

**Landscape Inspection-Drive Through
June 29, 2013**

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Julianne and I along with Alfred and Hugo conducted a drive through of all of the common area in the San Simeon Association. The purpose of this drive-through was to inspect the overall condition of the landscaping to identify areas the Board would like Valley Crest to concentrate on for improvement. Special attention was given to the trees within the common areas. The Board would like Valley Crest to make best use of the budget we have left for tree care this year so we are in good shape to start a new three (3) year plan.

Following are highlights from this inspection.

Trees

- There are many trees that are partially or fully dead, primarily due to overcrowding, and should be removed.
- Some trees do not get proper watering due to position on elevated ground and/or watering heads buried within shrub.
- There are so many trees that removal of some will cause no open-bare areas. Thinning will help remaining trees become healthier.
- Alfred will finalize a proposal for removal and trimming-making best use of remaining budget. He is confident that we have enough in the budget to get most needed work done, preparing us for the new three year plan.

Shrubbery and Ground Cover

- There were many areas identified that need thinning and removal of overgrown shrubs.
- Manzanita was improperly planted in areas that do not support it. Removal of much of the manzanita was recommended and will be part of the proposals we are looking for before the budget is voted on.
- All areas that are dirt should have ground cover "chips" put down. This will help aerate the soil and hold down water.

Irrigation System

- **Much of the main water line and sprinkler heads run straight down the middle of the linear park. Much has been covered by thick brush.**
- **Offshoot lines need to be made to get to areas needed.**
- **Valley Crest to put a proposal together to aggressively replace sprinkler heads and re-route water where needed. All of the sprinkler heads have reached their maximum life span and we could soon be paying for emergency leak repairs-wasting a lot of water in the process.**



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Dear Adrian and Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to present a **Tree Care Summer 2013 San Simeon HOA**. I have evaluated the trees along the Nature Trail and found that a majority of the needs can be addressed without jeopardizing the trees health. The trees that are low hanging have excessive deadwood and need to be balanced to improve their relation with sidewalks and property lines will be done. The quote is as follows:

- **Priority Tree Work:** Select trees will only be addressed in the lower 1/3rd of the canopy while other trees could require a complete thin. There are a couple of these species that could be thinned 15% while being balanced to minimize them breaking in Santa Ana winds. A few of the Sycamore are over grown and in need of some type of care. Pruning for the trees health and safety is the first priority.
- **Select Trees Needing to Be Removed** – I have identified select trees that have 50% decline or more that are of an eyesore. It is not necessary to replace these trees since there are sufficient trees nearby that will serve as a replacement.
- **Species Selection:** I do not recommend doing a complete trim on Oaks and Alder. The recommended care for these trees are mainly for conflicts but could include thinning 10%, or be lifted off the ground and clear streets, sidewalks or nearby shrubs only.

We know that you have a choice when it comes to selecting a tree care contractor. As you consider your options, please remember what makes ValleyCrest distinct.

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| • 24/7 Emergency Response | • Strict, Self-Imposed Safety Standards |
| • Self-Performed Work; No Subcontractors | • Personal and Property Damage Insurance, Specifically for Tree Work |
| • Neat, Clean, Uniformed Tree Care Crews | • Same Three-Person Teams Together on Every Job |
| • Company-Supplied, Regularly-Maintained Tools & Equipment | • Certified Arborist or Tree Care Specialist on Every Job |
| • Regularly Solicited Customer Feedback Via 3 rd Party Firm | • Multi-Year Tree Management Programs |
| • Work Performed in Accordance with Industry Best Practices | • Landscape Design, Installation & Maintenance Solutions |

As soon as you are ready, we can schedule the work and look forward to working together. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alfred Burt

