Joshua Tree Preservation Report

Project Site: TENTATIVE TRACT No. 17841 Apple Valley, CA

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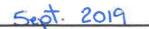


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I. INTRODUCTION

A tree protection report of the existing protected trees at this site is prepared for BM Investments and the City of Apple Valley as part of a new construction project. The purpose of this report is to assist BM Investments with the requirements of a master application form. As part of the of the permit process for the City of Apple Valley this report identifies and details the information on protected trees for this site including photos, location, size, health and species of trees. All of the following information is as of my site visit on September 23, 2019.

II. INVENTORY METHODS

The inventory and tree locations were conducted using a site plan provided by Pete Volbeda Architecture Planning outlining the partial boundaries. A visual Tree Assessment was used to inspect the 4 Joshua trees and measure at 54 inches diameter at breast height (DBH). The 4 Joshua trees were photographed, measured at DBH and the following was recorded, tree height, a inventory number was assigned, a tree health condition rating and locations plotted on a site map.

Tree health conditions are rated: Good, Fair and Poor (see recommendations for definition of tree condition ratings). A complete key of current tree conditions is listed on the tree inventory table on page 4.

This report is limited to:

- Possible tree defects that may not be visible from my observation position on the ground.
- Visual Tree Assessment does not include diagnostic testing.

III. RESULTS

Tree Distribution

Four Yucca brevifolia, Joshua Trees are the only protected trees species on this site.

Tree Health Condition

At the time of my visit on September 23, 2019 the 4 Joshua trees health ranged from good to poor.

Inventory

Four protected trees were inventoried see the table below for specifications.

TREE #	Species	Diameter at Breast Height (inches)	Tree Height (Feet)	Canopy Spread (Feet)	Tree Health & Condition	Comments	Protected Species	REMOVE AND MITIGATE
1	<i>Yucca brevifolia,</i> Joshua Tree	9	8-10	6-8	POOR,	HOLLOW BASE	YES	YES
2	<i>Yucca brevifolia,</i> Joshua Tree	9.5	10-12	6-8	GOOD	LEANS SOUTH EAST	YES	YES
3	<i>Yucca</i> brevifolia, Joshua Tree	4	5	3	GOOD		YES	YES
4	<i>Yucca brevifolia,</i> Joshua Tree	10	10-12	6-8	POOR	SEVERE DECAY AT BASE	YES	YES

Protected Trees

This site has four protected trees that are Yucca brevifolia, Joshua Trees.

IV. Tree Encroachment

All 4 Yucca trees will be encroached upon as part of this project.

V. Burden of Proof

In my professional opinion Yucca trees 1 and 2 and should be removed due to their poor condition and having a rotten base. Tree number 4 should be removed as its canopy is one sided and most likely will not survive transplanting. Tree number 3 can be transplanted if required.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS/MITTIGATION

I recommend removing all 4 of the Yucca trees on this site and mitigate with City of Apple Valley required plant materials.

APPENDIX A

DEFINITION OF TREE CONDITION RATING

Outstanding

- No trunk or root cavities or injuries present
- No indication of hollowness
- No decay present except for small stubs
- Strong structure
- Tapered trunk
- Below average amount of dead limbs
- No co-dominant branching
- No evidence of large-scale insect infestation
- Average growth rate
- Normal foliage, tree not suppressed

Good

- No decay in the root crown and no major decay in the trunk or limbs
- No fungus evident
- Average amount of dead wood limbs
- Good Foliage size, color, and density.

Average

- Some decay in the root crown and no major decay in the trunk or limbs
- Small cavities may be present
- No fungus evident
- Some small to moderate callusing injuries may be present
- Some suppression or crowded growing conditionspresent
- Average amount of dead wood limbs
- Foliage size, color, and density may vary

Poor/Below Average

- Significant cavities, dead areas, and decay present
- Decay present in the root crown or base of trunk
- Fungus bodies present indicating internal decay
- Dead limbs above normal
- Co-dominant branching with included bark present
- Foliage is below average in size and color

APPENDIX B

CERTIFICATE OF PERFORMANCE

I, Mike Parker, certify that:

- I have personally inspected the trees and the property referred to in this report and have stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation is stated in the attached report and the Limits of the Assignment.
- I have no current of prospective interest in the trees or the property that are the subject of this report and have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.
- The analysis, opinions, conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted arboriculture practices. No one provided significant professional assistance to me, except as indicated within the report.
- My compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party or upon the results of the assessment, the attainment of stipulated results, or the occurrence of any subsequent events.

I further certify that I am a member in good standing with the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and the International Society Arboriculture. I have been involved in the field of Arboriculture in a full- time capacity for over 29 years.

Signed_ Mike Parker

Date 1/06/2020

APPENDIX C

PHOTOS

