

# **LONG BEACH URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN**

City Council Presentation  
August 14, 2007



## **PROJECT INTRODUCTION**

- The first phase of a process to create an Urban Forest Management Plan for the City
- Partnership between the City & the Port of Long Beach
- Identifying goals & policies that will form the foundation of the plan

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  - Rail corridors
  - Long Beach Harbor District

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  - Los Angeles River
  - RiverLink

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- **Ultimately, the Master Plan will include an analysis and update of the City's tree inventory**



## **CONSULTANT TEAM**

- Melendrez staff are landscape architects, urban planners and urban designers
- Based in downtown Los Angeles / the firm was founded in LA 20 years ago
- Staff of 28, including bilingual capabilities
- Our mission is to improve the quality of people's lives in urban environments in southern California

**MELÉNDREZ**

## **CONSULTANT TEAM**

- Community Livability Plan for I-710 Corridor Neighborhoods, City of Long Beach
- Open Space & Habitat Component of SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Rancho Palos Verdes Coast Vision Plan, City of RPV & Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy
- Urban Design Guidelines, Streetscape Master Plan & Conceptual Park Plans, The Village at Playa Vista

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## CONSULTANT TEAM

- Provides consulting services in horticulture, arboriculture and urban forestry
- Based in Pleasanton, CA. Founded in 1983.
- Professional focus on tree management planning, tree risk assessment, tree preservation during development, problem diagnosis and analysis, and training



## CONSULTANT TEAM

- San Francisco Urban Forest plan
- USDA Forest Service National Urban & Community Forestry program assessment
- Model of urban forest sustainability
- Municipal arborist certification study guide



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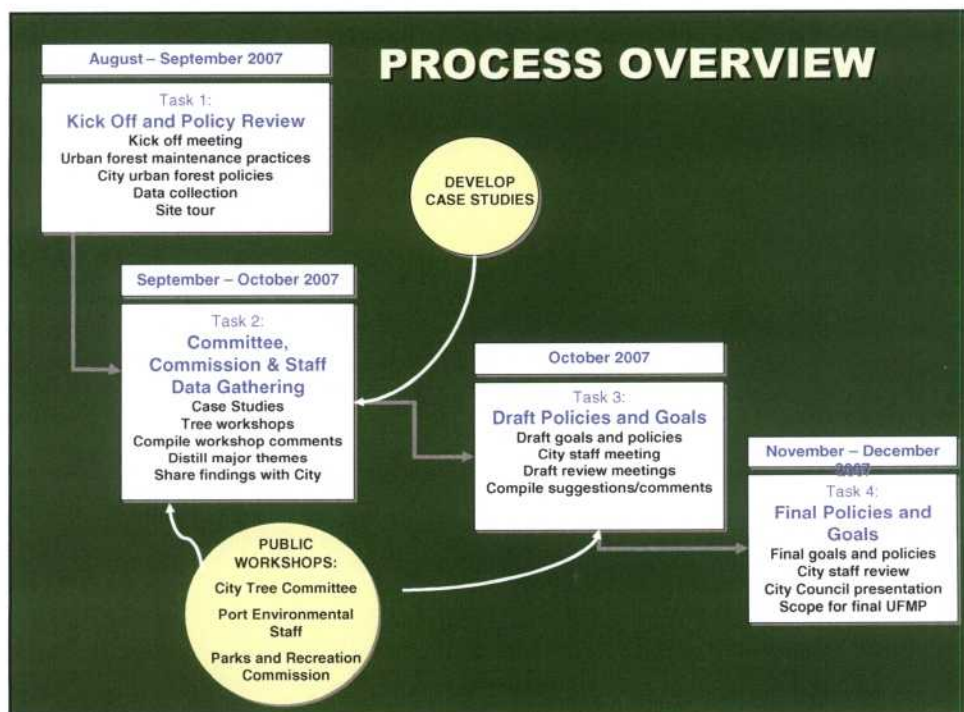
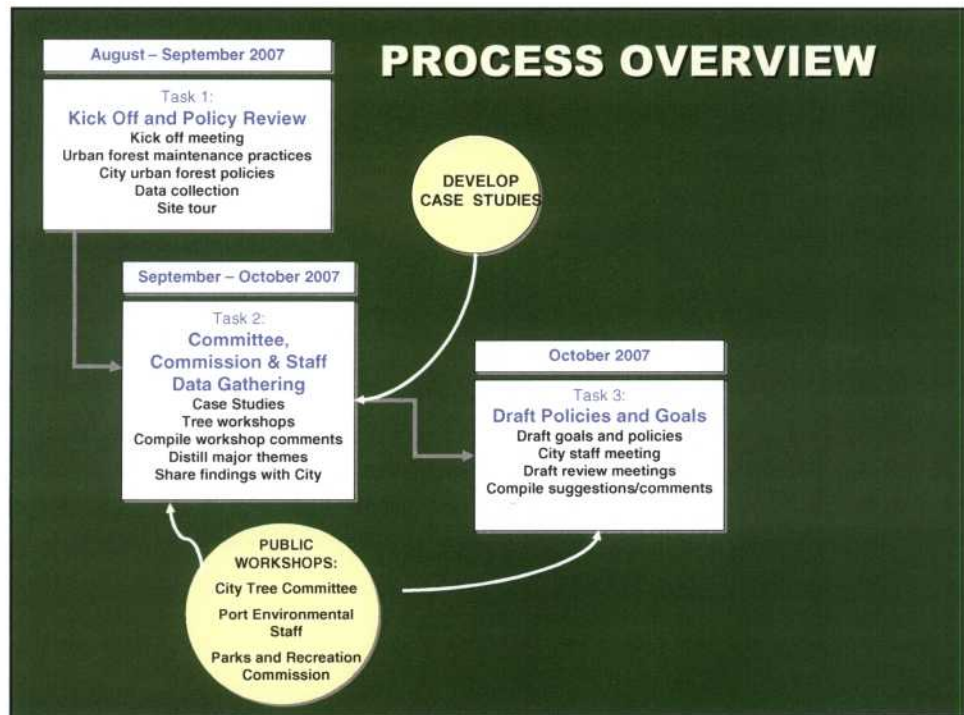
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September – October 2007

Task 2:  
**Committee,  
Commission & Staff  
Data Gathering**  
Case Studies  
Tree workshops  
Compile workshop comments  
Distill major themes  
Share findings with City

DEVELOP  
CASE STUDIES

PUBLIC  
WORKSHOPS:  
City Tree Committee  
Port Environmental  
Staff  
Parks and Recreation  
Commission





## **San Francisco's Urban Forest Plan: Goals**



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2. Plant new ones (in needy areas).
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Identified objectives for each goal:

- Policy requirements
- Institutional partners

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