
Regular Meeting of Beautification and Maintenance Commission
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue
Artesia, CA 90701
(562) 865-6262

Thursday, July 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.A. Minutes from the April 30, 2026 Special Meeting
– Recommendation: Approve Minutes as Presented for April 30, 2026, Special Meeting
- 6.B. Request for Appeal to Decision to Deny Application to Remove Community Tree at 12018 Rendova Street
– Recommendation: Consider the Appeal, Make a Motion Regarding Staff's Determination, and Apply Conditions to its Determination if Appropriate
- 6.C. Discussion Regarding Bioswale Plant Palette

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Date Posted: July 13, 2026



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2026

ITEM NO: 6A.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Minutes from the April 30, 2026 Special Meeting

FROM: Karen Lee, Special Projects Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission approve the minutes from the April 30, 2026, Special Meeting

Attachments

[30Apr2026 Meeting_Minutes.pdf](#)

Artesia Beautification and Maintenance Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 2026
City Council Chambers
18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia, CA 90701

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bailey, Vice Chair Torre, and Commissioner Oudyk

Absent: Commission Fan and Commissioner Flores

Staff Present: Public Works Manager Ernesto Sanchez, Special Projects Manager Karen Lee, and City Engineer Ron Ibarra

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Torre led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Adopt Minutes from January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Torre moved, seconded by Commissioner Oudyk to approve

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Commissioner Fan and Commissioner Flores absent.

6.B. Proposed Street Tree Installations

Recommendation: Provide a recommendation for the planting of 10-12 new trees, including the location and type of tree to plant using the account surplus in the State Gas Tax fund.

Public Works Manager Sanchez introduced the item. Chair Bailey, Vice Chair Torre, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and /or provided comments.

Motion: Recommend planting Australian Willow or Crepe Myrtle on the following streets: Norwalk Boulevard, Artesia Boulevard, South Street, Gridley Road, and Pioneer Boulevard.

Chair Bailey moved, seconded by Vice Chair Torre to approve the motion as read.

Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Commissioner Fan and Commissioner Flores absent.

6.C. Report of August 2025 and April 2026 Traffic Calming Demonstrations

Recommendation: Receive and File.

Public Works Manager Sanchez and City Engineer Ibarra presented. Chair Bailey, Vice Chair Torre, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and /or provided comments.

The Commission received public comments from Randy Van Beek, Dianne Van Beek, Barabara Servino, Terry Botello, and Steven De Vries.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Bailey, Vice Chair Torre, and Commissioner Oudyk asked questions and/or provided comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2026

ITEM NO: 6B.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Request for Appeal to Decision to Deny Application to Remove Community Tree at 12018 Rendova Street

FROM: Karen Lee, Special Projects Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission consider the appeal, make a motion regarding Staff's determination, and apply conditions to its determination if appropriate,

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Kajal Patel submitted an application to remove a tree in front of his house at 12018 Rendova Street. Staff reviewed Mr. Patel's application and denied it because the tree is healthy, well-structured, non-invasive and does not pose an immediate threat to public safety or private property.

ANALYSIS:

Section 7-4.12 of the Artesia Municipal Code allows applicants to appeal a determination by filing a written notice with the City Clerk stating the reason for the appeal. The Beautification and Maintenance Commission serves as the City's Tree Advisory Board and has jurisdiction over appeals consideration. The Beautification and Maintenance Commission may either sustain or overrule Staff's determination and impose conditions on the applicant if appropriate.

Attachments

[Removal Application.pdf](#)

[Appeal.pdf](#)



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CITY OF ARTESIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

OFF CYCLE TREE SERVICE APPLICATION

APPLICANT

WORK REQUESTED

(check all that apply)

NAME: VIRAL PATEL
ADDRESS: 12018 Rendova St
CITY: Artesia CA ZIP: 90701
PHONE: (562) 278-8150
EMAIL: viral815@yahoo.com

☐ TRIMMING
☒ REMOVAL
☐ PLANTING

Approval or denial of an off-cycle tree service is based on the following criteria:

- Public safety concern that cannot be mitigated by trimming or other means
- Poor health, including disease and/or decay
- Structural issues that cannot be corrected
- Invasive species

In the event a tree is removed, the Artesia municipal code says that two trees will be planted to replace the one (AMC 7-4.11-E1). Applicant must plant two replacement trees that comply with AMC 7-4.08 (b) (2) with at least one tree to be replanted on site or provide payment in lieu of replacement per AMC 7.4.11 (e) (2).

