

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA
APPROVING FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE TREE COMMITTEE FOR
TERMS OF TWO-YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION.

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, the City Council extended the existing Tree Committee's term by one year or until January 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-04 to amend Marina Municipal Code (MMC) Section 17.62.090.A to allow a term of two (2) years for Tree Committee members.

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2025, the Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution No. 2025-03, recommending that the City Council approve the new appointments to the Tree Committee.

WHEREAS three of the four previously appointed members of the Tree Committee have re-applied with one stepping down. All three returning members have excellent attendance at Tree Committee meetings and wish to return. The final applicant is new and has been interviewed by the Planning Commission Chair and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Marina do hereby appoint the following four people to the Tree Committee for a two-year term:

- Greg Simmons
- Jackie Gardner
- Jeff Markham
- Joey Silva

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held on the 4th day of February 2025, by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: McAdams, McCarthy, Biala, Visscher, Delgado

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN, COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Bruce Delgado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

January 27, 2025

Item No: **10m(4)**

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting
of February 4, 2025

**CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO 2025-,
APPROVING FOUR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TREE COMMITTEE
FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS. THIS ACTION IS EXEMPT FROM
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PER § 15378 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-, approving the appointment of four (4) community members to the Tree Committee for two-year terms from the date of the City Council action.
2. Find that this action is exempt from Environmental Review Per § 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2023, the City Council extended the existing Tree Committee's term by one year or until January 1, 2025.

On April 16, 2024, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-04 to amend Marina Municipal Code (MMC) Section 17.62.090.A to allow a term of two (2) years for Tree Committee members.

On January 23, 2025, the Planning Commission appointed Richard St. John as the primary representative from the Planning Commission and Paul Cheng as the alternate. Further, the Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution No. 2025-03, recommending that the City Council approve the four members of the public to the Tree Committee.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The Tree Committee is a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. Its two main obligations are to make recommendations regarding tree removal permits and landmark trees to the Planning Commission or the Community Development Director depending on the project. The Committee consists of five members with four members that are recommended by the Planning Commission and appointed by the City Council¹. The fifth member is appointed by the Planning Commission with an alternate.

The Tree Committee has met nine times in the past two years since the Committee was re-established after the COVID pandemic in 2023. Three of the four previously appointed members of the Tree Committee have re-applied with one stepping down. All three returning members have excellent attendance at Tree Committee meetings and wish to return. The final applicant is new and has been interviewed by the Planning Commission Chair and staff. Further, all four members of the public have been recommended by the Planning Commission for a two-year term on the Tree Committee:

- Greg Simmons (Member since 2023)
- Jackie Gardner (Member since 2023)
- Jeff Markham (Member since 2023)
- Joey Silva (New member)

¹ Marina Municipal Code 17.62.090, Tree Committee, link: <https://marina.municipal.codes/Code/17.62.090>

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This item is not a project under CEQA per Article 20 Section 15378.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

CONCLUSION This request is submitted to the City Council for consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted:

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Senior Planner

REVIEWED/CONCUR:

Guido Persicone, AICP, Director
Community Development Department
City of Marina

Layne P. Long
City Manager
City of Marina