

## **Interview Questions:**

- 1) Please provide the name of the organization or agency you are responding on behalf of.
- 2) Work force:
  - a) How many urban forest related staff positions does your organization have?
  - b) How many work full-time on the planting, care, and removal of trees?
- 3) Budget:
  - a) What is the total budget of the organization you are responding on behalf of?
  - b) What is your urban forestry related budget?
  - c) Does your urban forestry related budget including funding for things other than tree care (such as education, lawn and shrub care)? If so, please estimate the percentage of (b) that goes specifically to trees.
- 4) Tree care (planting, maintenance, and removals) in the last fiscal year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012):
  - a) How many trees did you plant, care for, and remove in the past fiscal year within your organization's jurisdiction?
  - b) Did you discover during inspection that trees you had planted were missing? If so, how many?**
  - c) Did your organization perform urban forest related work for another organization during the past year?
    - i) If so how many trees did you plant, care for, and remove for that organization? Please provide the name of each organization.
  - d) Did another organization perform work on the portion of the urban forest within your jurisdiction in the past fiscal year? (For example, did a nonprofit plant trees on your land or did a contractor remove trees?)
    - i) If so, how many trees did that organization plant, care for, and remove in the last fiscal year? Please provide the name of each organization.
    - ii) Are these numbers included in (4a)?
- 5) **Health and diversity of the urban forest:**
  - a) What were the three most common species of trees you planted this fiscal year?**
  - b) Are there species you feel are struggling in San Francisco or ones you have decided that you will no longer plant?**
  - c) Are you experimenting with planting any new or less common species this year? If so, what were they?**
- 6) Concerns and limitations: In past years' reporting, many organizations have reported similar concerns related to the urban forest and similar limitations when attempting to address these concerns. We would

like to track changes in these areas over time.

Please rank the following concerns with level of importance on a 1–5 scale, 1 being "not a significant concern to us" and 5 being "extremely significant concern to us."

- a) Inability to provide adequate care to newly planted trees.
- b) Inability to provide adequate care to established trees.
- c) Inefficiencies in the way forestry programs operate on a city-wide basis.
- d) Loss of significant numbers of trees due to age and/or disease.
- e) Loss of significant numbers of trees due to vandalism, illegal pruning, and/or illegal removal.
- f) Loss of significant numbers of trees due to development.

Please rank the level of importance for the following limitations on a 1–5 scale, 1 being "not a significant limitation to us" and 5 being "extremely significant limitation to us."

- a) Funding constraints
  - b) Staffing constraints
  - c) Prioritization of urban forestry programs within your agency/the city at large
  - d) Lack of coordinated efforts to protect and manage the overall urban forest
  - e) Lack of tree inventory
  - f) Lack of management plan
- 7) What, if any, significant changes have taken place within your organization's UF programs in the last fiscal year?
- 8) What topics are of greatest concern in your organization this year? For example, concerns about tree health, jurisdictional issues, public response to an agency plan. We're interested in keeping our ears to the ground to know what matters most to you and your organization.