



# STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

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## NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, October 21st**  
West Coast Arborists, Inc.  
Anaheim, CA

## 2010/11 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 21, 2010 Five Great Landscape Trees w/ Walter Warriner	West Coast Arborists Anaheim, CA
December 16, 2010 Scholarships Awards / Installation of Board Members and Officers	TBD
January 20, 2011 WESTERN TREE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM The Many Branches of Arboriculture - ALL DAY PROGRAM	Los Angeles Arboretum Arcadia, CA

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"To promote the advancement of urban forestry and provide a forum for tree care professionals to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise for the benefit of the membership and the enhancement of Southern California's community forests."*

### VISION STATEMENT

*"To enhance the health and beauty of Southern California cities by improving the quality of our community forests."*

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# STS Newsletter

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## August Meeting Highlights: *Diseases, Insects, & related problems with managing the urban forest in Newport Beach*

.Submitted by Robert Sartain, City of Santa Clarita - STS Secretary

The meeting began with an overview of the trees of Newport Beach by John Conway the Urban Forestry Supervisor. The City of Newport Beach has 36,000 trees with a 4-year trim cycle. There are 51 square miles to the City, but only 23 square miles are on land. The remaining balance is oceanfront and harbors.

The City of Newport Beach Urban Forestry Policies and Ordinances are available on line at the City web site. There is a special tree map that has the designated trim cycle as well as information on required parkway trees. The City will collect fees for new parkway trees and then plant the tree in the public right-of-way for the resident. Currently the City has about 3,500 vacancies. Some of the issues as related to service request calls are related to views and tree failures. There is a complete tree inventory for the City and the current tree value of the urban forest is estimated at \$76,000,000. If a tree is removed from the inventory than the tree value is also deducted from the overall value of the forest. Currently there are 22 street tree maintenance districts in the City. There is also a "Problem Tree List" available on line for the residents to consult.



The City is located in the Sunset Western Garden climate Zone 24 with mild summers and mild winters. There are approximately 315 different tree species, of which 66% are in ten species. John Conway feels there should be more diversity among the urban forest and is working on selecting a wider selection of trees. About 13% of the inventory is made of palm species. One example of the palm species is a Coconut palm with is registered as the furthest northerly planted Coconut palm in the northern hemisphere.

Many locations in the City have small parkways ranging from 3-5 feet in width. These small parkways create lots of hardscape issues for the department. At one particular location the well established trees clash with the narrow parkway and lift the adjacent sidewalk. This prominent street has been the topic of discussion from all involved. One treatment has been the placement of signage that says "Beware of the lifted sidewalks." But that didn't work 100% when someone from Europe was in town and they didn't read English. One possible option is narrowing the street and making it a one way street. This would allow for a wider parkway in order to preserve the trees. However this is a long and involved process. Another concern is to always maintain the minimum ADA requirements for sidewalk widths and inclines.



Many times the city is contacted to see if they will accept donated palms. John says that if the palm is of value than it can be considered for donation to Lido Park. Lido Park is a special project in conjunction with the Palm Society where rare and specimen palms will be planted for the public to enjoy. Also fees paid to the City in lieu of damages to street trees are used to purchase palms at Lido Park. The palm trees in the City are trimmed on a one-year cycle.

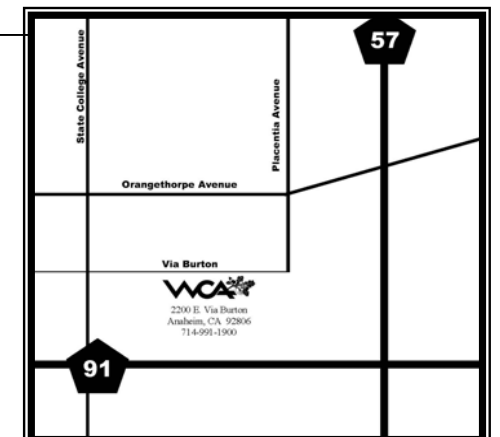
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NEXT MEETING!

October 21, 2010  
Five Great Landscape Trees  
-a discussion led by Walter Warriner

**LOCATION:**  
WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. CORPORATE OFFICE  
2200 EAST VIA BURTON, ANAHEIM, CA 92806

**TIME:** 10:30 AM  
**COST:** \$15.00 ADVANCED



## Business Meeting - August 19, 2010

Street Tree Seminar President, Cy Carlberg, opened the meeting at 10:30 am and welcomed all the attendees.

Past presidents in attendance were Alan Hudak, Art Murphy, Kevin Holman, and Dave Thompson.

Thanks to John Conway, Cy Carlberg, Kevin Homan (RPW Services), Wayne Smith, Robert Sartain and STS for the great drawing prizes!

Our winners were: Jamie Hiederbrink, Way Smith, Cy Carlberg, Art Murphy, David Spingold, Alan Hudak, Gloria Murphy, Delia Juncal and Mark Porter.

### NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting will be October 21, 2010 at the corporate headquarters of West Coast Arborists, Inc., 2200 E. Via Burton Street in Anaheim.

