

Town of Yucca Valley
PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Chair and Planning Commissioners
From: Jared Jerome, Associate Planner
 Jared Jerome, Associate Planner
Date: March 2, 2022
Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: Western Joshua Tree (WJT) Permit 043-22, 57702 Paxton Road, Yucca Valley CA. APN: 0596-173-01; Encroach Within Ten (10) Feet of One (1) Western Joshua Tree.

Recommendation:

That the Planning Commission approve the application for WJT Permit 043-22, encroach within ten (10) feet of one (1) Western Joshua Trees, based upon guidance from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife that sewer project ground disturbing activity may encroach within ten (10) feet of a Western Joshua Tree.

Prior Review

There has been no prior review of this matter.

Executive Summary

Native plant permit applications are acted upon by the Planning Commission for review and action at this time.

Order of Procedure

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Council Discussion/Questions of Staff
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

Discussion

Applicant: William Sellers Plumbing
Address: 57702 Paxton Road
APN: 0596-173-01
Zoning: Residential, Single Family (R-S-2)
Parcel Size: 0.48 acres

An application has been filed to encroach within ten (10) feet of one (1) Western Joshua Tree during ground disturbing activity for a sewer line connection. The septic tank is within ten (10)

feet of one (1) Western Joshua Tree identified as #17 in the attached documentation. Western Joshua Tree #17 is considered Class 3, which is 4 meters or taller in height.

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife has provided guidance to Town staff indicating that sewer connection projects may disturb the ground within ten (10) feet of a Western Joshua Tree if the project proponent has paid the highest applicable mitigation fee as if the tree were to be removed. The project proponent has paid the mitigation fee to remove the tree.

Section 9.56.070 of Ordinance 291 requires photos, descriptions of the trees, and documentation from the applicant's arborist; which are attached to this report.

Alternatives

Staff recommend no alternative actions. The application is consistent with the Town's adopted standards.

Fiscal Impact

Applicant has paid all permit fees and California Fish & Wildlife mitigation fees. Please see attached receipt for more detail.

Attachments:

ORD 291 Joshua Trees
WJT 043-22 57702 PAXTON Road Complete
9.60 Permit Procedures



Western Joshua Tree
**Native Plant Permit
 Application**

Date Received 2/22/22
 Case WJT 043-22
 By Ever

General Information

APPLICANT William Sellers Plumbing Phone 760-228-2180
 Mailing Address 7359 Apache Trail Email wsplumbing760@gmail.com
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284
 PROPERTY OWNER Alexander Aquino Phone 323-273-4310
 Mailing Address 57702 Paxton Rd Email alexanderandche@gmail.com
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284
 Address/Location of Plants 57702 Paxton Rd
 Desert Native Plant Specialist Mike Murphy - ArborPro

Project Information

TYPE OF PLANT	# OF PLANTS BEING DESTROYED	# OF PLANTS BEING TRANSPLANTED	# OF PLANTS BEING TRIMMED	Application Fee	HEIGHT	DIAMETER	MITIGATION FEE FOR REMOVAL
WESTERN JOSHUA TREE (Yucca brevifolia)	1 #17			500			2100

Reason for removal #17 JT too near septic tank
 Property owner signature *Alexander Aquino* Date 2/15/22

Staff Use Only
 Issuance Date: _____ Issued By: _____
 Approved as shown on plot plan _____ photos _____ Total Fees: _____
 Denied _____ Reason for Denial _____

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Native Plant Permit Application

Date Received _____
 By _____
 Case # _____

General Information

APPLICANT William Sellers Plumbing Phone 760-228-2180 Fax _____
 Mailing Address 56437 Desert Gold Dr Email wsplumbing760@gmail.com
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284

PROPERTY OWNER AQUINO-KALJAKIN, ALEXANDER C Phone 323-273-4310 Fax _____
 Mailing Address 57702 PAXTON RD Email alexanderandche@gmail.com
 City Yucca Valley State CA Zip 92284

