



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Budget Appropriation - Maintenance District Street Tree Replacement

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Consider authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation for the replacement of dead trees in various Maintenance Districts

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion authorizing supplemental budget appropriations in the amount of \$11,454, to cover the costs for the replacement of street trees in identified Maintenance Districts (see attachment).

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by the Director of Public Works; or
2. Deny; or,
3. Refer back to staff for further study.

### AUTHORITY

Article XI, Fiscal Administration of the Merced Municipal Code - At any meeting after the adoption of the budget, the City Council may amend or supplement the budget by motion adopted by the affirmative votes of a least five members.

### DISCUSSION

At this time, it is necessary to replace trees that have died within the past year. This is attributable to Governor Jerry Brown's Executive Order to strengthen the State's ability to reduce water consumption by a minimum of 25% due to continuous, severe drought conditions. Conservation measures were later strengthened by the State Water Resources Control Board mandate for Merced of 35% reduction or face fines up to \$10,000 per day.

The replacement of these trees is paramount to the aesthetics of the Districts that our community has come to appreciate and expect. The work will begin immediately upon approval of this appropriation. Trees will be purchased by the City and planted by private contractor.

### IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

The City's Finance Department has verified there are sufficient funds available for this request.

### ATTACHMENT

1. District trees replacements 2016