and the continued introduction of upcoming residential developments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City was designated a Tree City USA community for 1999 through 2019 by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA communities must submit an application for re-certification on an annual basis to maintain their designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby authorize the City staff to submit an application for re-certification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for their consideration of Yuba City continuing to be designated as a Tree City USA community for the year 2019.

The foregoing Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yuba City was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of December, 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Shon Harris, Mayor

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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