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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Heritage Monterey Cypress Trees (Alden Woods Subdivision)**

The Town of Windsor has contracted work for the removal of nine Monterey Cypress Trees located on Foxwood Drive in Windsor. As part of the Town's biennial safety inspection of the Alden Woods cypress trees, the Town's arborist has conducted resistometer tests on all trees and concluded that nine of the remaining trees show significant structural defects and decay in the support wood and present a high risk of structural failure. A second arborist peer review of the report findings has concurred with the recommendations.

The Monterey Cypress in this location were planted around the turn of the century to line the road leading to the Cunningham and Hembree House properties from Old Redwood Highway. Over the years many of the trees had been removed to make way for various development projects including Highway 101. More recently the trees were preserved in the form of a Town landscape parcel when the Alden Woods housing subdivision was developed in the 80's. Since that time the Town's Park Maintenance Division has maintained this streetscape parcel and monitored the health and safety of these trees in decline. In 2009 the Town was petitioned by the Hembree House Cultural Center to designate the trees as Heritage Trees because of their historical significance.

Over the years, as the declining cypress trees have been removed, the Town has replaced them with a Deodar Cedar. The Deodar Cedar is an excellent replacement specimen that will eventually replace the original plantings of Monterey Cypress while also providing a connection to the original historical intent of the roadway trees. Tree removal work is scheduled to commence later this week.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the Parks & Facilities Maintenance Division at 707-838-5399.

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