

1 [Urban Forestry Council Recommendation on Management of Trees Affected by Pitch Canker
2 Disease]

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4 **Resolution recommending that all City agencies, private tree contractors and property**
5 **owners follow the recommendations made by the Pitch Canker Task Force when**
6 **managing trees impacted by pitch canker disease in San Francisco.**

7 WHEREAS, Pine pitch canker is a disease of conifers caused by the fungus *Fusarium*
8 *circinatum* (synonym: *Fusarium subglutinans* f. sp. *pini*); and,

9 WHEREAS, Pine pitch canker is impacting a significant number of Monterey pine
10 (*Pinus radiata*) and other pine species in San Francisco; and,

11 WHEREAS, The impacted trees can be among the largest and most mature trees
12 found within San Francisco and provide many environmental, economic and sociological benefits;
13 and,

14 WHEREAS, Many agencies and entities have responsibility for maintaining trees that
15 may be or have been infected by the disease; and,

16 WHEREAS, There has been a multitude of different approaches to tree management
17 when infection occurs; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Pitch Canker Task Force is a sub-committee of the California Forest
19 Pest Council (<http://caforestpestcouncil.org/>), which is advisory to the State Board of Forestry
20 and was convened to develop recommendations for management of pitch canker and serves
21 as a resource for public and private entities seeking information;

22 WHEREAS, The Pitch Canker Task Force has identified that this disease is not always
23 fatal and in some cases trees may recover or resist the disease completely; now, therefore,
24 be it,

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1 RESOLVED, That the Urban Forestry Council recommends that the Board of
2 Supervisors adopt the Pitch Canker Task Force management recommendations for trees
3 infected by pine pitch canker as the City and County of San Francisco's recommended
4 approach to management of trees impacted by this disease.

5 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Urban Forestry Council at its
6 Regular Meeting on March 26, 2010.

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8 Mei Ling Hui, Urban Forestry Council Coordinator

9 VOTE: (Approved 6-0; 4 Absent; 1 Vacant)

10 Ayes: Council Members Buck, Milne, D'Agostino, Cohen, LeBeau, Sherk

11 Noes: None

12 Absent: Council Members Costello, Hillan, Rodgers and Vargas.

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