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Subject: Tree code revisions 2-Installation and planting, updates and teleconf call May 9 or 10 (Doodle to set time)

To the "Tree code revision 2-Installation" group and a few more folks! Quite a lot of information has been assembled from www.urbantree.org and by local American Society of Landscape Architects-ASLA for best management practices-BMPs, at the April 18 meeting of the City of San Diego Council's Environment Committee (focus on urban forest management).

The work group was initially identified as Rachele Melious, Scott Rose (who now is unavailable for meetings), Kathy Copley, and Marty Schmidt. Contributing to the April 18 presentation by ASLA were Copley, Schmidt, Brent Allen, Phil Armstrong, Michele Landis, and Tracy Hollingsworth (others?). The 2-Installation group hasn't met (in person or teleconference call), so this is an invitation to a teleconference call meeting! **Thursday or Friday, May 9 or 10, please indicate availability at Doodle poll, <https://doodle.com/poll/xab5t2v4n9bcm6sy>.**

Draft agenda for the teleconf call (likely some items shifted to a later call)

1. Review diagrams for tree planting from ISA, Urban Greening grant, and current City "whitebook," all four collections posted under 2-Installation on the webpage (mark each one Yes No Maybe to move forward to a workshop)
2. Review specifications for Planting-Soils, Planting, and Irrigation, at www.urbantree.org, are there any differences for southwest-arid places?
3. Review ISA diagrams for tree-plant material, also on that webpage
4. Review specifications for nursery materials at www.urbantree.org, are there any differences for southwest-arid places?
5. Proposed code language for requiring trees to be planted by certified tree planting crews and with contractor guarantees

The agenda follows the items identified at the March 8 meeting, for 2-Installation (see notes at http://sdrufc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TreeCodes_Mtg-notes_2018-03-08.pdf)

1. In codes, refer to ANSI, ISA BMP standards, not just white and green book
2. Revise and provide additional planting diagrams, different details for site conditions, including those from Urban Greening grant
3. Set specifications for quality nursery stock, allow for smaller container stock, affirm authority to inspect and reject planting stock
4. Require trees to be planted by certified tree planting crews and with contractor guarantees
5. Set up checklist in plan-check process for landscape and irrigation requirements.
6. Look at Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance-MWELO revision, clarify drought management responses

OTHER ITEMS:

- What guidance can ASLA provide for these codes, BMPs and diagrams?
- When the City of SD's "white pages" were revised in 2018 (effective January 1, 2019), the tree diagrams were essentially unchanged from the earlier 2012 version, so "breathing tubes" are still in the diagrams. City Forester Brian Widener just sent an email, that he had reviewed the diagrams but time limits and breadth did not allow much change, and I've asked for the process for now making changes between major revisions so "correct" diagrams can be used in all contracts.
- City of SD landscape standards, Appendix E, Water budget landscape worksheets, https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdlc_landscapeapxe_2016-04-05.pdf
- Tree space design: Growing the tree out of the box, Casey Tree Foundation (only online, can't be downloaded), https://issuu.com/caseytrees/docs/tree_space_design_report

Thank you for these code-advice contributions to planting and growing healthy trees!

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