

# LMD 83-1 & 86-1

Landscape Maintenance District Opinion Survey Report  
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# Background & Methodology

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In January 2022, the City of Poway and the Landscape Maintenance Advisory Group (LMDAG), a volunteer citizens advisory group, conducted outreach to residents living within Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) 83-1 and 86-1. The goal was to gather resident opinion and feedback on landscape and tree maintenance to evaluate and determine concerns and expectations of residents living within these respective LMD areas. The outreach consisted of an online survey focused on landscape improvements and tree maintenance and designed to identify what improvement and enhancement features matter most to residents.

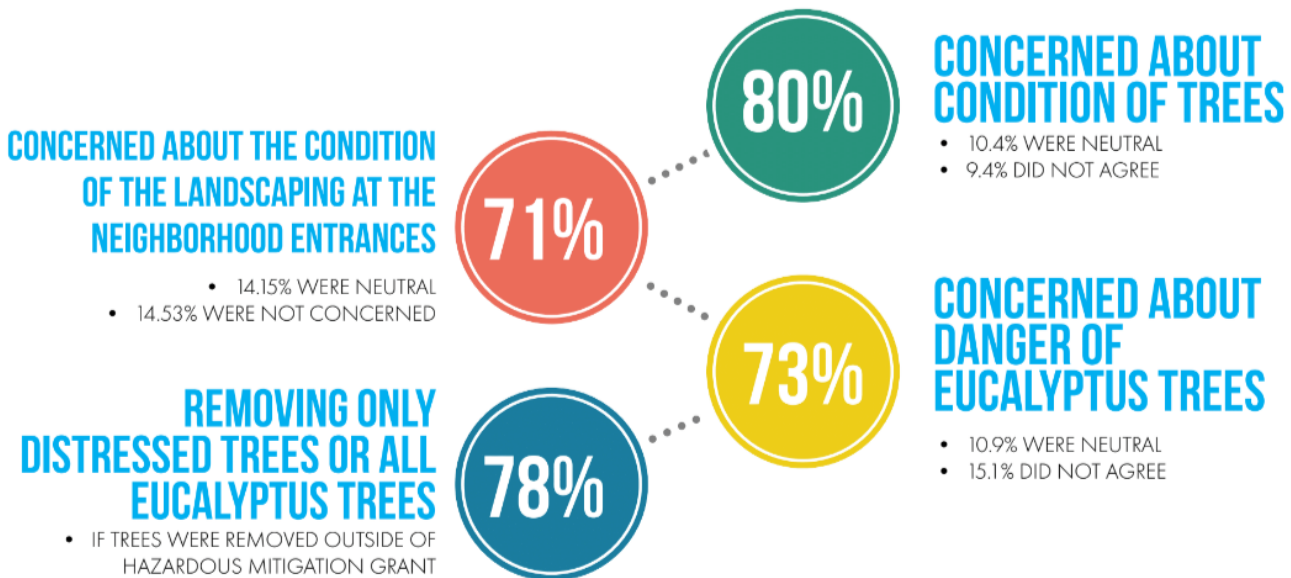
This survey was developed using Survey Monkey, an online survey tool. The City mailed a postcard that contained information on how to take the survey, and included a unique QR code that corresponded to the respective LMD of the postcard recipient. The survey was also made available on the City's LMD website. The survey was mailed to a total of 2,345 households (1,391 for LMD 83-1; 954 for LMD 86-1). During the data collection period (January 15-February 15, 2022), a total of 314 individuals participated in the survey. For LMD 83-1, 15.2% of respondents completed the survey and for LMD 86-1, 10.7% completed the survey.

Although this survey is not statistically valid or scientifically formulated, it does provide valuable input on respondent's perceptions on maintenance and public safety for these LMD areas. Feedback from the online survey will serve as a valuable reference to guide City staff in formulating strategic decisions to address landscape maintenance and enhancements for each of these LMD areas. This report summarizes and provides the results of the online survey.

