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To whom it may concern

Re current random tree- removal regulations

I am a devout tree lover and was raised to respect and care for trees—especially the very big ones.

Too often the chainsaw brigade is out in multil locations eyeing the shade trees and grumbling, “That one has a huge crown and is about to fall on someone,” the chain-saws were turned on.

A few summers ago outside Shutterbug on Santa Rosa Avenue two men in dungarees were discussing how dangerous the crowns were on two trees. "They could fall over and kill someone." I ran into the store and yelled for the manager to come outside fast. He stopped them and explained about shade on overheated Santa Rosa Avenue and how beneficial the big trees were. "A haircut about three feet would make the crowns less noticeable."

In my humble opinion most of the chainsaw brigade including Davy Tree and PG%E crews can't tell an Alder from an Oak and dont give a hoot about learning about the different and miraculous to survive in this county of Sonoma trees at all.They love to bulldoze the dangerous Willows near creeks and destroy most of the bird habitats throughout this county.

What happened way back when?

Photos cross my desk of happy gatherings around the Russian River, whose trees were close together and happy with damp mossy ground around the trees. Some of those damp spots sprouted wild orchids and moss everywhere; Not any more.

Back when kids knew that trees do better close to each other and that “thinning” heats up the ground. They knew that shady trees were happy and healthy with damp bottoms! We all knew that if a tree was cut down the others close to it started to die. The thinned, now dry as a bone, trunks burned fast and furious whn a tossed cigarette butt landed near one of them on a hot, windy day.

One tossed cigarette butt would start a burn immediately.

No one has wisdom or knowledge about trees. Nothing is taught in the failing public schools. The war on trees is killing the birds by the hundreds; also the random use of Roundup! My neighbor who can;t grow daisies wants to be a “Gentleman Farmer.” He hates weeds and sprays regularly to get rid of them.

His ignorance extends to his pathetic atempts to become a gentleman farmer and his olive trees have a drip system running 24-7.

No weeds! No birds. Their main source of food is gorgeous weeds that can look fine and nurture the earth and attract birds.

No birds—the bark diseases flourish. Farmer Brown, my name for Mr Olive harvest yet to happen, has dying trees. The giants are riddled with bark beetles. He has yet to harvest anything alive and healthy and for over 7 years wonders what is going wrong for him and his wormy dead olives and dying trees.

He is also addicted to burning and gets easily the paperwork to burn and smoke trees felled

and burning for over 8 days.

The smoke is deadly and blankets acres of three 40 acre land parcels. His stupid oldtime skills have produced nothing but dead trees and fires. Help!

His drip system is a sure sign of ignorance about growing olives. Grapes and olives do not like their roots to be wet at all,

In Spain and France the olive trees are neglected. They struggle and look for dampness locked in the levels of clay. Kids in those regions know that olive trees are not watered at all. The olives and grapes are smaller, but intense and not watery like some of the grapes overwatered in Sonoma County. We need more gardeners, We don't need fire lovers and tree haters Help us save the forests Stop hacking down redwoods to make toilet seats and card tables.

I am begging Someone in the Sonoma County political arena to insist that schools and workplaces educate everone who has power to cut down our trees. This county is famous for its chainsaw approach to prepare a site for a hateful condo-village scraped and free of trees and full of despair due to no trees allowed!

Stop the Thinning; Train and educate workers about bird habitats, disappearing fast, and stop assuming a big tree starts fires.

Don't we all know that cigarettes start fires.

Summer cookouts and hot ashes blowin in the wind and arsonists randomly burning California covertly? and often.

Campsites need to invest in commercial-biz movable Barbecue ovens that can be shut down and cool off safely; Cigarette smoking should be banned during the hot weeks during the summer months. Locally at least four workers with Calfire are cigarette smokers....

Use small cameras throughout the coastal forests and never assume it is OK to let the ridges burn.

Dead dry timber left and nowhere for the birds to nest at all.

The policies are put together by ignorant individuals, most of whom do not know anything about ancient DAMP forests,

What the trees do to improve towns and cities all over this county can help everyone get through summer heat periods and sustain desperate bird families. Toss out the chainsaws and do not encourage the nutters to burn anything. The brush-clearing grant-happy crews some addicted to burning for days at a time. One in charge of a "brush-clearing" work party was smoking a joint, drinking whisky and lighting up a cigarette now and then. His slurring and jokng about how big his "burnpile" was made his stoned helpers giggle too.

It wa approximately 3 stories high and looked like a red pine tree burning hot and under a canopy of Oaks. Someone from the county offices should show up and take notes to stop these inebriated burners. Give us a chance to live in a wooded-cool town and not sweat out another summer in dangerous heated cabins, houses and condos.

Thanks for listening.

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