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COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY ROUTING SLIP

Meeting Date February 23, 2015

TITLE: URBAN FORESTRY

- Are there attachments to the Council Work Session Summary? Yes No
- Will there be a Video Presentation for this item? Yes No
- Will there be a PowerPoint Presentation for this item? Yes No
- If "yes", will a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation be included on the Council Work Session Agenda? Yes No

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PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:

- Inform/Update
- Direction/Guidance
- Legislative Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Staff will introduce Jennifer Dann, Urban and Community Forest Program Manager for New Mexico. Ms. Dann will be providing an overview of the results of a recently completed four city community forest assessment that included: Las Cruces, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and El Paso. The project team collected urban forestry data from over 200 sample plots across the City. The information gathered included the age, size, species, condition/health, and distribution of trees by land use type. The results gathered provided detailed information concerning the City's urban forest and estimated the tree canopy at 3.7%.

Staff will be presenting the second half of the presentation that will share information concerning the benefits of trees and the urban forest. Staff as well as Ms. Dann will be prepared to answer questions.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. N/A