

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: December 16, 2014
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 manpower costs, tree purchases, equipment, etc.).

Purpose:

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

Background:

The City staff is requesting that the City Council authorize the submission of an application for recertification to the National Arbor Day Foundation for consideration of Yuba City maintaining its designation as a Tree City USA community.

For the past fourteen 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) spend at least \$2.00 per capita on tree-related programs; 3) have a tree ordinance, and; 4) have 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.

The City's efforts to expand and maintain its urban forest continues on and the City staff would like to assure that the organization's efforts continue to be recognized. As such, we are requesting that the City Council again 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 with their Tree City USA designation.

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 manpower costs, tree purchases, equipment, etc.).

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.

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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 2013 by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Tree City USA communities must submit an application for recertification 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 recertification 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 2014.

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 16th day of December, 2014.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

John Dukes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke, City Clerk