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City Seeks Community Input on the Development of an Urban Forest Management Plan

[Goleta, CA] On Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, the City of Goleta is hosting a meeting of interested residents and others to serve in an advisory capacity on the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan.

The primary focus of this meeting will be the draft copy of the "State of the Goleta Valley Urban Forest Report." This report is a compilation of known facts about the City of Goleta urban forest, which is simply defined as all of the public and private trees within the City. The draft report includes details such as the condition of trees, the size of the canopy, and the coverage of our trees. Once the report is finalized, the City will use this information to set goals and develop benchmarks for the future.

The preparation of this report, funded by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, was delayed by a six month expenditure restriction by the State. The City is seeking to restart the Urban Forest Management Plan Advisory Committee to provide public input and review of research work over the next several months.

A copy of this report is available on the City of Goleta website (www.cityofgoleta.org) and at the Community Service Department offices at 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B. For additional information, please contact City of Goleta Arborist Bill Millar at (805) 968-6848 or bmillar@cityofgoleta.org.

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