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Oak Tree Permit Update

Comments & Questions: Meeting #6

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10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	I'm just very disturbed about what I see and hear about the lack of real prevention of the destruction of oaks. The fines that seem to be indicated are not real fines that are going to prevent any, developer from wanting to be able to say, it's nothing to pay, and I can then build a huge building, and so on. I'm concerned about so many things that the majority of trees your'e talking about replacing an old-growth tree, a heritage tree as you call it, it's not even that much of an old-growth one, but it is an old growth. Doesn't come close to replacing what that tree does for another 50 years, at least, especially its impact on all the insects and animals and microbiome and macrobiome that is surrounding the trees. One of the things, if you look at some of the fires, some of the houses that were remaining in the Altadena fire, some of them were surrounded by old-growth oak trees, because they actually protected those houses, and you don't see that happening with anything that's anywhere near small or anything else.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	On the whim of the inspector to be able to, come and go, or how much is a monetary issue going to be able to affect the people doing this? Did you see that? This pest control seems to be one of the biggest issues that I've ever seen affecting humanity today, is the poisoning, not only of one pest but all kinds of other animals and insects, and other kinds of things that dramatically affect the entire micro and macrobiome, including human beings. You look at the diseases that have come about since we used the immense pest control that we have now. I'm very upset that there's nothing really planned for the future generations. It's all about the next generation, and that's one generation away, so your great-great-grandchildren would not be able to see and be protected by these old-growth trees. Is there anything else that I can do to help, really solve the issue of, for the future generations?	We will follow up to discuss.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Pest control chemicals harmful to others, not just one pest, including humans…	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 Chat	I love the idea of an oak tree restoration permit. Great name!!	Thank you for your comment.

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10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 Chat	How will the in-lieu fees be calculated?	The appraised value of the oak tree is calculated according to the most current edition of the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraiser's *Guide for Plant Appraisal*. The most recent edition is the 10th Edition, Revised. The guide in the existing Oak Tree Permit was named the "Guide for Establishing Values for Trees and Shrubs" but the title of this guide has changed since then. We are updating the Oak Tree Permit to reflect the new title of the guide, the *Guide for Plant Appraisal.*
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	One of the questions I asked was, what is it that we can do besides what we've been doing so far that might really make a big change? And I got the reply to be able to, you know, we can talk later, but that doesn't allow the people that are online right now to be able to hear that kind of a response. The people that are quiet, and are not so verbose as some people who've been around a little bit, have taken the opportunity for them. I would put up massive fees, for people having, gone against the whole heart of the reason why we have any kind of oak tree permit and cutting. Because when I saw the permitted, trimming of an oak. That dramatically changes the reach that the oak will ever have. And the whole thing about an oak tree is its reach of its shade, its reach of its wings spreading, so to speak. And that helps to not only the oak; it protects everything around it. And the amount of pruning is going to stop that from being able to spread very far at all. So, what's the purpose of that, if you allow the unimpeded pruning.	One goal of the Oak Tree Permit is to strike a balance that is necessary between the natural world and the built environment, because are more areas become populated in environments where oak trees are plentiful, the greater the need becomes to find a balance between preservation and development. The purpose of the Oak Tree Permit is to limit and minimize impacts to oak trees as much as practicable with the goal to preserve and maintain the health of oak trees in the development process.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	Do these updates apply also to administrative permits?	Yes, the Oak Tree Permit update includes both Oak Tree Permits without a public hearing (Administrative Oak Tree Permits, also known as Ministerial Oak Tree Permits) and Oak Tree Permits with a public hearing (Discretionary Oak Tree Permits). Please see the recording of **Meeting #3** for a more detailed overview of tiered permitting: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/meetings-and-headings/

