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I was asked to review the plans and the applicant's arborist report and provide findings and recommendations. The arborist's report was provided by Trees 360 Degrees dated November 11, 2025. The report is thorough, complete, and contains all the required information regarding the project. The site visit revealed a few discrepancies that need to be addressed:

Several trees are shown along the shared rear property line, and three of them are shown for removal (950, 951, 952). According to the civil plans, it appears each is owned by the adjacent neighbor at 17551 Eaton Lane.

Recommendation: obtain the correct location and ownership of the trees.

If the trees are entirely on your property, nothing else is needed. If they are on both properties, written agreement from the neighbor is required. If they are fully on the neighbor's property, whether or not they can be removed is up to the neighbor and the City of Monte Sereno.

Recommendation: If the trees are located within the City of Monte Sereno obtain the necessary permits prior to submittal for approval within the Town of Los Gatos.

Recommendation: Locate all the trees on the adjacent property within thirty feet on the civil plans to understand impacts regarding those trees and the proposed development.

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Below are the tree locations in question:

