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Subject: Who's Who in El Dorado Audubon

El Dorado Audubon
www.eldoradoaudubon.org

June 30, 2016

Ms. Marie Knight, Director, PRM

cc: Valerie Davis

Please copy to Parks, Recreation and Marine Commission members

Dear Marie,

To find the list of leaders and contact El Dorado Audubon Society, it is on our website,
www.eldoradoaudubon.org.

It was just brought to my attention by phone that trees are being cut down in El Dorado Park East (Regional) as of yesterday, June 29, 2016.

Off the top of my head --

1. Since this during bird nesting season, were the trees in question checked for nests? Did you hire a qualified biologist (avian expert) to check for nests prior?
2. Did anyone check with anyone at California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife?

We are volunteers, however, I will say that we are always interested in assisting with notice to help the birds and other wildlife. At this time of year there are birds just about but not quite ready to leave the nest and be on their own) and it would be shame to not work around active nests as you proceed.

Sincerely,

Mary Parsell, Conservation Chair

cc: Janice Dahl, Elaine Layne, Leah Young, Larry Lee, Cindy Dunbar

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Valerie Davis

Subject: FW: Thanks and why I wrote

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Hi Mary, thank you for the information and resources. Yes, we did some emergency tree trimming/removal in a portion of El Dorado Park yesterday. As I am sure you have noticed as you make your way through the park, we are losing large limbs on a daily basis. A great deal of this is due to the combination of the drought, some of the beetle infestation, and then our unusual heat conditions. We have also lost other trees throughout the City in the past several weeks, these trees were not even dead, but nor was there a wind event to cause it.

I and my team are aware that it is nesting season, and we are following our City Policy with respect to this process. The trees that were trimmed/removed are in a heavily used picnic area, and for safety reasons were identified for immediate attention, especially with the busy holiday weekend coming up. Several of these trees had limb failure and the limbs were "resting" on other trees and could come down with a slight breeze. Our arborist surveyed the trees for nests, which are not hard to see in these particular trees as the trees are completely dead. There was one nest identified in an adjoining area, so the work in that area was stopped until we have a biologist survey the tree, nest and area and renders an opinion.

Again, this is not routine work, but emergency work to secure the safety of our park patrons. I do appreciate the involvement of the Audubon volunteers and your dedication to our parks, we are all just as concerned about our wildlife in our parks, and work to make sure we are proceeding with the necessary caution and concern. Thanks again for reaching out, have a great holiday weekend.

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