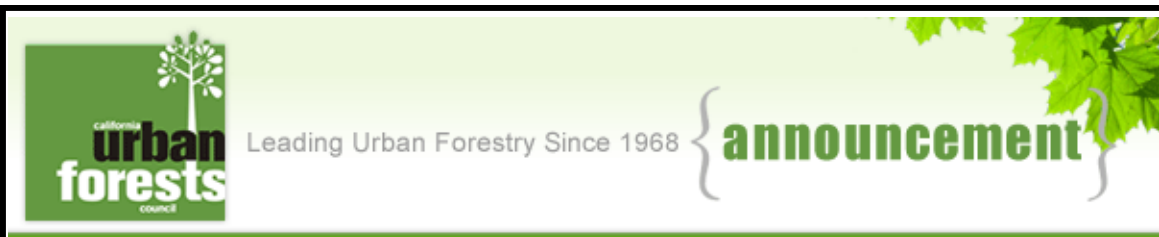
## Upcoming Industry Events

September 17, 2010  
A 360° View of Safety  
Martin Recreation Center - Anaheim, CA  
Register online at [www.wcisa.net](http://www.wcisa.net)

September 28, 2010  
Trabajando en Palmas con Seguridad  
Los Angeles Arboretum - Bamboo Room  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA  
Register online at [www.wcisa.net](http://www.wcisa.net)

September 30, 2010  
California Oaks in the Landscape  
Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens  
1500 N. College, Claremont, CA  
Register online at the LASGRWC website.

October 3-6, 2010  
SMA Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico - Tree Economics: A Smart Investment  
<http://www.urban-forestry.com>



**The California Urban Forests Council, the Municipal Superintendent's Association, the Alliance for Community Trees, & the Inland Urban Forest Council invite you to attend:  
The 2010 California Urban Forest Conference**

## VISION FOR THE FUTURE

"Bridging the Gap between Gray & Green Infrastructure"

**Pechanga Resort and Casino  
Temecula, California  
October 5-7, 2010**

Registration is now open at [www.caufc.org](http://www.caufc.org)

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Some of the pruning and maintenance issues revolve around the residents. One issue is if the resident complains and wants their tree maintained more frequently than the four-year cycle. For these concerns the resident can apply for a supplemental permit to prune the tree at their own cost. Some of the other challenges are the trees that John has scheduled as "restorative Pruning. These trees require special annual maintenance to bring them into an acceptable condition.

Another challenge is the tiered neighborhoods with views of the ocean. These areas have special conditions that need to be enforced to ensure views. In the areas where the tree has more rights than the view, John tries to promote thinning and raise pruning in proper proportions to ISA standards. When City trees area topped without approval, the City will contact the police department and file a report for damages. This usually leads to reimbursement of the tree value. The biggest part of this challenge is educating the public on the value of trees as related to the views. The problem is that many of the homes have real estate values from 3-5 million dollars. It is sometimes hard to get the homeowners to understand that the tree needs to be there especially when they pay so much for the home and the view.

Another area that Newport Beach enforces is the "Tree Protection Zone" of a street tree. During construction if there are proposed impacts to the protected Zone of a street tree, even on private property, than the property owner is required to apply for permits and comply with preservation ordinances. This allows for protection of the root zone even on private property.

The City has a strong reimbursement rate for trees that are damaged in traffic collisions. Since each tree already has a value from the inventory it makes it easy to establish the replacement cost. The replacement cost goes into a tree replacement fund that the City uses to replant damaged trees.

One unique aspect of maintaining trees in Newport Beach are the bird nesting issues, since nesting birds are protected thru state and federal laws. What is unique is the many species of birds that nest in Newport Beach. According to John there are 836 bird species that nest in their area. The bird nesting season is from February to September each year. The fines can be from \$15,000 to \$250,000 depending on the violation. One of the larger birds includes cranes, which can make a mess on the ground and the tree from all the "droppings."

Some of the pest and disease problems range from Lethal Yellowing and Fusarium wilt on Palms. In some cases the City is replacing many of the Canary Island Date Palms with King Palms. On Eucalyptus trees they have Lemon Gum Lerp Psyllid, red Gum Lerp Psyllid, Tortoise Beetle, and the Eucalyptus Longhorn Borer. Other pests include the Cuban Laurel Thrip on Ficus and Myoporums. Monterey pines are affected by mites, beetles, cankers and drought.



The meeting continued outside where Kevin Holman from R.P.W. Services demonstrated the use of the latest technology in injector systems.

Kevin also briefly discussed the pro's and con's of doing soil injections vs trunk injections. Soil injections do not leave a wound in the tree. There is no hole to drill and damage to the tree is eliminated. Soil injections are much faster and save time & money. On the flip side of things, soil injections can be difficult when trees are within the public right of way and the roots are located below concrete sidewalks, roads and driveways. Also when there are other landscape plants within the root zone of the tree, there can be competition for the chemical and the tree may not receive the amount necessary to treat the problem.

## United Voices for Healthier Communities is back!

We've gathered our partners once again within the California Urban Forest Council community to embark on a statewide single-day tree planting effort – this time we're planting 4000 trees in San Diego, Fresno, Folsom and the Central Coast. Volunteer arborists are needed as planting leaders in each region and will receive 2 CEUs for their efforts

Come out and MAKE A DIFFERENCE on October 23, 2010

This project is generously sponsored by the US Forest Service, California ReLeaf, Valley Crest Tree Company, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Contact [Mary@wcisa.net](mailto:Mary@wcisa.net) or visit [www.unitedvoices.org](http://www.unitedvoices.org) for all the details!

