

KEA's Adrienne Cronebaugh concerned re: Dike Road tree removal (2.3.15):

From: Adrienne Cronebaugh <adrienne@kealliance.org>

Date: February 2, 2015 at 3:10:32 PM PST

To: "DOBLER, GORDON" <GORDON@cdaid.org>

Subject: Dike Road Trees

Hi Gordon,

You mention that the consultant will be doing the inspection, but who is overseeing the excavation of the stumps and roots on the Dike Road?

I called the Arborist that was contracted by the City to do the tree health assessment and removal recommendations, Tim Kasting, and he said has not been involved since the tour we did. Why not? The removal of these trees/roots need to be overseen by a qualified Arborist so that live tree roots are not damaged in the process. Both the disturbance of soil and the indiscriminate excavation of live tree roots could leave our healthy trees more prone to failure.

Also, exactly how many trees are being/have already been removed?

Tim's report had noted ~350 trees were recommended for removal.

When I questioned Tim about the number of trees being removed now...he was shocked by the number of trees he saw marked with green paint....which looked to be "significantly more" than what he had originally marked. The trees he marked were listed on his tree health assessment and only those that were deemed invasive species (black locust) or unhealthy were recommended for removal.

I encourage you to have a certified Arborist on site for the remainder of the work to ensure that the trees that remain are not damaged.

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On Fri, Jan 30, 2015 at 1:09 PM, DOBLER, GORDON <GORDON@cdaid.org> wrote:

Adrienne, the large roots are being removed with the excavator and by hand as the stumps are removed. The consultant who will certify the levee is doing the inspection. Erosion control on the outboard side consists of silt fence or wattle (where the distance to the water is greater), and jute matting. On the inboard side (NIC) we are protecting the few drywells and catch basins that are there. Most of the levee is bordered by lawn area so there is little or no possibility of migration into adjacent waters. We are hand seeding and if that doesn't take we may have to Hydroseed in the late spring. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Gordon Dobler, P.E.

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From: Adrienne Cronebaugh [mailto:adrienne@kealliance.org]

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:29 PM

To: DOBLER, GORDON

Subject: Dike Road Trees

Hi Gordon,

I was down looking at the Dike Road tree removal yesterday and am wondering how the city plans to remove the roots from the large ponderosa pines that have been cut?

Also, what are the plans for erosion control during this wet and snowy season?

Looking Forward~

Adrienne Cronebaugh

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