



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 25-00043

Agenda Date: 1/7/2025

Agenda Item Name:

Tree Protection in Developments

Presenter:

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Description:

Follow-up presentation regarding the County's Trees and Native Vegetation Code

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation

Prior Board Motions:

August 8, 2024:

1. Refer to staff to bring back some recommendations on dripline impacts that are allowable without mitigation funds
2. Refer to staff bring back recommendations of what other counties and cities are doing for following up on the monitoring and different time frames.
3. Bring back a recommendation on how staff would prioritize the hierarchy of trees
4. Refer to staff to bring back a budget and timeline of doing a tree inventory within the urban cluster by the budget cycle
5. Refer to staff for any recommendations to preserve the urban tree canopy

Fiscal Note:

None

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

On August 8, 2024, staff presented information on the existing tree code per the BoCC's request to find ways to incentivize protection of more trees in development. The BoCC then approved a five-part motion (above) which included providing direction for staff to bring back recommendations on allowing dripline impacts and a recommendation on how staff would prioritize the hierarchy of trees.