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10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	I also want to, reiterate what Kurt said. Our city of Santa Clarita permit is much more liberal than the county's permit, unfortunately. And I had an issue with my neighbor. Even though our county permit says you can only take back 20% of the canopy, this person trimmed almost the whole canopy. I don't think the oaks will live, and we've already had two oak deaths because of that on another street. Do you have a list of qualified tree services? This is because I think when [poor pruning] happens, it is because the tree trimmers just didn't know what they were doing. And the homeowner didn't apply for a permit because the city didn't require permits for cutting limbs on private property. So [the homeowners] didn't get any indication of what they should be doing, and it seems like there would be a way with education to solve that. It seems like one way to address this is to have a list of qualified tree services and then the tree service had to be qualified by coming in for a meeting about what the County ordinance is, and how far they can trim the oak trees back, so they get a little bit of training.	LA County Planning does not keep a list of qualified tree services, but refers applicants instead to the Trees Are Good website: https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist/findanarborist We are planning on providing a list of questions for residents to use in order to ensure they hire an arborist who is knowledgeable about best pruning practices for oak trees and the LA County Oak Tree Permit. We are also planning on adding pruning guidelines into the new Development Standards of the Oak Tree Permit update.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	And then some kind of fine if they violate it? I don't know. I mean, I think part of the problem is the tree trimmers. And, it's also education of the homeowners.	In the Oak Tree Permit update, we are proposing an Oak Tree Restoration Permit for unpermitted oak tree impacts.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	When we worked on the administrative permit, the planning department is now supposed to be, with our settlement agreement, encouraging homeowners to make plans around the oaks, and to avoid them. And if they can't find a place on the property to consider planting [oak trees] on public land as street trees or in a park so that oak tree is not lost. [There was supposed to be] payment into a fund. Where does the money go?	In the Oak Tree Permit update, we are considering codifying development standards for avoiding and minimizing impacts to oak trees. Please see the recording of **Meeting #3** for an overview: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/meetings-and-headings/ The Oak Forest Special Fund is where in-lieu fees are deposited when an applicant lacks space onsite for planting replacement oak trees. This Fund is overseen by LA County Department of Parks and Recreation and is used to plant oak trees in County parklands.

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10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	The big thing is developers and Public Works just cut down 15 valley oaks here . . . they were going around them and then all of a sudden, they were all gone. We can't save these oak trees, especially with these big developments, if they don't make an attempt to incorporated them into the planning process. A lot of oaks are [barely alive] at this point. [The tree trimmers] don't know what they're doing. They cut the roots, and they take more of the canopy than they should. It's all very distressing to me, and I feel so distressed because losing these trees, you know, I feel like I can't even protect them in my own neighborhood. The county's proposing cutting hundreds and hundreds of oaks down out here, and I can't even protect them in my own neighborhood. The developer is proposing and the County will allow [it].	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	Well, the same thing with the tree trimmers of Southern California, Edison, and many of these other companies, because we just had up the street from us, trees totally flat-topped. … it was not only illegal to do it that way and so on, they got a miniscule little fine, the trimmers that did it for Southern California. It was like a spit in the bucket for them.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	So, when is it that we can get an oak tree permit that's going to have that kind of, meat in the law, instead of just letting so many things go to these corporations that are there to be able to just do what they want?	Utlities are exempt from the Oak Tree Permit. State legislation and the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority for utilities and trees.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	We could work with the County to work together to have a joint meeting between Edison and the public. People that care about the oak trees [can] try to get them to do a better job of trimming them, because in some cases, there was no reason for them to do what they did. It almost looks to me like somebody wanted the firewood.	LA County Planning has hosted joint meetings between the public and SoCal Edison in the Santa Monica Mountains in the past in an effort to improve the quality of tree pruning around utility equipment.

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10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	[SoCal Edison] has gone rogue to a certain degree, because the law says that they need to keep 4 feet of clearance. [What they do now is] basically prune to a year's worth of growth. But we've talked them into pruning twice a year, in some cases, to give oak trees more space. This is only important to you because they will go to 12 feet, and they will not pay their contractor until they go to 12 feet. [They] often take huge chunks and large branches out of trees and cause sunburn and severe damage to both county street trees and private oak trees in Altadena and other places. So I think it is important to . . . I mean, you guys have done so much. I really appreciate how hard you've worked on this, and I understand how difficult it is . . . but I do think there is a point where the county needs to pull Edison in and say, "Enough! You need to treat oaks as special and trim them twice a year, and don't go to 12 feet!" Come on, don't be ridiculous. They promised us they would, and then they didn't. Their contractor is out there beating up on clients in Altadena every 3 to 4 months. So, not only did people get harassed by the removal contractors coming in, trying to take trees down after the fire. Then on top of that, Edison just went around and looked for the biggest trees in the neighborhood near power lines and tried to force people to take them down, and that is still going on. It's a really big deal.	Utlities are exempt from the Oak Tree Permit. State legislation and the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority for utilities and trees.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	PG and E has admitted that fires are not started by trees. They have admitted that fires are started by equipment.	Thank you for your comment
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	So my other big comment, and I know that it's¦ out of your scope a little bit, but I need to say it anyway. We need a moratorium on mature tree removal in Altadena. It is bad up there. There's so many big, healthy, mature trees coming down right now. And, I don't know what to do, but I honestly think you need a short-term moratorium on tree removals, and you need to make people show them on their plans and review them. You are going to have such incredibly ridiculous spikes in heat up there. It's already bad, but if we have a hot year. You can assume that the spikes in the hottest part of the summer will be amplified by the lack of tree cover, since we've lost more than 50%.	Thank you for your comment

