

Commissioners Brian Sheldon – Gwen Brake – Glenn Ripley

January 23, 2015

Meeting Date:

January 26, 2014

Agenda Item:

6B - WSDOT Tree Mitigation Agreement

Submitted By

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Recommended Action:

Progress Report

Summary:

The Tree at the intersection of Bay Avenue and U Street was damaged during the DWSRF Water Main Installation Project last summer. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is requiring the removal of the damaged tree and the planting of 6 trees along Bay Avenue as mitigation for the loss of the damaged tree.

I have been working with Jason Jada and Jason Dunsmoore, Pacific PUD on an interagency agreement to remove the tree. The PUD has equipment and expertise at tree removal and can perform the work safely and efficiently. I hope to have an agreement for the Board's consideration at their February meeting.

I have been negotiating the tree mitigation provisions with Lecture Forestry Consultants. Mr. Lecture provided the evaluation of the tree damage for the District last summer. Mr. Lecture is willing to work consult while our crew performs the work while he provides oversight and a final report. This arrangement will reduce costs and meet all of WSDOT conditions.

End of Report