




Date: January 10, 2022

To: Mark Fiske, Property Owner, 92 Santa Marina
 Ryan Freeborn, Project Manager PMB
 Stephen Kech, Communications
 Robert Lopez, Public Relations
 Heather Manders, Engineering Management Bureau
 Jeff Young, Construction Management Bureau

Cc: Brad Russi, Office of the City Attorney

From: Nancy L. Hom, Deputy Chief Financial Officer 

Subject: Decision, Public Hearing of Tree Removal at 92 Santa Marina

On January 10, 2022 at 9:03 a.m., as required by Section 806 of the Public Works Code, SFPUC held a public hearing due to an objection related to a tree removal at 92 Santa Marina. In attendance were Mr. Fiske (property owner, 92 Santa Marina) and multiple SFPUC staff (addressed in this memo). The meeting was conducted remotely (Zoom) due to COVID-19 public health restrictions with notes by Mr. Kech.

Mr. Freeborn, Project Manager, presented details of the College Hill Reservoir underground pipeline replacement project and the necessity to remove three trees that are in conflict with SFPUC guidelines for distance between tree roots and public utility assets. His presentation also included copies of design plans, public notices, and a copy of recent SFPUC correspondence to Mr. Fiske on 1/07/22 agreeing to his request for a replacement tree in a container.

Mr. Fiske, Property Owner, also submitted an email containing the SFPUC letter from Mr. Lopez and City regulations concerning urban forestry (street trees). He noted his general agreement with the contents of the letter but asked that the details be “mutually agreeable.”

Mr. Freeborn noted the possibility of department-incurred additional costs conflicting with the project’s (i.e., tree survival requirements, container cost, etc.), and that a further agreement would be required of Mr. Fiske and any succeeding homeowner to be responsible for irrigation and maintenance of the new tree. Mr. Fiske agreed and noted he would fund excess costs beyond SFPUC replacement of the tree, inclusive of irrigation and maintenance. SFPUC and Mr. Fiske agreed to work together to determine a mutually agreeable tree and container.

As such and due to the agreement in writing from the SFPUC, Mr. Fiske rescinded his objection to the tree removal. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

As Hearing Officer, I concur for SFPUC to remove the tree at 92 Santa Marina and a replacement tree in a container be provided – as agreed between the parties.

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