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with your reservation for
the general meeting.

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**Next Meeting:
March 20th**

AGRIscapes
CAL POLY POMONA,
4102 S. UNIVERSITY
DRIVE, POMONA

MEETING SCHEDULE:
10:30 Social
11:00 Program
12:00 Lunch & Meeting
PRICE: \$15.00 per person

2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 20th	<i>AGRIscapes</i>	Cal Poly Pomona 4102 S. University Drive Pomona
April 24th	<i>Pest Update 2003</i> 1/2 Educational Program	Anaheim Community Center 8201 Santa Ana Cyn Road Anaheim—TGM OR741-A7
May 24th	<i>Challenges of the Municipal Arborist</i> "Round Table" Discussion	Ramona Hall 4580 Figueroa St. Highland Park, Los Angeles
June 26th	<i>Annual Golf Tournament</i>	TBA

If you have a program idea for 2003—please contact Greg Monfette at 213/485-5675—Thanks!

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STREET TREE SEMINAR

has been instrumental in the development, health, care and management of street trees in Southern California for over 40 years.

STREET TREE SEMINAR

is comprised of Street Tree Superintendents, supervising personnel, professional consultants, arborists, individuals and firms whose businesses are related to street tree management.

STREET TREE

problems within your own city can be brought to an open forum on a monthly basis to assist you in timely information that could save your city thousands of dollars and salvage beautiful irreplaceable street trees.

PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE ORDINANCES

Presented by Kay Greeley PE, ASLA

Walter Warriner Community Forester from the City of Santa Monica, invited Kay Greeley to speak on private property tree ordinances to Street Tree Seminar because she has written ordinances in the City of San Fernando, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, and helped modify ordinances in surrounding cities. She is also involved in the implementation of tree ordinances in the valley.

Kay described major issues surrounding the purpose, creation, implementation and effectiveness of tree ordinances. Ordinances, she said, are most effective if they fit into an overall forest master plan; if a structure for implementation is in place; and if there is adequate staffing to both educate residents and enforce the regulation.

The types of trees commonly protected by these ordinances include street trees, native trees, specimen trees, historic trees, and more recently – trees that provide a habitat for wildlife. Newer ordinances are beginning to emphasize forest regeneration and 'root and air-space preservation' to insure room for trees in years to come. Planners and city officials are beginning to realize that preservation of individual trees creates "Tree Museums" with only the oldest specimens. If a size threshold is used, often all small trees under the cutoff size will be removed before they become large enough to be protected by local ordinances. They have also realized that preserving individual trees does not preserve the original character of the site.

Ordinances vary depending on the land uses of a particular city. Cities with large amounts of undeveloped open space might look at creating mitigation funds to purchase land with large stands of oak trees to preserve them in perpetuity. Cities that are mostly built-out might place a greater emphasis on street trees, specimen trees and increasing canopy coverage.

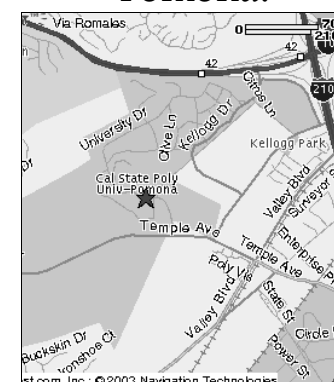
Components of tree protection ordinances that have produced good results include:

- ◆ **Adequate Staffing** – Staff available to provide information and assistance to homeowners, business owners, developers and contractors about trees and tree protection regulations. Code enforcement planning, and legal staff is also critical.
- ◆ **Streamlined and Reasonable Permitting Requirements** – Simple permit conditions, reasonable review timelines and permit fees. If it's too complicated, people will avoid getting a permit.
- ◆ **Maintenance Information Requirements** – Maintenance information included in the landscape plans to and produced regularly in city newsletters to inform residents about how to avoid damaging oak trees.
- ◆ **Creative Construction Techniques** – Ask contractors and builders to employ methods to minimize encroachment into the root zones of protected trees. Examples include smaller construction equipment, alternative foundations, porous paving and alternative grading designs.
- ◆ **Firm Fencing Requirements** – Orange construction fencing is not effective. Chain link, preferably 5 to 10 feet outside of the dripline is best.

Kay recommended developing ordinances that were linked to the city's general plan. General plans are used to determine the allocation of funds in cities. Trees can be considered a public asset, and one of the few that

UPCOMING MEETING INFO

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"AGRIscapes"
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4102 S. University
Pomona.



See page 2 for detailed driving instructions.

