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Mr. Sal Tringali
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RE: 25710 Rio Vista
APN: 015-052-015-000

Mr. Tringali;

You contacted me regarding cypress trees which were inadvertently pruned on your neighboring property located at 25750 Rio Vista Drive. The purpose for the assessment is to determine the condition of the trees which were pruned and recommend treatment. A visual assessment conducted on April 24, 2019 identified nine Monterey cypress trees which have been pruned to a point should be removed and replaced. The following report discusses my findings as well as recommendations for the property.

Sincerely,



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The following report is based on a visual inspection of tree condition and for obvious defects. It is not intended to constitute a complete health and hazard evaluation. Further investigation would be required to more definitively evaluate the health and hazards posed by the subject trees, some of which may not be disclosed by visual inspections. Investigations include but are not limited to core samples, root crown excavation, and visual inspection of the entire trees by climbing. Please be advised that healthy trees and/or limbs may fail under certain conditions, and that the above recommendations are based on industry standards of tree care. This report is made with the understanding that no representations or warranties, either expressed or implied are made that any trees referred to in the report or located on or adjacent to the subject property are sound or safe. Acceptance and use of this report constitutes the acknowledgement of the following stated facts and that the Client shall pay to Consultant consulting fees in accordance with the Fee Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A for the services actually performed and shown on such statement within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof.

Tree Assessment
25710 Rio Vista Drive
Carmel CA

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ASSIGNMENT/SCOPE OF WORK

I was asked to determine the condition of trees which were pruned and recommend treatment for cure. I am to document my findings for the purpose of tree removal and their replacement.

LIMITATIONS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The findings of this report are limited to a visual assessment of the trees. No further tests such as a complete root collar examination or climbing of the tree were made as part of the assessment diagnosis as these were neither requested nor considered necessary.

Disclosure Statement

It is important to note that Urban Foresters/Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance their health and beauty and to attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist or to seek additional advice. Trees and other plant life are living, changing organisms affected by innumerable factors beyond our control. Trees fail in ways and because of conditions we do not fully understand. Urban Foresters/Arborists cannot detect or anticipate every condition or event that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Conditions are often hidden within the trees and below ground. Urban Foresters/Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, for any specific period or when a tree or its parts may fail. Further, remedial treatments, as with any treatment or therapy, cannot be guaranteed. Treatment, pruning, bracing and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborists skills and usual services such as the boundaries of properties, property ownership, site lines, neighbor disputes and agreements and other issues. Therefore, urban forester/arborists cannot consider such issues unless complete and accurate information is disclosed in a timely fashion. Then, the urban forester/arborist can be expected, reasonably, to rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information provided. Trees can be managed but not controlled. To live near trees, regardless of their condition, is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risk associated with trees is to eliminate all trees.

Hazard/hazard potential: For the purposes of this evaluation and/report, a tree or tree part that presents a threat to humans, livestock, vehicles, structures, landscape features or other entity of civilization from uprooting, falling, breaking or growth development (e.g., roots). While all large landscape trees in proximity to such targets present some degree

of hazard regardless of their condition, such inherent hazard is not intended as within this definition and its usage in this evaluation and report.

Inspection limitations: The inspection of these trees consisted solely of a visual inspection from the ground. While more thorough techniques are available for inspection and evaluation, they were neither requested nor considered necessary or appropriate at this time.

As trees and other plant life are living, changing organisms affected by innumerable factors beyond our control, Frank Ono (dba F. O. Consulting) and its personnel offer no guarantees, stated or implied, as to tree, plant or general landscape safety, health, condition or improvement, beyond that specifically stated in writing in accepted contracts. This report is based on a visual inspection of tree condition and for obvious defects. It is not intended to constitute a complete health and hazard evaluation. Further investigation would be required to more definitively evaluate the health and hazards posed by the subject trees, some of which may not be disclosed by visual inspections. Investigations include but are not limited to core samples, root crown excavation, and visual inspection of the entire trees by climbing. Please be advised that healthy trees and/or limbs may fail under certain conditions, and that any recommendations given are based on industry standards of tree care.

BACKGROUND

I was contacted by Mr. Tringali, owner of the property at 25710 Rio Vista Drive, Carmel CA regarding the inadvertent pruning of a cypress hedge that is composed of Monterey cypress to minimize the shade they created on his property. Mr. Tringali, was under the assumption that the cypress were located on property he owned, only to discover the trees were located on the neighboring property. My understanding is that the tree removal replacement is to be documented as a remedy.

OBSERVATIONS

The following are observations taken on site:

- The site at 25750 Rio Vista Drive has a line of Monterey cypress that have been planted as a hedge screen that is escaping containment.
- There are 10 trees located on the property with diameters of the trees range from 8" to 18" in diameter that were pruned.
- It is unknown to me what structural condition or the health of the trees were prior to the tree removal, however, it is assumed by observing the remaining trees, that their health was good but ranged from poor to fair structural condition (due to the trees being continually maintained as a hedge).
- All but one tree (18" diameter located at the southwest corner) of the 10 trees have been pruned to a point that they will not recover with ample foliage from the exposed wood that remains and should be removed and replaced.
- The site is a fairly mildly sloped area between the residence at 25750 Rio Vista Drive and the basketball court located at 25710 Rio Vista Drive.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Of the 10 trees located along the southwest property line corner of 25710 Rio Vista that were pruned, nine of the trees have been pruned to a point that they can no longer function as a screen and survive effectively, because they will not produce new foliage from hardened wood. There is one that remains at the corner that has enough foliage it will become productive. The nine trees will need to be cut to ground level and replaced by a minimum size 15 gallon nursery stock Monterey cypresses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Tree Removal

There are nine (9) cypress trees located on the 25750 Rio Vista property that shall be cut down by a licensed insured professional tree service, cut down in smaller manageable pieces consistent with safe arboricultural work practices, to grade level. At no time shall the remaining portions of trees to be removed be dropped in one piece so as to damage any surrounding trees or property. Tree wood and clippings are to be disposed of consistent with California Department of Forestry guidelines which would include stockpiling of material on site or disposal at an approved refuse site.

Tree Replacement

The removal of the trees will be offset by the replacement planting of nine Monterey cypresses planted in between the remaining stumps of where the trees are to be removed. Replacement trees are to be planted in between removed trees, a few feet (2-5) of where the trees have been removed where ample light is found and where water can be supplied for survival.

Surrounding Tree and Landscape Protection and Maintenance.

Tree removal shall be consistent with safe arboricultural practices. At no time is it allowable for tree limbs or wood to be stacked upon other trees or plants. Newly planted trees must be properly irrigated until they are self-sufficient for the first year. This entails building earthen planting wells to contain water over the new root balls. The wells then can be removed after the first year. The root crown of the new trees must be planted at grade and not be buried so as to have the tree planted too deeply. Periodic monitoring for insect activity should also during spring summer.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Area of disturbance



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Area of disturbance where trees will be removed, and new trees planted

