

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: December 19, 2017

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 continuing its designation as a Tree City USA community.

Fiscal Impact: Selection as a Tree City USA community is based, in part, on the annual expenditure for tree-related programs and services within a community (i.e. tree crew labor costs, tree purchases, etc.). In 2017, Yuba City expended a total of \$203,265 on community forestry expenditures.

Purpose:

To receive recognition for the City's ongoing efforts to expand and maintain the City's urban forest.

Background:

For the past seventeen years, the City of Yuba City has earned the designation of a Tree City USA community based upon: 1) having 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. This designation says a lot about the quality of life and planning standards of a community.

Analysis:

The City's efforts to expand and maintain its urban forest continues and Staff would like to ensure that the organization's efforts continue to be recognized. The Yuba City Parks Department maintains approximately 2,000 trees in our parks and approximately 12,000 street trees. Staff is requesting City 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 for continuity their Tree City USA designation.

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related programs and services within a community (i.e. tree crew labor costs, tree purchases, etc.). In 2017, Yuba City expended a total of \$203,265 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:

Resolution

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Submitted By:

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Reviewed By:

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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 2017 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 2017.

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 19th day of December, 2017.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Preet Didbal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Buckland, City Clerk