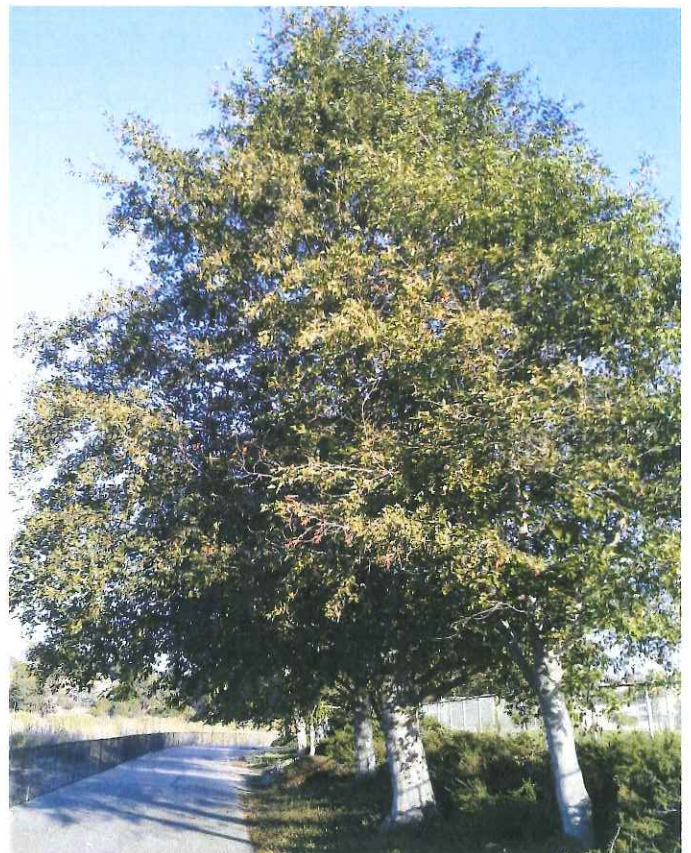
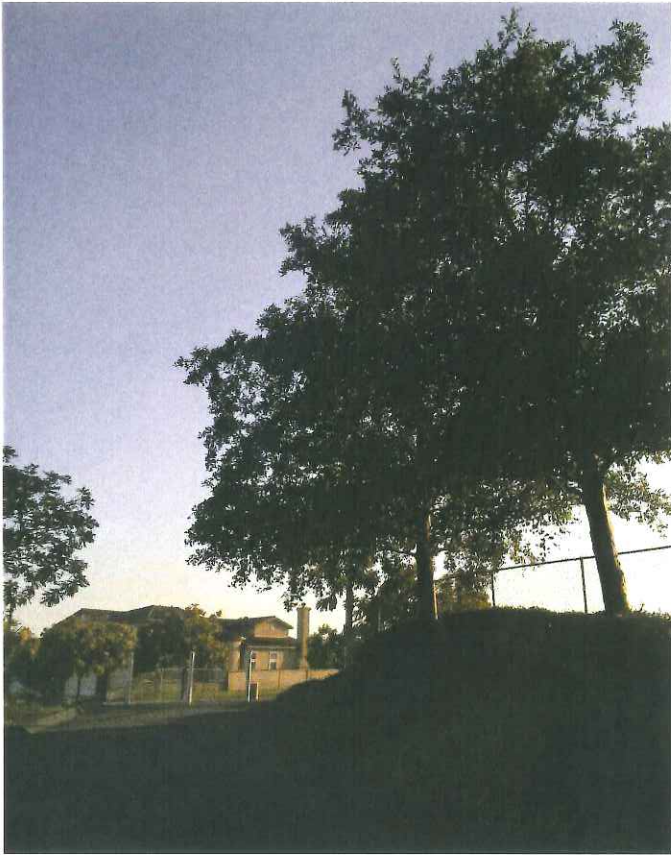
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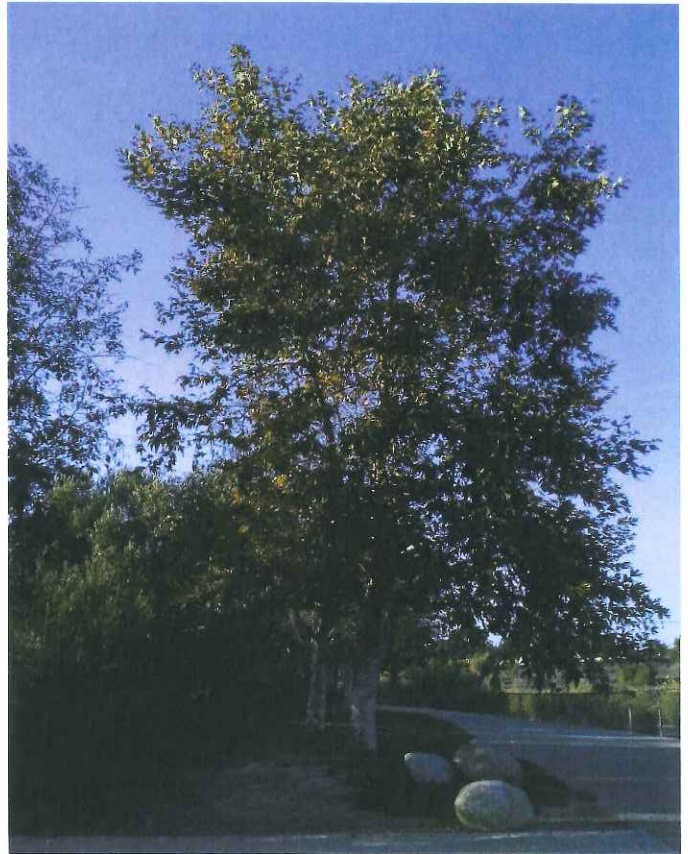
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San Simeon Alders Linear Trail