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			So this is a health and human safety sort of thing. It's not just, it's a tree. It's also about people's safety and livability in that space. It's really important. There are people up there, strong-arming homeowners into taking oak trees and other trees down, and yes, they do want the wood. They make money on the wood. So, we've had a really hard time stopping that. And I understand that this isn't up yet, and you guys are doing everything you can to try to change the rules so that they don't, they can't keep abusing them, but we're losing trees right now.	
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	And so I met with, some of the planning staff that was at the center that you have on Woodbury. Basically, they're not even asking people for accurate tree maps that show where these trees are on their property. Because I'm having homeowners with on adjacent property doing things that are damaging their trees, and we go into planning and ask them the question, and those trees aren't even shown on their plans. So, I don't really know what to do other than to just bring you into the loop and let you know what I'm seeing, but it's horrifying. So, I understand that this has to go through its process, but I'm hoping that there's also something we can do for the short term, in the immediate future.	Thank you for your comment
10/16/2025	Ellen Walton	Alt Meeting #6	I have heard that Calabasas puts a 5 year hold on any property that has earned a violation.	Thank you for your comment. Calabasas' Oak Tree Permit: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/acwm/216006_CityOfCalabasasMC.pdf
10/16/2025	Ellen Walton	Alt Meeting #6	I stapled my waiver all around my dead oak in Altadena	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Rebecca's comment on trees coming down] Well, they still have to get permits, even if the trees have been for oak trees, no matter what, don't they? Can't you report that as a violation?	LA County Zoning Enforcement is complaint-based. Violations begin when a member of the public makes a complaint with them: https://planning.lacounty.gov/enforcement/ Please contact Zoning Enforcement to report a violation: Email zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6453
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Lynne's comment about reporting violations] Well, sure, if you see it, I'm not always there seeing the trees being damaged or coming down, but what usually happens is somebody, emails or sends information to Altadena Green. And we get something saying, this tree came down, this oak tree came down on the street, and we don't even have addresses sometimes.	LA County Zoning Enforcement is complaint-based. Violations begin when a member of the public makes a complaint with them: https://planning.lacounty.gov/enforcement/ Please contact Zoning Enforcement to report a violation: Email zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6453