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED

ONSITE INSPECTION COMMENTS

TREE SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

Artesia's trees are maintained on a three year cycle. Off-cycle tree service requests are covered under the Artesia Municipal Code, under Section 7-4.11. Please answer this

1. Is this tree a City tree or has it been designated as a heritage tree? City tree

2. If possible, please provide botanical identification of the tree: NOT SURE

3. City of Artesia is on a three year tree trimming cycle. Please describe why this off-cycle service is requested.

There is a bee hive we just noticed it last week on that tree. I have 2 little kids always playing outdoors.

Also. Per my religion belief, we can't have tree right in front of our home. we're ok with the tree to the left side of my house

4. Please provide a written description of the proposed pruning and/or removal (attach additional page if necessary): but we would like to request to remove the one in the front.

5. Please attach photo of the tree(s). If it is for pruning, indicate where pruning is to occur on the photo.

BY SIGNING BELOW, APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TREE SERVICE PROCESS AS DESCRIBED IN THE ARTESIA MUNICIPAL CODE, AND THAT THE DETERMINATION TO REMOVE A CITY TREE IS MADE BY THE CITY AND/OR ITS ARBORIST.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: V Patel

DATE: 2/9/26

Ernesto Sanchez

From: Jennifer Alderete
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Kajal Patel
Cc: Andrew Perry; Ernesto Sanchez
Subject: RE: Tree Removal Request

Thank you Mr. Patel. I am in receipt of your email below and have forwarded the request to the Public Works department.

Regards,

Jenn Alderete

City Clerk

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From: Kajal Patel <kajal815@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 11:46 AM
To: Jennifer Alderete <JAlderete@cityofartesia.us>
Subject: Tree Removal Request

Dear Committee,

I am writing this letter to appeal the decision regarding my request to remove the tree that is located right by my property, in front of my house. The tree has become a very significant concern for me and my family. I have sent multiple emails and tried calls for over 9 months now.

This tree is located in front of my home. I have mentioned multiple times in my request, We can not have tree in front of our home for religious reasons. This is causing health problems for my elderly mom, who lives with me.

This is also safety concerning for my kids, who plays outside. We have bees flew into my home and garage. We see bees on this tree. We had bee inspector come and inspect the tree, who saw video on my phone of the bees and bee hive on this tree. The bee inspector did mention that the bees will keep coming and that in future the bee hive can enlarge.

I am also worried how large this tree will grow, which will cover the front of my property. Also, the tree's roots can affect my property in future. They planted 2 trees by my property. I am only asking to remove the one that is in front of my door.

I understand and value the importance of preserving trees. However, in situation like this, I want to protect my family and my property, therefore, I believe removal of this tree is necessary.

I ask that you reconsider my application and approve the removal of this tree.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kajal Patel
12018 Rendova St.
Artesia, CA 90701
kajal815@yahoo.com
562-213-3573



BEAUTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2026

ITEM NO: 6C.

TO: Beautification and Maintenance Commission

SUBJECT: Discussion Regarding Bioswale Plant Palette

FROM: Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Ernesto Sanchez, Public Works Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission review Staff's proposed plant palette for use on upcoming bioswale projects and make recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

Bioswales are landscaped channels designed to capture, slow, and filter storm water runoff. Bioswales allow rainwater to naturally soak into the ground while removing pollutants and debris before the water reaches local streams or sewer systems. The City is developing bioswales at three (3) locations:

1. Pioneer Boulevard Center Medians: Four (4) non-functioning water fountains will be removed and replaced with bioswales;
2. Clarkdale Avenue / Artesia Park Parking Lot Median: Two detention ponds are currently being construction to be developed as bioswales; and
3. EV Changing Facility at Artesia Park: One (1) large detention pond is currently being constructed to be developed as a bioswale.

