

# CITY OF ATWATER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers  
750 Bellevue Road  
Atwater, California

**September 21, 2016**

**6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. None

WORKSHOP:

3. Atwater Urban Forest Master Plan Stakeholder Questions

COMMISSIONER MATTERS:

**Comments from Community Development and Resources Commissioners**

ADJOURNMENT:

CERTIFICATION

I, Justin D. Hendrix, Community Development and Resources Secretary, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Agenda was posted at City Hall a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting.

*/s/ Justin D. Hendrix*

Justin D. Hendrix  
SECRETARY

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## City of Atwater - Urban Forest Master Plan

### Initial Stakeholder Questions



The City of Atwater has contracted with Davey Resource Group (DRG) to assess tree canopy and other land cover (including impervious surfaces) across Atwater and to develop an Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) that will provide vision and direction for managing public (community) trees and growing tree canopy over the next 25 years. Although planting and caring for trees may not be a primary focus for you, you have been identified as a stakeholder in the community forest because your duties, or those of your staff, either directly or indirectly have an impact on planning, installing, or caring for community trees. As a stakeholder, your input is critical to the success and comprehensiveness of the UFMP.

Please share your perspective and thoughts on the current status of the community forest and management policies along with your ideas for the future. Below are some initial questions that will help us gain a better understanding of your role and interest in managing and maintaining community trees. Your response to these questions will be used to inform a more focused discussion during stakeholder interviews and follow up.

1. Please describe your role and responsibilities for planting and/or managing community (public) trees:
2. If applicable, describe your role in the preservation of trees and tree canopy on public and/or private property:
3. What currently are the biggest challenges for you and/or your organization related to Atwater's public trees?
4. In your opinion, what will be the biggest challenge(s) facing Atwater's community forestry program over the next 10-25 years?
5. With regard to current species and stocking levels, are there species that should be added to the current palette or that should be avoided in future plantings?
6. How can the UFMP help you or your organization to protect, preserve, and enhance community trees and tree canopy? Are there specific goals and objectives that you would like to see included in the Plan?
7. In your opinion, what type(s) of outreach and education programs are most effective for engaging the community of Atwater?
8. What are the most important current urban forestry programs in Atwater (for example, partnerships with schools, neighborhoods, highways)? Where do you think these efforts should be focused in the future?
9. What benefits of trees are most important to you, and which do you think are most important to residents in Atwater?

10. Please add any additional information that you feel is relevant to the background and development of the Urban Forest Master Plan:

I appreciate your time and consideration. You may email your response directly to me or, if you prefer, we can schedule a conference call to record and discuss your answers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

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