Address/Location of Plants 57702 PAXTON RD

Project Information

TYPE OF PLANT	# OF PLANTS BEING DESTROYED	# BEING RELOCATED		# BEING PROTECTED IN PLACE	# BEING TRIMMED	HEIGHT	DIAMETER
		ON-SITE	OFF-SITE				
MOJAVE YUCCA	0			2			
JOSHUA TREE	0			17		14+	14"
OUR LORDS CANDLE	0						
CALIFORNIA JUNIPER	0						
PINON PINE	0						
PARRY'S NOLINA	0						

Reason for relocation or removal #17 too close to tank/trench

Property owner signature *Alexander Aquino* Date 2/17/22

Staff Use Only
 Issuance Date: _____ Issued By: _____

Approved as shown on plot plan _____

Denied _____ Reason for Denial _____

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Western Joshua Tree Take Permit Submittal Requirements

Please note - The census shall tag and count all western Joshua trees on the project site and classify them by size class.

1. The name of the desert native plant specialist who conducted the census and the employer of the desert native plant specialist.

Name: Michael Murphy, CERTIFIED ARBORIST #WE-4587A
 Employer Name: ArborPro

2. The name of the desert native plant specialist who will relocate Western Joshua trees, if applicable, and the employer of the desert native plant specialist:

Name: N/A
 Employer Name: N/A

3. The date of the census: 2/17/22

4. The date or dates of the proposed relocation of western Joshua trees, if applicable:
N/A

5. Address of site: 57702 Paxton Road, Yucca Valley
 Client Name: William Seller's Plumbing

A map of the project site that depicts the location of the proposed single-family residence, accessory structure, or public works project; the number and location of all Western Joshua trees on the project site; and if applicable, the proposed Western Joshua trees for removal, or the proposed placement of each relocated Western Joshua tree (Note: this can be included on the 24"x36" plans).

6. Photographs of each western Joshua tree on the project site, including a visual representation (e.g., tape measure, yardstick, etc.) of the scale of the height of each tree.
7. Aerial imagery of the site in sufficient detail to identify the property and the Western Joshua trees that are on the site and are a part of the application submitted.
8. Narrative written descriptions of each western Joshua tree, its diameter, height, existing health condition and any other information deemed necessary.

The Joshua trees on this property appear to be in varying stages of health due to drought, as well as rodent and bird damage.
See census table for size and health info.

Michael Murphy WE-4587A

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ARBORPRO

58036 DESERT GOLD DRIVE, YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284 / 760-275-4660

C-27 CONTRACTORS LICENSE #799469 / CERTIFIED ARBORIST #WE-4587A / DESERTTREETOC@AOL.COM

9. New construction of single-family residential units as well as accessory structures shall require the submittal of all information on plans measuring approximately 24" x 36", shall be legibly drawn and shall accurately reflect aerial photography and satellite imagery generally available for the subject property.
 - a. All property lines, dimensions, and existing structures, if any, shall be depicted on plans submitted with the application materials.
 - b. Property owners name, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
 - c. Applicant's name, mailing address, phone number and email address.
 - d. Assessor parcel number(s), address, and general location of the property for which the application is submitted.
 - e. General Plan designation and zoning designation of the subject project site.

Census Table

Tag Number	Height	Diameter	Health	Transplant, Destroy, or Protect in Place	Size Class		
					(Place an "X" in the corresponding column)		
					Class 1 (Less than 1 Meter)	Class 2 (Between 1 Meter and 4 Meters)	Class 3 (4 Meters or Taller)
1	14'+	8"	fair	Protect			X
2	14'+	13"	fair	Protect			X
3	14'+	13"	fair	Protect			X
4	1.5'	1"	fair	Protect	X		
5	2'	2"	good	Protect	X		
6	2'	2"	fair	Protect	X		
7	14'	11"	fair	Protect			X
8	14'+	11"	fair	Protect			X
9	1.5'	1"	fair	Protect	X		
10	14'+	16"	fair	Protect			X
11	14'+	10"	fair	Protect			X
12	14'	15"	fair	Protect			X
13	14'+	16"	good	Protect			X
14	2'	2"	good	Protect	X		
15	13'	9"	good	Protect		X	
16	14'	15"	good	Protect			X
17	14'+	14"	good	Protect			X
18							
19							
20							

