

**Taylor Whittingslow**

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**From:** Melissa Cade [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:11 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Comment for tonight City Council Meeting  
**Attachments:** orchard hills signed.pdf

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Dear City Council,

Public Comment re: Tree Removal Permit Application 26-06

Please play my voice message. Here is a written copy with signatures for reference.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Cade  
932 W. Main St., APT 39  
Grass Valley, CA

Date: 3/10/26

Re: Tree Permit Application 26-06

Dear City Council Members and Director of Public Works,

In response to Tree Removal Permit Application 26-06 of four redwood trees in our apartment complex, we are concerned about the legitimacy that it is necessary and unavoidable for these trees to be removed, and all mitigation measures have been attempted and exhausted.

According to the application, it is stating that the "trees are damaging property." We request that appropriate due process is followed and these claims are verified before a determination is made. We have not witnessed investigations or repairs for any utilities in our immediate area, requested invoices have not been provided to the Director of Public Works, and we have not experienced any disruption to services. The irrigation system provides sufficient water to other plants, and from our understanding the grass disturbance is a result of the children playing rough and damaging the sprinkler heads versus the tree roots being the culprit. This has exposed some tree roots due to soil erosion, although it does not appear to be affecting the stability and health of the trees. Regarding the sidewalk being uplifted, there are two locations that are minor in comparison to another location on the property where the tree remains standing and the sidewalk was repaired.

Considering one of the four trees traverses over the underground utility lines, there may be concern for potential future damage, but this permit is claiming current threat and damage. Proper investigation needs to occur to identify the current and foreseeable damage. The other three trees are not in direct vicinity of utility lines and likely do not pose an imminent threat.

These issues can be mitigated, and we request that the tree permit be not granted at this time without sufficient and substantial evidence indicating that they have been attempted and failed. An alternative landscape plan can be considered to accommodate these conditions.

Ultimately, we are concerned about losing the protection that these trees provide against wind, climate balance and associated energy costs, soil stability, firebrand protection in the event of fire, natural beauty and ambiance, and species diversity in the region. With spring upon us, we also want to ensure that there are no active bird nests that will be compromised. We love the trees and want to see them stay if there are alternative measures that can be taken.

On behalf of adult residents in multiple units, we thank you for your time in hearing our concerns and your thoughtful consideration in determining the outcome of this permit application.

Sincerely,

Melissa G... 3/10/26

Frank Knecht  
Kelly Biale

Gail C Corandri

\*Plus four more adults verbally agreed but unavailable. Signatures can be provided upon request

# MyTree



## Works hard for me!

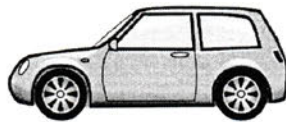
Location: Grass Valley, Ca, United States

Redwood spp, (*Sequoia*) *Calculated for*

*24" DBH*

**With care and maintenance,  
after 1 year this tree  
could potentially:**

offset 222 miles worth of CO<sub>2</sub>  
emitted from the average  
gas-powered passenger vehicle,



absorb enough stormwater  
to fill 54 bathtubs,



and remove an amount of pollution  
from the air – in gaseous and  
particulate form – equivalent in  
weight to 6 smartphones!



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Benefit estimates are based on USDA Forest Service research and are meant for guidance only. Visit [www.itreetools.org](http://www.itreetools.org) to learn more.

This is for  
1 tree.

Multiply by  
4 for total  
effects.

My daughter  
has asthma →

Michael Cole  
3/10/26

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**From:** CADE MELISSA - Voicemail box 8880 <noreply@voicemail.goto.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:06 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Voicemail from CADE MELISSA at [REDACTED] on Mar 10 2026 4:01 PM  
**Attachments:** 1773183698-00002544.mp3

# GOTO

## You received a new voicemail message



New voicemail message

**Time:** Tuesday, March 10 2026 4:01 PM

**From:** CADE MELISSA [REDACTED]

**Duration:** 2 minutes 42 seconds

**Voicemail box:** 8880

**Transcript:**

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