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## NATIVE OAK AND LANDMARK TREE PROTECTION

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1. No grade cuts greater than one foot shall occur within the drip lines of oak trees or other landmark trees to be saved.
  2. No fill greater than one foot shall occur within the drip lines of such trees. No fill whatsoever shall occur within five feet of the trunk.
  3. No trenching whatsoever shall be allowed within the drip lines of such trees. If it is absolutely necessary to install underground utilities within the drip line, the utility line shall be either bored or drilled according to prepared specifications.
  4. No irrigation system shall be installed within the drip lines of such trees, but a manually controlled drip irrigation system, which waters approximately twice per summer is recommended for any understory plants.
  5. Paving within the drip lines of such trees should be stringently minimized, but when absolutely necessary, porous breathing material shall be used.
  6. Landscaping beneath oak trees may include non-plant materials such as boulders, cobbles, wood chips, etc. The only plant species which shall be planted within the drip lines of the oak trees are those which are tolerant of the natural semiarid environs of trees.
  7. Whenever proposed construction activities would appear to have any impact on an existing oak or other landmark trees, a certified arborist will be consulted at the design stage to determine the extent of such impact as well as the suitability of the tree to withstand the construction process. Such reported impact will be mitigated through design changes to the satisfaction of the District.
  8. No oak or other landmark tree will be removed due to construction activities until after a certified arborist has determined that the present health and condition of the tree does not warrant attempts to leave it in place.