Staff and the California Department of Transportation have already approved a plant palette for the proposed bioswales at the Pioneer Boulevard Center Medians. The plant palette is drought tolerant and California Native and includes:

- Deer Grass
- California Fuchsia
- Cleveland Sage
- Coyote Brush
- Douglas Iris

ANALYSIS:

The City can expand this palette for use on other bioswale projects. Other potential plants include:

- California Gray Rush
- Field Sedge
- Blue-Eyed Grass
- Douglas Iris
- Red Flax

- Coastal Buckwheat
- Lemonade Berry
- Blue Fescue
- Sage Autumn
- Dianella Variegata
- Agave Blue Glow
- Rosemary Huntington Carpet

Staff recommends that the Beautification and Maintenance Commission review make recommendations on what plants to incorporate in upcoming bioswales.

Attachments

[Plant Palette Examples.pdf](#)



BIOSWALE PLANT PALETTE



DEER GRASS
Muhlenbergia rigens

- Drought tolerant
- Deer resistant
- Great for slopes



CALIFORNIA GRAY RUSH
Juncus patens

- Tolerates wet & dry
- Great for low areas
- Provides vertical texture



FIELD SEDGE
Carex praegracilis

- Spreads to fill in
- Tolerates moisture
- Low maintenance



BLUE-EYED GRASS
Sisyrinchium bellum

- Native perennial
- Purple blooms
- Attracts pollinators



DOUGLAS IRIS
Iris douglasiana

- Native
- Seasonal color
- Tolerates wet soils



SHREDDED HARDWOOD MULCH

- 2-3" depth
- Helps retain moisture
- Keeps weeds down

CALIFORNIA NATIVE DESIGN

Drought-Friendly • Low Maintenance • Beautiful Year-Round



BENEFITS

Very Low Water Use

Supports Pollinators

California Native

Year-Round Interest

Sustainable & Eco-Friendly

Easy to Maintain

PLANT PALETTE



CALIFORNIA SAGE
Salvia apiana
5 Gal

Blooms spring-summer
Attracts bees & butterflies



RED FLAX
Linum lewisii
1 Gal

Blooms spring-summer
Hummingbird friendly



COYOTE BRUSH
Baccharis pilularis
5 Gal

Fragrant foliage
Year-round structure



DEER GRASS
Muhlenbergia rigens
1 Gal

Native grass
Soft texture & movement



COASTAL BUCKWHEAT
Eriogonum fasciculatum
1 Gal

Blooms spring-fall
Pollinator favorite



LEMONADE BERRY
Rhus integrifolia
5 Gal

Evergreen shrub
Attracts wildlife



DECORATIVE RIVER ROCK
3/4" – 1 1/2"
Tan/Gray Mix

Clean, modern look
Helps retain soil moisture

DESIGN FEATURES

All California Native Plants

Drought Tolerant

Low Maintenance

Supports Local Wildlife

Natural Color & Texture

River Rock Mulch for
Weed Control & Drainage

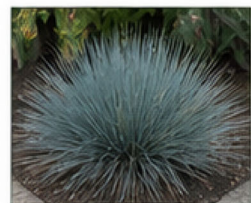
Note: Plants will mature and fill in over time for a natural, established look.

DROUGHT-TOLERANT DESIGN

Low Water • Low Maintenance • Year-Round Interest



PLANT PALETTE



BLUE FESCUE
Festuca glauca
1 Gal



SAGE 'AUTUMN'
Salvia greggii
1 Gal



**DIANELLA
VARIEGATA**
Dianella tasmanica
1 Gal



AGAVE 'BLUE GLOW'
Agave attenuata
5 Gal



**ROSEMARY 'HUNTINGTON
CARPET'**
Rosmarinus officinalis
1 Gal



**DECORATIVE
RIVER ROCK**
3/4" - 1 1/2"
Tan/Gray Mix

BENEFITS

-  Very Low Water
-  Pollinator Friendly
-  Year-Round Color & Texture
-  Clean, Modern Look
-  Easy to Maintain