task *





Septic tank *

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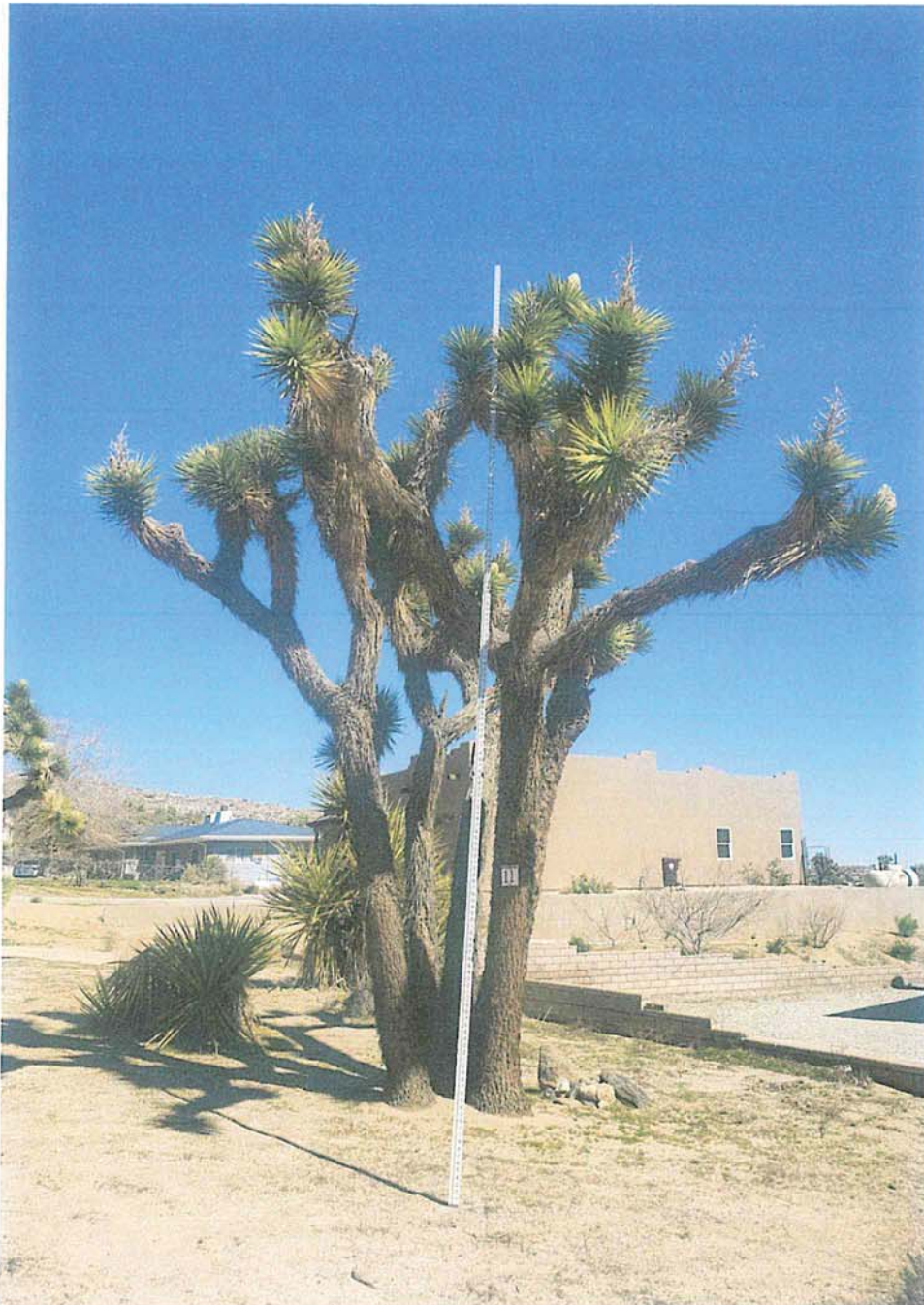


