



## EZOP Planning Checklist TREE AND PLANT REMOVAL *Information Sheet*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Joshua trees are now protected by the State of California as a candidate for listing as an endangered species. At this time, the County cannot issue a permit to take (removal or transplanting) any Joshua trees.**

This form is provided for those circumstances where a tree or plant removal is not in conjunction with a land use application or development permit (88.01.050) (d) (2).

Expert Certification: The applicable review authority may require certification from an appropriate arborist, registered professional forester or a Desert Native Plant expert that the proposed tree or plant removal, replacement, or revegetation activities are appropriate, supportive of a healthy environment, and in compliance with the Development Code. The certification shall include the information in compliance with Department procedures (88.01.050) (b).

### FEES

**Average Cost Application:** \$165.00 per hour minimum (Fee will be determined by Planner after initial review).

### PROCEDURES

After receipt of this application and fees, a planner will contact you to schedule an appointment, if needed. Certain situations allow over-the-counter review.

- 1) Submit EZOP application. Technician will invoice you once it has been determined that all required documents have been submitted.
- 2) Project planner will review application submittal and notify you of any corrections and/or additional items needed, **which may include certification from an appropriate arborist, registered professional forester or a Desert Native Plant expert.**
- 3) Certain situations allow over-the-counter review; others may require extensive research.
- 4) Planner will complete/issue tree removal permit.

### SUBMITTAL MATERIALS CHECKLIST

*Forms and Guidance Materials can be found at <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Handouts.aspx>*

1. A color photo of the site area, which clearly indicates the present condition of the land and land uses within the location of the site.
2. A color photo of the proposed tree(s) and/or plant(s) to be removed.
3. A simple plot plan should be submitted showing the location of protected trees and/or plants including road right of way. (This can be hand drawn and does not require a civil engineer).