



Mountain View
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Jose Antonio Vargas Trees Project Community Meeting

June 28, 2022

Guiding Principles

Goal 5 Resource Stewardship

- Goal 5: Students, staff and community members will have access to various resources, such as technology, facilities, furniture, equipment, etc., in a fiscally responsible manner, to fulfill the mission of MVWSD.

Master Facility Plan 2019

- In December of 2019, the Board approved the Master Facilities Plan (MFP) which prioritizes the work of Measure T.
- The MFP prioritized safety and efficiency projects



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Community Process

Notification of Community Meeting

- Postcards were directly mailed to 2700 residents within Vargas School boundaries
- Signs with link and QR code to register for meeting
- Social media posts
- Notification to the City
- School/ Supt newsletters
- Marquee sign announcements
- Construction email list

Board Updates

- May 19
 - Board discussion
- June 16
 - Board update and CEQA presentation

Community Feedback

- Vargas teachers and staff via survey in May
- All residents in the Vargas neighborhoods via community meeting June 28



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- Since the school opened in 2019, the trees along N. Whisman Rd. drop pine cones that damage cars and are a danger to people
- Nine (9) Canary Island Pine Trees, approximate height is 60'.
- Used to line a field, but now directly over parking area at the front of the school
 - This year, 9 pine cone incidents that damaged cars
 - 21 since Vargas opened
 - The District-paid cost to repair each car ranged from \$225 to \$3,000.
- Pinecones were harvested, but Vargas still experienced damage to cars
- Concern that a pine cone will hit a person.



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Project Overview

Initial Project Overview

- In 2020, the Board took action and approved the construction of a protective parking structure as a prioritized safety measure.
- Approximate cost is \$814,917
- While areas under the parking structure would be protected, the problem would still exist for pedestrians and would require ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the new structure.

Current Project Overview

- Cost to remove the trees would be \$30,000-\$60,000.
- More cost effective, solves the issue
- School sites are state property
 - Tree removal/replacement is exempt from the City tree removal permit or local jurisdictional requirements but must still comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.
- Timeline: Starting Aug/Sept

Current Project Overview

- Like other projects, we would replace the trees at a two to one ratio if removed.
 - MVWSD would seek to plant more mature trees
 - Drought-resistant, native species
- Since 2016 we have planted over 118 trees.



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What considerations should the District take into account in this project?