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TREE REMOVAL AT YVONNE B. BURKE PARK IN MARINA DEL REY

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – December 29, 2010 – The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors will immediately remove 17 Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees located along the northern boundary of Yvonne B. Burke Park, due to imminent danger of their collapse caused by a sulfur fungus infection. This initial tree removal phase will take place through December 31.

Due to rain storms in the past week, two large trees towering approximately 40' in Burke Park recently collapsed due to fungal infection, posing serious danger to the adjacent residents as well as to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. A third tree was then determined to be in danger of imminent collapse and was subsequently removed.

A total of 63 Eucalyptus trees in Burke Park have since been identified as posing further danger of failure due to fungal infection or root decay. The other 46 trees will be removed in upcoming phases. Two independent ISA Certified Arborists diagnosed these trees based on the presence of growths (conks) on the trunks, which indicate extensive internal damage. In addition to the trees exhibiting various levels of decay from the fungal pathogen, those trees that have severely decayed anchor roots and are growing disproportionately to one side will also be removed as public safety hazards.

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The remaining trees currently show no indications of damage or disease, but will be closely monitored for any changes to their health and will be removed promptly should signs of deterioration appear.

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