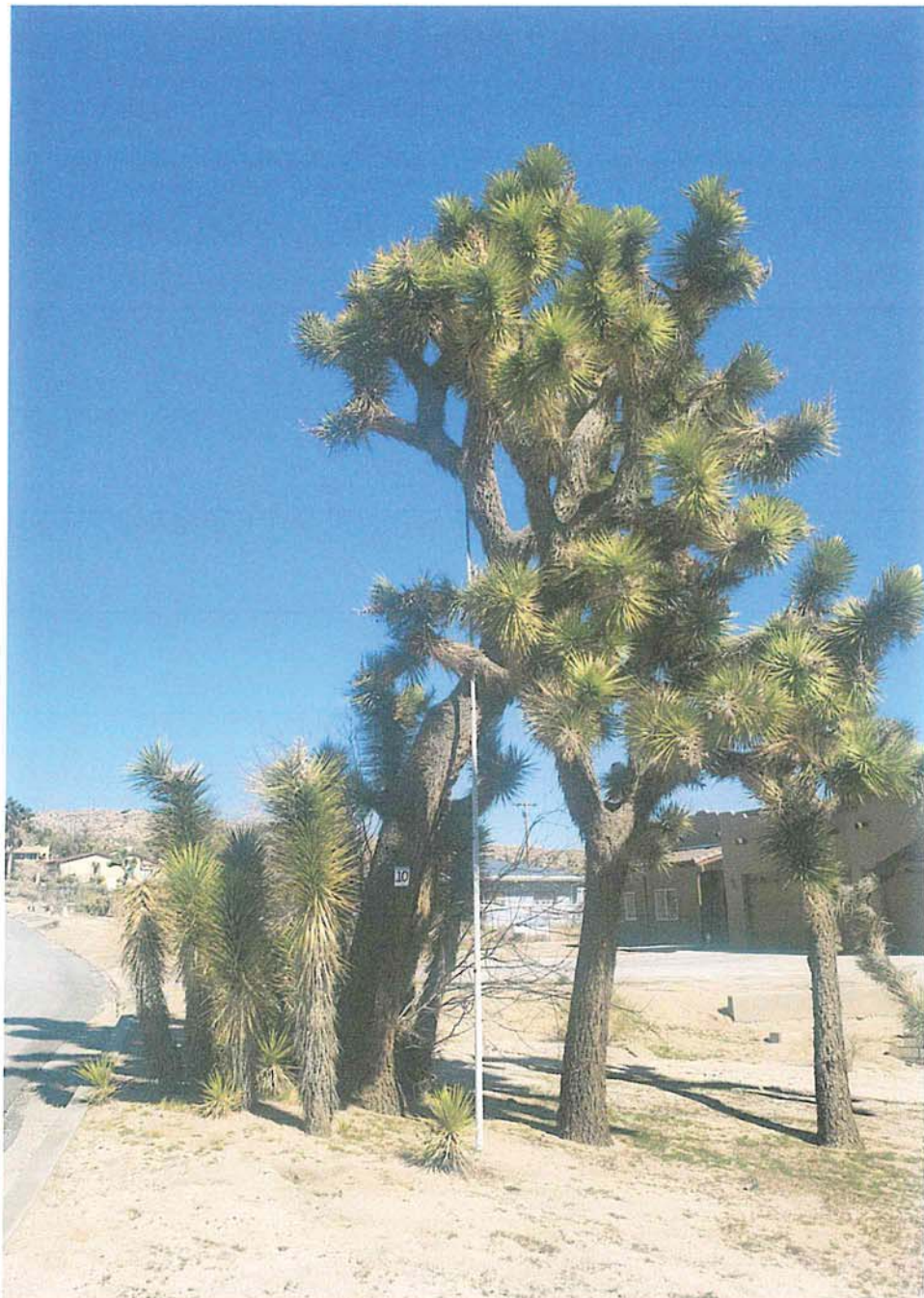


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