San Simeon Sycamore Linear Trail



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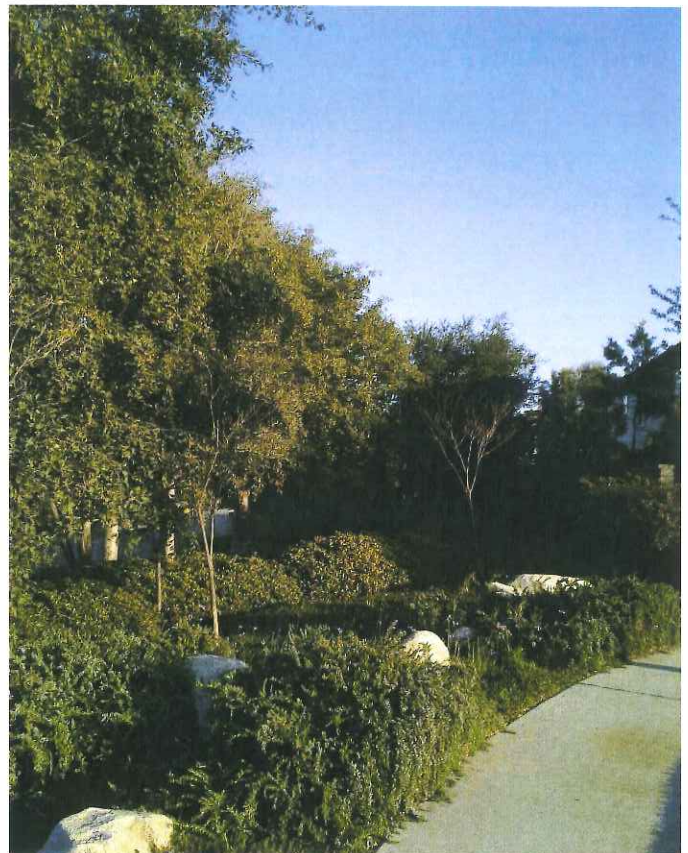
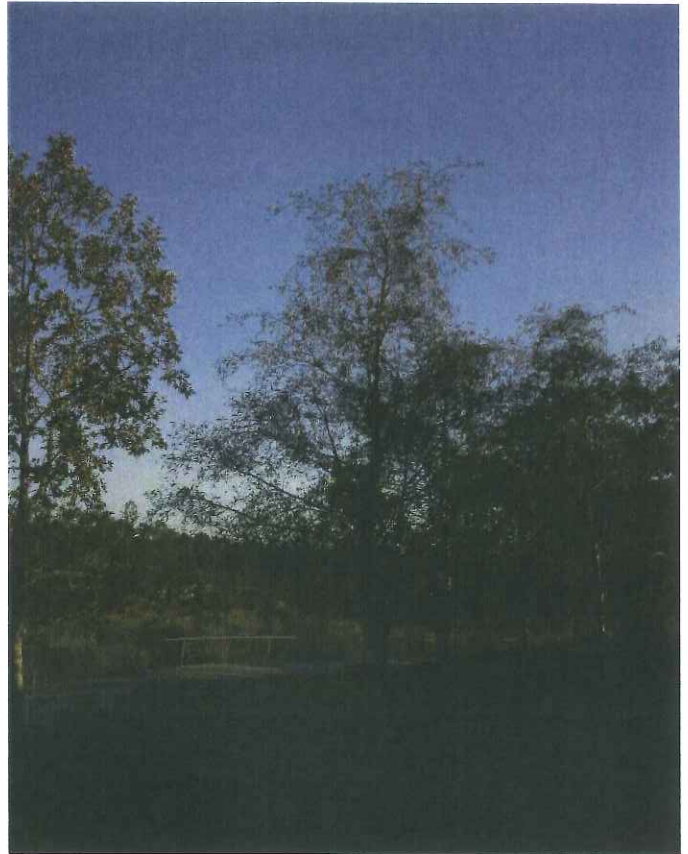
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