

**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

October 2017

Date: 8/29/17

Requested by: Alex Brodie

Address: abrodie@islandpackers.com

Location of Tree: 3360 Braemar Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: *Sequoia sempervirens* *Common Name:* California Redwood

Zoning/Setback: A – 1/SD – 3 35' Setback

Reason for Removal: Tree is unhealthy and encroaching on two other healthy trees.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: Deny Removal:

Date Posted: 10/11/17

Comments: The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal.

PHOTO INVENTORY





CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

AUG 29 2017
PARK & RECREATION
PARKS DIVISION

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Physical Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Application Fee: \$50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	August 29, 2017
APPLICANT:	Alex Brodie
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	3360 Braemar Dr. Santa Barbara, CA 93109 abrodie@islandpackers.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	(805) 443-9208
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	3360 Braemar Dr. Santa Barbara, CA 93109
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	California Redwood, Sequoia sempervirens
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Tree is unhealthy and encroaching on two other healthy trees.
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED:	Yes [] With: No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
 - The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
 - Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
 - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

DAVID R. GRESS
CONSULTING ARBORIST

August 3, 2017

Eric Halvorson
Action Tree Care
P.O. Box 2371
Santa Barbara, CA 93120

RE: Tree Evaluation 3360 Braemar Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

TREE EVALUATION REPORT

At your request, on 8/3/17, I inspected two (2) California Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*) located on the property at 3360 Braemar Drive, to evaluate the condition of the trees and make appropriate recommendations based on the evaluation. The property is a corner lot and the trees are located approximately 6 feet from the Braemar Ranch Lane public right-of-way line.

Both trees declined during the recent drought and most of the foliage on the trees had turned brown. The rains this winter improved the condition of the north tree (#1), but did not make a significant improvement to the south tree (#2).

TREE NO. 1: This is the northern most tree. It has a trunk diameter of approximately 32 inches. This tree has new healthy foliage and has good structural form. At this time, it requires only minimal pruning to remove dead branches in the crown. Deep watering once a month during the dry season is recommended to maintain its new growth and vigor.

TREE NO. 2: This tree's crown has foliage that is very sparse with a large percentage of dead needles. Structurally, the tree has poor form with codominant trunks with deep included bark. It is also growing into the head of a *Phoenix canariensis* palm. This tree is approximately 8 feet from tree #1 and is having a negative impact on the growth and normal development of that tree. I recommend the removal of this tree because, a) its poor condition, b) to allow tree #1 to develop a normal crown, and c) conflict with the *Phoenix canariensis* palm.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these recommendations.


Certified Arborist WE-0500A

3360 Braemar Ranch Drive



Phoenix canariensis Palm, Tree No. 2 & Tree No 1.

August 28, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

We have a large redwood tree on our property that we would like to remove. The tree is within the secondary front yard setback and requires a permit for removal. The letter represents a formal request for approval of this action.

The tree we would like to remove is dying. It has suffered from the recent drought, it has a misshaped trunk, and is encroaching into two adjacent (and healthy) large trees. We are also worried that the tree's proximity to the house, its large size, and the "split trunk" pose a hazard to the house and its occupants. Please see the attached Tree Evaluation Report written by David Gress, dated August 3, 2017.

We do have plans to do some remodeling on the property. We are currently waiting for the plans to be reviewed by the Single Family Design Board. The remodel plans are not dependent on the removal of the tree in question.

The tree in question has not been designated as a Specimen or Historical Tree. The property is not a designated Historic Landmark.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Alex Brodie

Owner

3360 Braemar Dr.

Santa Barbara, CA 93109

TREE PHOTOS – 3360 BRAEMAR DRIVE

SITE MAP – TREE LOCATIONS



Tree No. 1