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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** Update Regarding Community Volunteer Tree Planting Projects

**LOCATION:** Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:** Information only.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Victor L. Edmisten, Parks Manager, 264-5336

**FOR MEETING OF:** June 27, 2000

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for Earth Day 2000, the City Council approved \$50,000 in July 1999 for the Sacramento Tree Foundation (STF) to coordinate a series of tree plantings at City park facilities. The purpose of this staff report is to update the council on the progress of these tree-planting efforts.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:** None

**BACKGROUND:** In 1998, the City was successful with an Urban Forestry Grant Application and planted 1,128 trees in the fall of 1998 and spring of 1999 at William Land Park, Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, Hansen Ranch, 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Median, James Mackey Memorial Park at Kenwood Oaks, Hagginwood Park, Hazel Strauch School Park, Sojourner Truth Park, Castori School Park, Reichmuth Park, Garcia Bend, and Laguna North Park.

Per the City Council's direction, staff developed a list of park facilities that had a shortage of shade trees. From this list of possible community tree planting sites, 17 events occurred in honor of Earth Day 2000 beginning September 1999 and continuing through May 2000. A total of 1,055 trees were planted at the following park sites: Susan B. Anthony Park, Bahnfleth Park, Valley Hi Park, Oak Park, Max Baer Park, Earl Warren Park, Strawberry Manor Park, Northgate Park, Del Paso Heights School Park, Johnston Park, George Sim Park, James Mangan Park, North Laguna Park (two tree plantings), Robertson Park, Glenbrook Park and Garden Land Park.

Future tree planting events are scheduled to occur fall of 2000 at Babcock Park, Mesa Grande Park, Bell Avenue School Park, Mark Hopkins Park, Pollack Ranch Park and Argonaut Park.

At each of these tree-planting events, community volunteers planted 15-gallon trees. This effort required a lot of hard work but was made easier when the Park Maintenance Supervisor pre-augured the tree hole. Volunteers weathered rain, wind and in some instances, several very cold days to plant the trees and they deserve recognition for their hard work and effort. As an active partner, the Sacramento Tree Foundation provided the tree planting demonstration and assisted in the coordination of each of the tree-planting events.

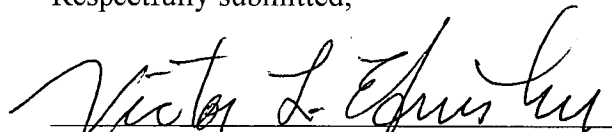
**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Not applicable.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:** This action is consistent with the City's priority of Neighborhood Revitalization and Enhancement, Environmental Protection.

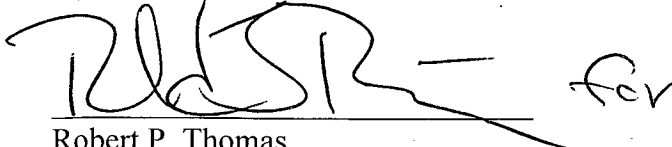
**ESBD EFFORTS:** Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
Robert P. Thomas  
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