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August 31, 2023

PROJECT FILE: PLN230231  
PROJECT TITLE: KIRKPATRICK  
RE: REMOVED TREE

Hya Honorato,

On August 8, 2023 Trish Jackson Larsen contacted Tope's Tree Service Inc. in regards to 39340 Coast Rd, Carmel. The property had received a violation regarding un-permitted tree removal. I was asked to document the tree removed and make remedial recommendations.

#### TREE IN QUESTION

SPECIES: Cotton wood tree (*Populus fremontii*).

SIZE: 47in DBH

HEIGHT: 75' (estimated from pictures) SPREAD: 50' (estimated from pictures)

CONDITION: I was told the tree had failed in previous winter storms. The tree fell on the rd also striking neighboring redwood trees creating minimum broken branches. The homeowner provided me pictures showing the tree in question with no leaves. I was told the picture was taken in mid April of 2023. At this time of the year the tree should have already started pushing out new foliage, however none was observed. From the picture the tree looks to be dead.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Replant two 5 gallon or larger Cottonwoods near the removed tree.

Sincerely,

Andrew Tope  
Certified Arborist WE-7621A

Image 1: Satellite view of site, tree is circled in red. The tree looks to have no live foliage on it.





Image 2: Remaining portion of tree



Image 3: Tree in question. Picture provided by property owner. Tree looks to be dead.





Image 4: Damage observed to the adjacent redwood tree. Several small diameter branches look to have been broken. The damage should have no long term affects to overall health.



ADDENDUM:

9/20/23

To whom it may concern:

Additional information has been provided since the original site visit. 2 additional redwood trees were also damaged when the Cottonwood tree fell. The trees were cut to low stumps, one tree has re-sprouted, while one has shown no new growth. The one tree that re-sprouted should be considered acceptable as a replant. A new tree should be planted to take place of the additional tree showing no new growth. I recommend 1, 15 gallon of larger California Redwood tree be replanted in close proximity to the existing stump.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Tope

Image 1A (left): Sucker growth off old stump Image 1B (right), stump with no new growth.