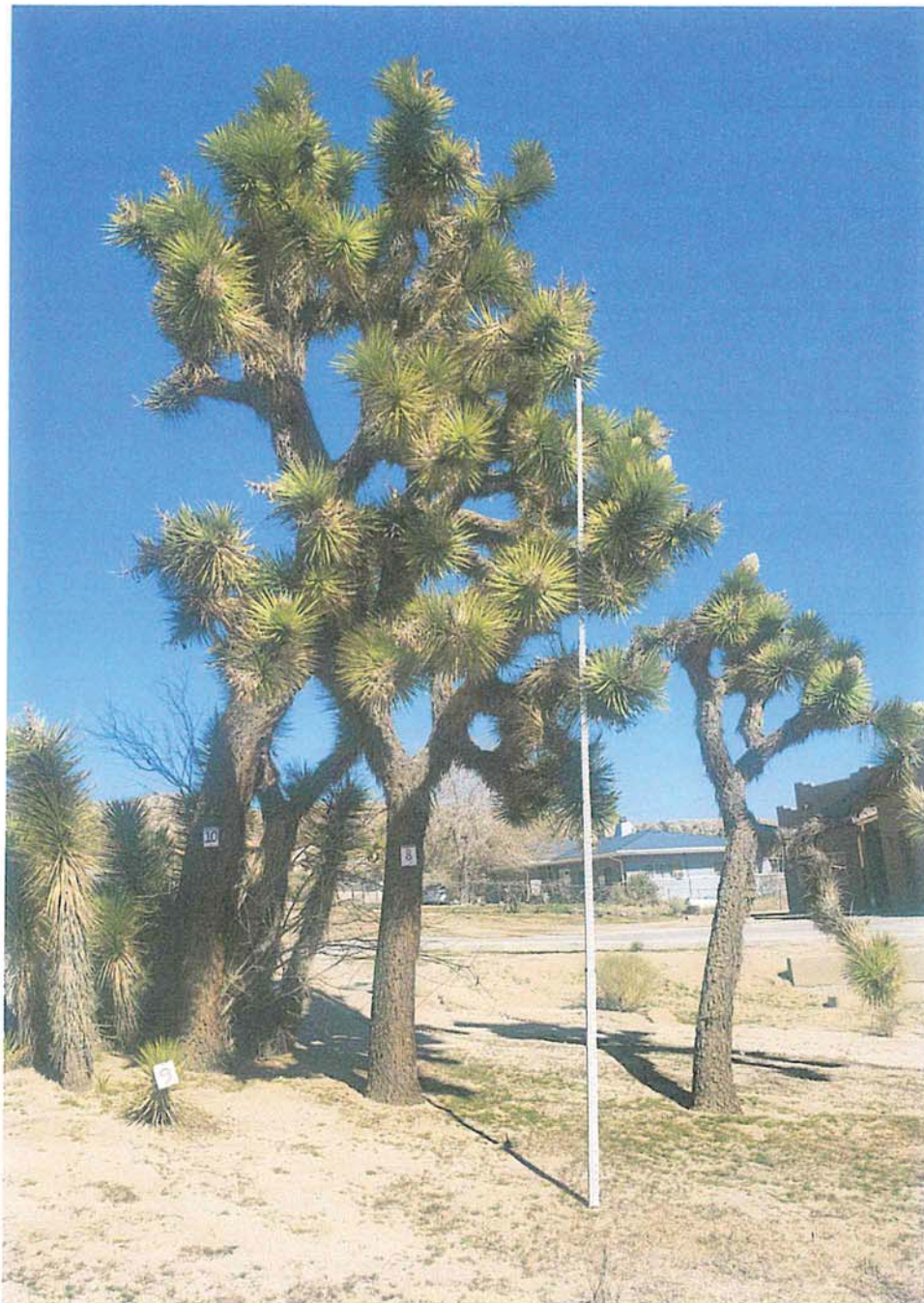




