

Draft Proposal: Los Osos Tree Planting Program

LOCAC Tree & Landscape Committee

Goal: In an effort to maintain and enhance the natural beauty of Los Osos and to protect the essential environmental benefits of trees, we propose to replace and expand the tree population in the community, which were removed due to sewer installation, safety concerns, interference with utilities or development. This can be achieved in part with volunteers and support from the County.

- 1) Seek support from individual volunteers, local businesses, partner & government agencies Inc:

- County of SLO/CAP
- Celebrate Los Osos
- CA State Parks
- Greenspace
- ECO SLO
- One Cool Earth
- SLO Botanical Gardens
- Las Pilitas
- Sage Nursery
- Los Osos Chamber of Commerce
- Los Osos Rotary Club
- Templeton Heritage Tree Foundation
- Morro Bay in Bloom

- 2) List of suggested native and drought tolerant alternative trees & plants for our area. Identify all possible sources for trees & plants to purchase or as donations.
- 3) Education of public about the value of trees in our community.
 - a) Print & distribute information pamphlets about types of native plants & trees available including sources. Encourage residents to plant.
 - b) Conduct community seminars and forums with guest speakers.
 - c) Giveaway plants & trees to residents for use on personal property.
- 4) Identify & seek permission to plant on private commercial property. Contact local businesses owners about landscaping especially in community gateway areas. Provide volunteer labor and materials to plant. Negotiate water usage from individual business owners i.e. drip lines.
- 5) Identify public property which could be planted i.e. County open space, schools, libraries, parks, churches. Provide volunteer labor & materials to plant.
- 6) Available water sources: SLO County re: planned reclaimed water access in town.
- 7) Work with County on Los Osos Community Plan to include tree replacement.
- 8) Negotiate with County Public Works to replace trees removed by County in Right of Ways (ROW)