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10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Rebecca's comment on trees coming down] Well, if people would encourage them to take pictures, that's the only way.	LA County Zoning Enforcement is complaint-based. A potential violation case begins when a member of the public makes a complaint: https://planning.lacounty.gov/enforcement/ Please contact Zoning Enforcement to report a violation: Email zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6453 Once a complaint is made, enforcement planners will research the case, make a site inspection, and assess whether a violation is present. If a violation is deemed to be present, the enforcement planner will begin to document the violation, including taking pictures.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Lynne's comment about reporting violations] How do you know who did it?	—
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Rebecca's comment on trees coming down] Oh, I don't think it matters. I mean, the tree's gone. Does it matter who did it?	—
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Lynne's comment about reporting violations] If you're a code enforcement, it does, because code enforcement's not going to go after if they don't know who took it.	LA County Zoning Enforcement will contact the property owner.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Rebecca's comment on trees coming down] Well, the homeowner took it.	—
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	[Re: Lynne's comment about reporting violations] People usually assume that, absolutely. But we don't know. We're not always up there and don't always know. We can tell that the trees have come down on [private] property. Some are oaks and others are not oaks. When I'm doing surveys, I see it.	—
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Can the County Fund another Forester position with fees from violations?	The Oak Forest Special Fund is overseen by the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation, not LA County Fire (Forestry Division).
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	How is the Oak Forest Special Fund [work]?	The Oak Forest Special Fund is overseen by the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation. In the existing Oak Tree Permit, applicants pay into the Oak Forest Special Fund (OFSF) when there is inadequate space onsite to plant replacement oak trees. In such a case, in-lieu fees are collected and deposited into the OFSF. These funds are then used to plant oak trees in County parks to be maintained by Parks and Recreation. In the proposed Oak Tree Permit update, we are proposing to keep this procedure in place. We are also proposing to add a requirement to pay an in-lieu fee into the OFSF when unpermitted impacts to oak trees occur, in addition to rectifying the unpermitted impacts: planting replacement trees (if an unpermitted removal occurred), requiring restorative pruning measures (if unpermitted pruning happened), or removing encroachments (if unpermitted encroachments occurred).

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10/16/2025	Ellen Walton	Alt Meeting #6 chat	The old axiom of “It’s better to ask for forgiveness than ask for permission”. Usually used for misogyny, but I think the costs (time, money) need to be word of mouth prohibitive.	In the proposed Oak Tree Permit, we are also proposing to add a requirement to pay an in-lieu fee into the OFSF when unpermitted impacts to oak trees occur, in addition to rectifying the unpermitted impacts: planting replacement trees (if an unpermitted removal occurred), requiring restorative pruning measures (if unpermitted pruning happened), or removing encroachments (if unpermitted encroachments occurred).
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Ten saplings don’t come close to replacing a heritage Oak.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	The whim of the inspector and no monetary enforcement. If fines could be higher for violators-would Maybe make more impact on reducing violations	In Meeting #6, we described Zoning Enforcement's Noncompliance fee and additional fees. Recordings for Meeting #6 and other meetings are here: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/meetings-and-headings/
10/16/2025	Ellen Walton	Alt Meeting #6 chat	How do we notify property owners?	LA County Planning's Zoning Enforcement will contact the property owner when a complaint has been lodged and a violation found on the property.
10/16/2025	Ellen Walton	Alt Meeting #6 chat	How do we report violations?	LA County Zoning Enforcement is complaint-based. Violations begin when a member of the public makes a complaint with them: https://planning.lacounty.gov/enforcement/ Please contact Zoning Enforcement to report a violation: Email zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-6453
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Did you see the homes saved in Altadena that were surrounded by OLD GROWTH OAKS?	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	How will the in-lieu fees be calculated? Can we use the appraised value of the trees? How will you protect your special forest fund? Can we use the appraised value using the 10th edition?	The existing Oak Tree Permit refers to the most recent edition of *The Guide for Plant Appraisal.* The most recent edition is the 10th Edition, Revised. No changes to this proposed in the Oak Tree Permit update. The Oak Forest Special Fund is being overseen by LA County Department of Parks and Recreation.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	We try to encourage people to talk to County Forestry, because they're fantastic. That's why I put in the chat, we need to hire more county foresters. And I'm hoping that maybe some of that money that goes into them. Special fund can go towards, funding that.	The Oak Forest Special Fund is being overseen by LA County Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of planting oak trees in parks. County Forestry is a division of LA County Fire.