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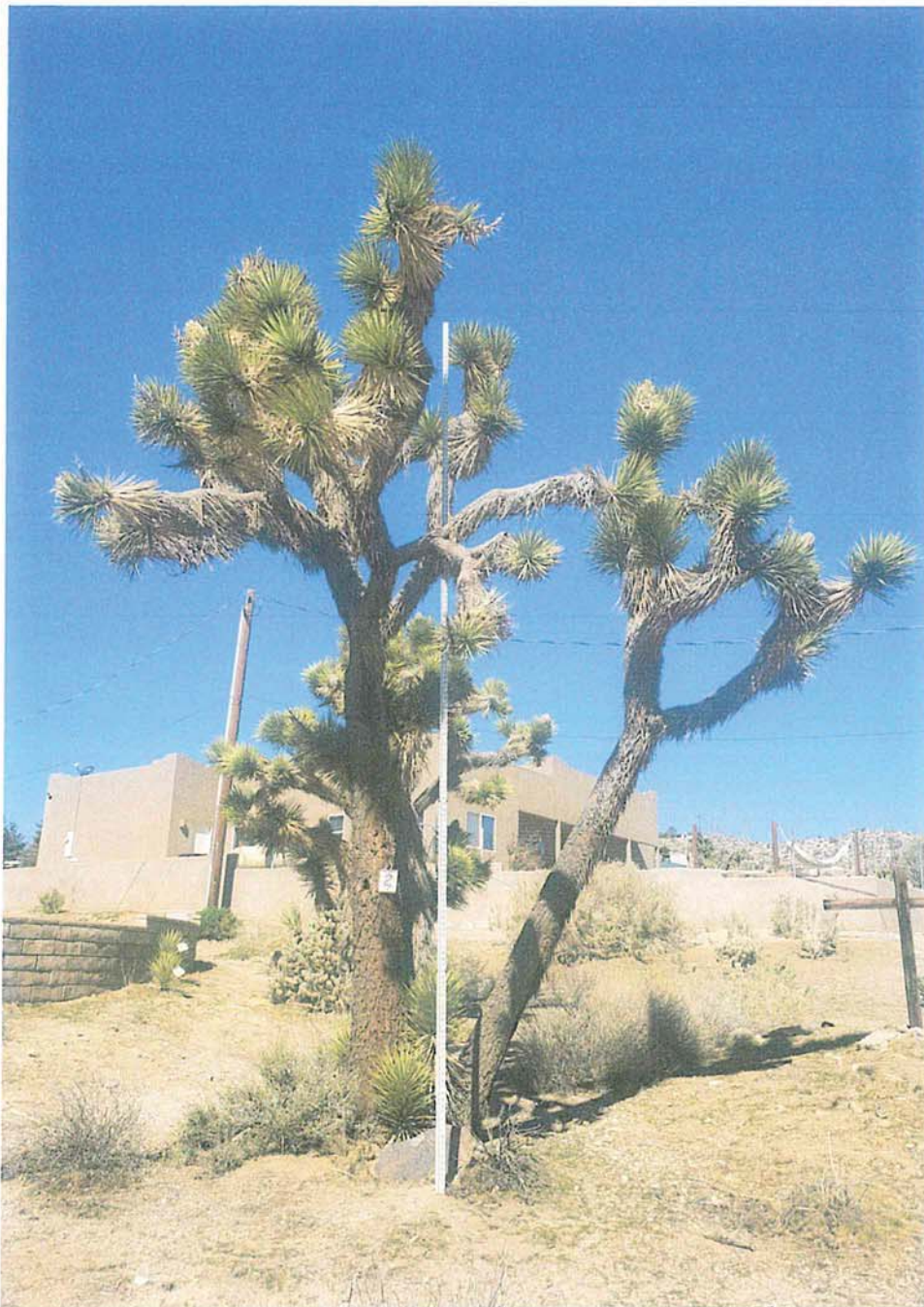




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 Community Development/Public Works Depts
 58928 Business Center Dr
 Yucca Valley CA 92284

Receipt # 30089
 Date 2/23/2022
 Rcvd By Mary

Received From William Sellers Plumbing
 56437 Desert Gold Dr.
 Yucca Valley, CA 92284
 (760) 228-2180

Customer Number	Name	Payment Type	Check/Auth #	Amount Received
07306	William Sellers Plumbing	Visa/MC	0084910	3,600.00

Description : WJT 043-22 & Cite 10077 for WJT violation

Code Enforcement Admin Fine	1,000.00
Wildlife Mitigation State Pass Thru Fees	2,600.00

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