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appreciates in value over time. Ordinances that have a strong connection with a city general plan advocating preservation of urban canopy cover may find it easier when looking for grant funding.

Safety is also a component of tree ordinances. Public safety always comes first. Most cities have authorization in their ordinances to allow for reasonable removal of trees that could endanger public

safety. Exceptions are made for storm and emergency events as well.

Lastly, there are some agencies that are not required to comply with city tree protection ordinances on their own property. Public schools, Federal and State facilities, Indian Reservations and Cemeteries are among the sites exempt from local ordinances.

NEXT MEETING—MARCH 20, 2003—AGRISCAPES—

Located on forty acres at Cal Poly Pomona, AGRiscapes integrates and showcases farming and urban landscaping practices that are sustainable— environmentally beneficial, economically viable, and technologically sound. AGRiscapes promotes agricultural and environmental literacy through research, education, and demonstrates alternative methods to grow food, conserve water, reduce energy needs and recycle agricultural and urban waste for resource efficiency and community enhancement.



Directions:

Starting from the **210 Freeway:** Merge with 57, 71 or 10 freeways and follow the directions below.

10 Freeway: Exit Kellogg Drive, turn right on South Campus Drive, then turn right on Temple. AGRiscapes is on the left side and can be seen from Temple. Turn left on University drive and take the first left off of University as though going to the farm store.

57 Freeway: Exit Temple and go West, turn left on University Drive and take the first left off University as though going to the Farm Store.

71 Freeway: Exit Valley and go South, turn right on Temple. AGRiscapes is between the two Cal Poly entrances on the south side (left side) of the street and can be seen from Temple through the field. Turn left on University and take the first left off University as though going to the farm store.



We need your thoughts.....

In May, Street Tree Seminar is hosting a Round Table Discussion about the complex issues facing municipalities. Greg Monfette, coordinator is looking for some topics suggested by our members to be used in the Round Table Discussion. If you have any stimulating ideas, please submit them to Greg J. Monfette, Vice President of Street Tree Seminar at (213) 473-4665, by May 22, 2003.

MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2003

President, Dave Thompson called the meeting to order at the Ken Edwards Center in Santa Monica. The meeting was attended by Past Presidents Al Epperson, Rose Epperson, Walter Warriner and Dan Jensen.

Treasurer's Report

Rose Epperson read the financial report for Greg Monfette. This month, the Street Tree Seminar board authorized the purchase of 2,000 new copies of the tree book that will be reflected on next month's treasurer's report.

The new accounts for STS are effective on 2/3/03 with the following balances.

9 month Certificate of Deposit	\$102,475.40
Money Market	\$ 25,000.00
Checking	\$ 6,102.33
Total Accounts	\$133,577.73

WTMS Report:

Total Registrations	\$ 16,840.00
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,475.00
Expenses	\$ -13,192.65
Total	\$ 5,122.35

Scholarship Report

No Report.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were donated by Street Tree Seminar, RPW Inc, West Coast Arborists and AY Nursery.

The lucky winners were Michael Montoya, Rene Laurels, Nick Alago, Elan Polash, Bob Chavez, Kerry Norman, Paul Zarejvza, Mike Palat, Kevin Holman and two names that were completely unreadable.

Next Board Meeting: Join us for the yearly *Pest Update*, a half-day seminar, at The Anaheim Community Center, 8201 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Latta

Secretary

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

At the February 5th Board Meeting, the Executive Board unanimously approved a motion to change the monthly meeting fees as follows:

Reserved Attendee – by Phone or e-mail:	\$15
Unreserved – without call or e-mail:	\$20

This charge will help defer the cost of accommodating walk-in attendees at our monthly meeting. Remember to e-mail Rebecca Latta at rebeccalatta@earthlink.net or call her at (626) 335-9304. You can also e-mail Janessa Butts, Sargent at Arms at jbutts@ci.pasadena.ca.us.

WESTERN CHAPTER ISA CONFERENCE UPDATE



Join Western Chapter ISA President, Rose Epperson, in a celebration of success at the 2003 WCISA Conference and Trade Show. This year's event, **WINNING WITH ARBORICULTURE**, is being held in Fabulous Las Vegas at the Stardust Resort and Casino. Program chair, Dennis Swartzell has put together an excellent pallet of informational and educational presentations.

WCISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW
STARDUST RESORT & CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
MAY 3—6, 2003

Make your plans today to join WCISA *May 3rd through 6th*. Registration forms and additional information is available from the WCISA website at www.wcisa.net or by calling 530/892-1118.