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10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6	But it's got to start with the Regional Planning one-stop desk, because if they don't ask for this stuff, and they aren't making sure that people are actually representing the oak trees on their property. Then people do whatever they want, because they basically haven't admitted they have an oak tree on the property. And planning's not checking for it. There's got to be some way to close that loop and make sure that those trees are being accounted for. When people come in, because there's going to be a lot of people coming in trying to pull permits right now. So that's a question to you guys. I realize it's outside of the scope of this, but it's something that concerns us greatly right now.	LA County Planning is leading a County mapping workgroup called Oaks and Mapping. We hope to one day develop a map of oak trees in LA County so we can account for individual oak trees by accessing such a map. As a first step, we are organizing County tree data in the TreeHub, a work-in-progress: https://bit.ly/treehub
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	How can we get applicants to show all oak trees including those impacted on adjacent property. Can planners verify that all the oak trees are shown on plans to scale with actual canopy shown?	In the existing Oak Tree Permit procedure, planners use satellite imagery to check for oak trees during application intake and coordinate with County Foresters who are tasked with verifying submitted oak tree reports.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Somewhere can we put a warning that property owners should not make canopy smaller just to avoid having to get a permit? They should know that Forestry can see when a tree has been pruned?	In the proposed Oak Tree Ordinance, we are planning to include a provision prohibiting "shrinking" oak trees to reduce the Tree Protected Zone, and for Forestry and Planning to coordinate to ensure this practice is not allowed.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	So no enforcement, no preventive fines? The pruning could cause the tree to be majorly impacted in growth - spreading the … The Public are in reality the enforcer.	Zoning enforcement is complaint-based. This means a complaint is necessary for the enforcement process to begin. A complaint, once received, will initiate an investigation into whether a violation has occurred. If no violation has occurred, the case will be closed. If a violation has occurred, an enforcement planner will issue a Notice of Violation to the violator and then provide the violator an opportunity to remedy the violation. If the violator does not remedy the violation, the enforcement planner will issue a Final Zoning Enforcement Order. The violator then has another opportunity to remedy the violation. If the violation still remains, then the enforcement planner will issue a Non-Compliance fee. If the Non-Compliance fee is not paid in 15 days, additional fees will be applied. If the violation remains, then the case will be referred to the District Attorney or the County Counsel.
10/16/2025	Rebecca Latta	Alt Meeting #6 chat	We could get volunteers to ground truth tree species. I also think that Cal Poly Pomona did Lidar results that they should share with you . . . Maybe not Pomona - San Luis Obispo Matt Ritter	These data can be very helpful. Thank you for your offer to include these data in TreeHub so we have a better understanding of where oak trees are located. https://bit.ly/treehub
10/16/2025	Pat Ruiz	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Google maps for aerials	LA County Planning uses GIS-NET which includes satellite imagery as well as zoning and planning data. Here is GIS-NET public: https://planning.lacounty.gov/maps-and-gis/gis-net-public/

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10/16/2025	Pat Ruiz	Alt Meeting #6 chat	For monitoring-the more eyes the better. Maybe get school kids involved. And interested in oak trees and the benefits they have... elementary schools can do field trips to nearby new oaks to check status.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	About the use of AI and drones, I have a friend who is from Holland who spends half a year in the rainforest and attempting to save the rainforest. Now when we destroy so many million trees in a year in the rainforest, we cannot plant enough to be able to come close to replenishing it. And this is what we're doing the same thing with our forests of all kinds of trees in our country. And it's a sick, sick situation that's got to be remedied, and we're the only ones that seem to be attempting to remedy it in some way. I just ask for as much support on that as possible. I don't know if I have the ability to be able to put in the photograph of what 20% of the Amazon looks like. It's basically a desert. The place that used to have the river, with all the fish, with all the other kinds of plant life in it. It's gone. And there's still forest around it, because It hasn't died yet. And that's one of the things that we've got to look at in our future.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6 chat	Read and Share this for many ACTION STEPS anyone may start: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rxPPnUavmEvowJKQRWW_zP2zBOnGsuswFixZDYe2jFM/edit?usp=sharing And here's more from Rob de Laet, a more scientific approach, who is in the field about 1/2 the year. A more refined document was prepared "one pager" on how to cool the planet https://docs.google.com/document/d/185rkp7FlyFLyY6Wrjd9f1YxVsi-9hAldK0_V6AGLuug/edit?tab=t.0 The Territory is a National Geographic film of the Amazons destruction and efforts to save the LUNGS OF THE EARTH. https://films.nationalgeographic.com/the-territory. For ways to solve the issues facing Societies see the documentary 'Time of the Sixth Sun', https://timeofthesixthsunlaunch.com/access#row-159	Thank you for your comment and links.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	I appreciate this process after what we went through with the tune-up issue. So, I think this was much better! Everybody was able to give input, that was good.	Thank you for your comment!

