

Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy
Board Meeting Information
Last Update: November 28, 2018

Agenda Item: Discuss updated press release template

Objective: Receive feedback on revised tree removal press release template.

Background: The tree removal press release was presented at the October board meeting for review and discussion. Comments were incorporated and the press release updated as a result. Board members were given an additional opportunity to review and provide further comment. The attached press release represents the thoughts and comments from the Board to date. Upon final approval, the press release template will be included with the tree removal standard operating procedure.

Recommendation: Staff seeks final approval of the updated tree removal press release template.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To Protect Vital Water Supply, Water District to Remove Trees

Trees on [vague description of area/property] pose risk to integrity of [name of aqueduct]

NAME OF CITY, UT (Month, Date, Year) – The Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy (District) is a local district responsible for the uninterrupted drinking water supply to more than 400,000 people within the Salt Lake Valley. In order to protect this vital water supply and “keep the water flowing,” the District regrettably must remove more than (xxx) trees in (city) based on a risk assessment.

The drinking water supply is conveyed through 42 miles of aqueduct which transports water from Deer Creek Reservoir to the Salt Lake Valley. The District must have access and the ability to respond quickly to pipe failure or to repair leaks without impediments from trees and other structures.

The District values trees as a natural resource. Unfortunately, trees too close to the aqueduct can cause damage due to roots or block access for important repairs in case of emergencies such as earthquakes. Water quickly causes damage if not controlled and the District seeks to protect property owners from experiencing the negative impacts of water damage or interruption of service.

For more information on tree removal, visit www.mwdsls.org.

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