

Recommendations from agency response in reporting form for UFC work:

DPW:

Help to establish an "Adopt-A-Tree" program whereby citizens assist with tree care and watering  
Education about proper tree care, and the value of trees to the citizens of San Francisco  
Long term tree care planning and funding – educating policy makers about planning for long-term not just the planting, but the maintenance  
Looking into long term funding mechanisms

RPD:

Finding the cure for Pine Pitch Canker!

Port:

The Urban Forestry Council has a well defined set of tasks. The tasks and areas of focus that would best serve the Port's interest would be to include the Port within a comprehensive urban forest plan and to identifying funding to support implementation of an urban forest plan.

Planning:

Maintenance – what's a better method for attaining a uniformly adequate maintenance effort?

Funding – how can we be strategic in using the city's capital dollars for things like sewer and water line repair, sidewalk repairs, roadway resurfacing, and more to leverage better and more integrated tree plantings?

PUC:

Explore funding sources for the removal of Monterey pines killed by pine pitch canker both and private properties.

Development of a tree database which could be used by all city agencies with viewing access by the public.

Development of a CCSF-wide green waste processing facility.

Transfer responsibility for all street trees maintenance and infra-structure damage to DPW.

UCSF:

Enlist support for the UCSF FEMA projects and encourage the City Natural Areas Program to apply for a similar grant for the Interior Greenbelt Area. It is important for the public to understand that these projects will not only mitigate the risk of a disastrous fire, but will improve the health of the remaining forest over the long-term.

SFO:

Ensuring that trees that are planted will get the care they need *BEFORE* they are planted.

Cal Fire:

Advocate to arrest the decline of SF's Urban Forest, and work with our program to identify areas that we can help with. Continue educating residents on sound urban forestry practices and inviting green industry and building to (ideally) pre-developed areas. Not to lose focus of the value of properly maintained forests in light of the green jobs movement, which tends to focus

on new technology primarily. Advocate the need for trees amongst the new wave of eco-friendly design and commerce.

FUF:

1. An educational campaign promoting the value of trees and conveying the absolute damage illegal pruning does to all trees bringing additional awareness that trees in the public right-of-way are City infrastructure, just like a bus shelter or park bench.
2. The SF UF Council needs to work with the city attorneys office to effectively resolve the requirements truly necessary for individuals and businesses who work with trees to uphold City and County ordinances as well as tree care industry standards. Concerns over monitoring such a program and concerns over maintaining the 'free trade' of small businesses all need to be considered in such a solution. We cannot throw up our arms and give up. The current system is not working at this time and needs fixing – San Franciscans are losing their living public asset each day with unskilled, unaware individuals/businesses damaging and killing trees.

\*Several respondents expressed concern over the length and breadth of this year's survey. However, in general we received faster response, staff needed to perform less follow up to receive the responses, and responses provided more information than they did in previous reporting cycles. It is unknown whether edits to the survey, improved adherence to the reporting schedule, notations that the Mayor and BOS would be notified of non-participation, or some other factor contributed to this.