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10/16/2025	Jonathan Casas	Alt Meeting #6	I have a random question. I know you mentioned the mapping. Do you guys use GIS software for mapping? That's a great way, especially if you have people on the ground, looking at the health of the trees and all that. That's a great tool to use, because I know drones are becoming a big thing, but with an actual, like, certified arborist there assessing the tree. And then adding those comments to the data or to the GIS software. It makes things a lot more detailed and easier to understand.	Yes, LA County Planning uses GIS and is leading the Oaks and Mapping subgroup of the LA County Tree Committee and oversee TreeHub: https://bit.ly/treehub In the Oak Tree Permit update, we are also working on requiring arborists who write Oak Tree Reports to submit geolocations of oak trees in their tree inventory so we can map tree data by tree data point instead of by a parcel polygon. LA County Planning also developed a map of potential Zone 0 impacts: https://bit.ly/Zone0LACounty
10/16/2025	Jonathan Casas	Alt Meeting #6	Another random question is, for the forestry positions, with LA County, is that with LA County Fire? I'm hoping that you guys have some more positions, opening up with that, because that'd be fun to do. Hopefully this permit will allow [for there to be more County Foresters].	This is where to look for job openings in LA County: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/LACOUNTY I don't see any forester openings in the Fire Department right now, but see a forester opening in Public Works.
10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	Lynne and a number of us seem to be on the same page. The only thing that that page doesn't have is the coagulation of the people who are really interested and involved. And that's why I put into the chat my name and my email, so that we can continue to be able to have offline discussions, and if need be, you know, maybe I should have put in the phone number, because without us coalescing into a stronger synergistic force, things don't change. I just saw an incredible document. It was actually the last words of a lady who just passed on, Jane Goodall. I was blessed to meet her at one time in San Pedro, just recently, actually, and she passed on here in America, too. I really, really feel we've got our work to do, and we're doing it, and I'm not gonna stop. So thank you very much. Kurt Krueger, PeaceMakersCircles@gmail.com	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	Is there a way of sharing the participants in these workshops? [Re: Kurt's comment about the need to coalesce] I agree with Kirk, we need to coalesce.	We are not able to share the email list, but Kurt has provided his email above. Participant names are also visible in the transcript that appears in the sidebar of each Zoom recording and in the chat, and in the Responses to Comments and Questions for each meeting on the project website: https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/oak-tree-program/meetings-and-headings/
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	We could, we could do a oak conservancy, a county oak conservancy.	Thank you for your comment.

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10/16/2025	Kurt Krueger	Alt Meeting #6	I've just put out to a number of educational organizations about the Peacemakers it's called the Peacemakers Challenge. And the challenge is to get every kid in every school in their particular room that they're in, the kids find out what is their vision for peace. And it might be to be able to have what I call a peace garden instead of the old name, "victory garden." Or it could be that they're wanting to be able to prevent, abuse, bullying or something. But each room decides which is going to be their focus. And the winning room of the school that had the most effect and results of their quest would be the one that wins and goes on to the next level of the school system and then they collaborate with the winners of the other schools, to design a grander vision for bringing peace to life in so many ways. It might be to save the old oaks. It might be to be able to build buildings and have permits for buildings that are -- instead of square boxes like we've had -- making it more like what's up in the name of the Quail Valley I think it is, up in Ojai area, where they have no square anything, and it's made with adobe and other kinds of natural fibers that are totally resistant to fire, and keeps the heat in and the cold out, and so on and so forth. There are technologies that we can use -- some old and some new -- to make an incredible life on this planet.	Thank you for your comment.
10/16/2025	Lynne Plambeck	Alt Meeting #6	For anybody that loves Valley Oaks should come and see, our big Valley Oak that we were able to save from development, and then Supervisor Barger got it, permitted, got it nominated and accepted for landmark status, and I think it is maybe the first tree in the county that got that? [Old Glory is the name of the tree and] it is at 25600 Pico Canyon Road, in Pico Canyon Park. And if you want to see an amazing oak, that's fun	Lynne Plambeck and her organization, the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE), together with environmental activist John Quigley, nominated Old Glory, an over 400-year old valley oak (*Quercus* lobata) in unincorporated Santa Clarita, to become the first tree ever designated Historic Landmark in unincorporated Los Angeles County: https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/195551.pdf More about Old Glory: https://scope.org/preservation/old-glory/