

Tree Removal Application Table and Additional Information
 17550 Comanche Trail
 Los Gatos, CA 95033
 Chemeketa Park Neighborhood

Trees	Species	Size	Location
ONE Tree to be removed	Sequoia sempervirens	15 feet circumference	17550 Comanche Trail
FIVE Replacement trees	Sequoia sempervirens	15 gallon trees	Trees will not be planted on the property, as it is already a dense overgrown forest. Instead the redwoods will be planted at the Chemeketa Park Clubhouse on Comanche Trail, which is a 5 minute walk from the property. This location was chosen as 2 Oak groves were lost due to sudden oak death (SOD), and invasive species of grasses are moving in.

Reason for Removal

This large redwood has been encroaching into the road for quite some time. Small cars are able to pass but it has been difficult for larger vehicles. Finally, it has encroached onto the road enough that Fire engines can no longer pass. This presents an extreme problem, especially since we are in a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Not only that, as an older community, our roads are often a bit confusing. Before this tree encroached onto the road, our local Fire Station Engine 48, would drive through our community often to help orientate themselves. Last spring there was a medical call, and the fire engine got stuck at this tree. Since then, Engine 84 has reduced their orientation drives in the neighborhood. This puts all of their firefighters at risk because if there is a large-scale fire, they can easily get lost in our confusing community.

Method of Removal

This redwood will be removed using a professional tree service. There are several tree services in the Santa Cruz Mountains and we are currently accepting bids. A week before the scheduled removal we will be contacting PG & E in order to assess lines, and if needed de-energize the lines. All material from the tree will be chipped and dispersed evenly throughout the area. Nothing will be hauled away and all organic material will be returned to the forest. Local residents have already been notified about this problem tree, and the request for removal. Once the permit is granted, a sign will be placed on a tree, and neighbors will be updated.