

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 10, 2025

PREPARED BY: Shawn Muir, Community Services Manager
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SUBJECT: STUDY SESSION: OVERVIEW OF CITY TREE PRUNING AND
MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information about the standard practices used by the City to maintain its urban forest, including information requested regarding wildlife impacts with subject matter expert input.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The City Council requested that staff review current tree pruning and maintenance practices to consider their impact on wildlife and habitat. Specifically, input from the University of California, Riverside – Palm Desert was requested. Staff will provide an overview of current practices utilized to manage the City's urban forest and convey information shared by the subject matter experts.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this presentation, as no formal action is requested. Funding for tree maintenance is included in the Public Works Department, Housing Authority, and Desert Willow Golf Course annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation