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Various County Departments review land development plans that impact trees, often in parallel reviews, with mixed or conflicting results. A more coordinated and timely review process is needed to balance efforts to protect trees with an overall process that works better to address trees up front, and in a coordinated way throughout the life of the review. The Tree Planting Ordinance highlights that there is still much more work to be done to improve the County's land development review process, and the Departments of Regional Planning, Public Works, and the Fire Department should take a hard look at their current review processes and the unintended impacts to trees that may result from these reviews, and collaborate to identify ways to improve and facilitate timely, coordinated reviews while protecting trees in conformance with existing policies and programs.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Departments of Regional Planning, Public Works, and the Fire Department to report back in 90 days on options to improve the coordination of the various County land development reviews impacting trees, including the following:

1. Recommendations for One-Stop Counseling options to facilitate coordinated tree reviews up-front (including troubleshooting potential conflicts in fuel modification plan review, drainage and grading plan review, site plan and landscape plan review) for both ministerial and discretionary case reviews;
2. Recommendations for designating a lead agency (quarterback) tasked with facilitating timely, coordinated reviews and eliminating the roadblocks to a more streamlined process;
3. Options for ways to improve the overall plan check experience so that trees are addressed up front and protected appropriately throughout the process.

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