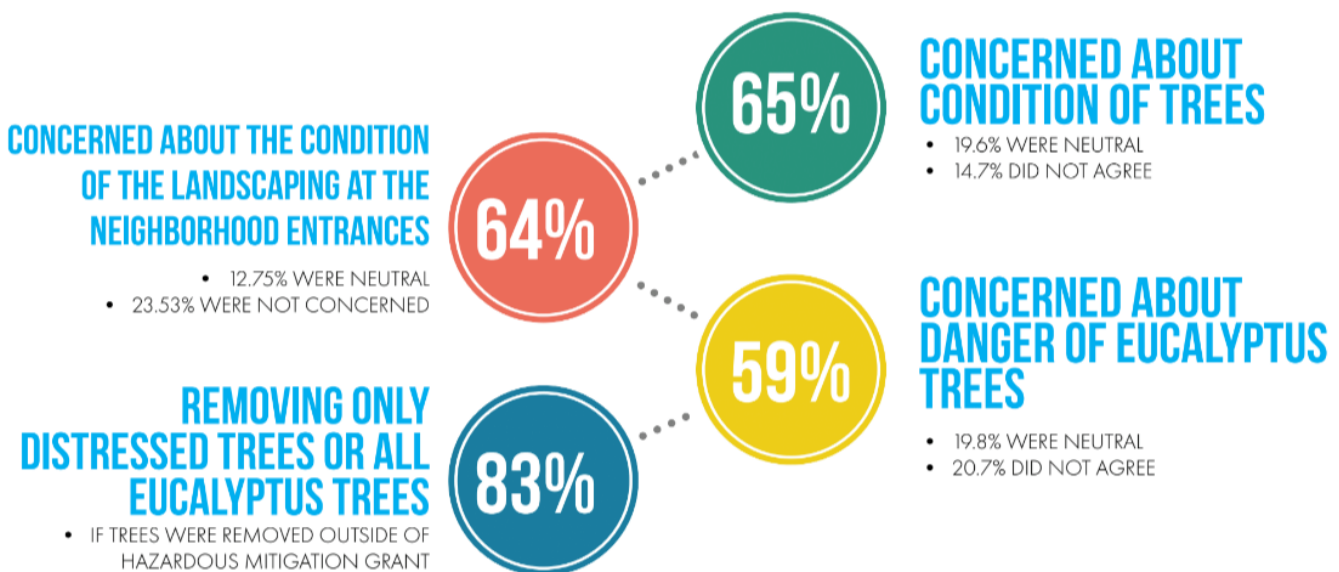
Participants were asked twelve (12) questions about landscape maintenance priorities and concerns in the LMD areas. The survey began with two general questions asking respondents if they are concerned about the condition of trees and landscaping at neighborhood entrances. Questions three and four asked respondents what effect the appearance of the trees and landscaping has on one's property and whether trees are important to the character of the City. Questions five and six ask respondents if trees pose a fire risk and if they should be removed. Question seven and eight pose questions on tree replacement options (i.e., layout, species). Questions nine and ten ask respondents questions on landscape maintenance at neighborhood entrances. The survey closed with two questions focused on whether respondents would support an assessment increase and implementing a cost inflator to help fund ongoing and future maintenance activities. Highlights of the online survey are highlighted in the following page.

# Key Findings

## LMD 83-1 Takeaways



## LMD 86-1 Takeaways

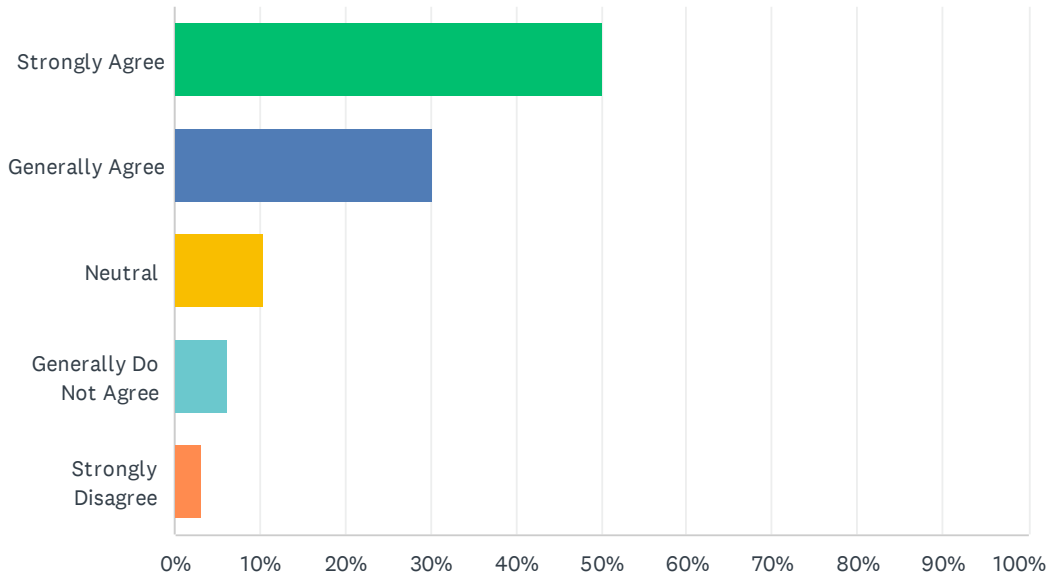


# **LMD 83-1**

## **Survey Results**

## Q1 I am concerned about the condition of the trees along Twin Peaks Road. (One Response Only)

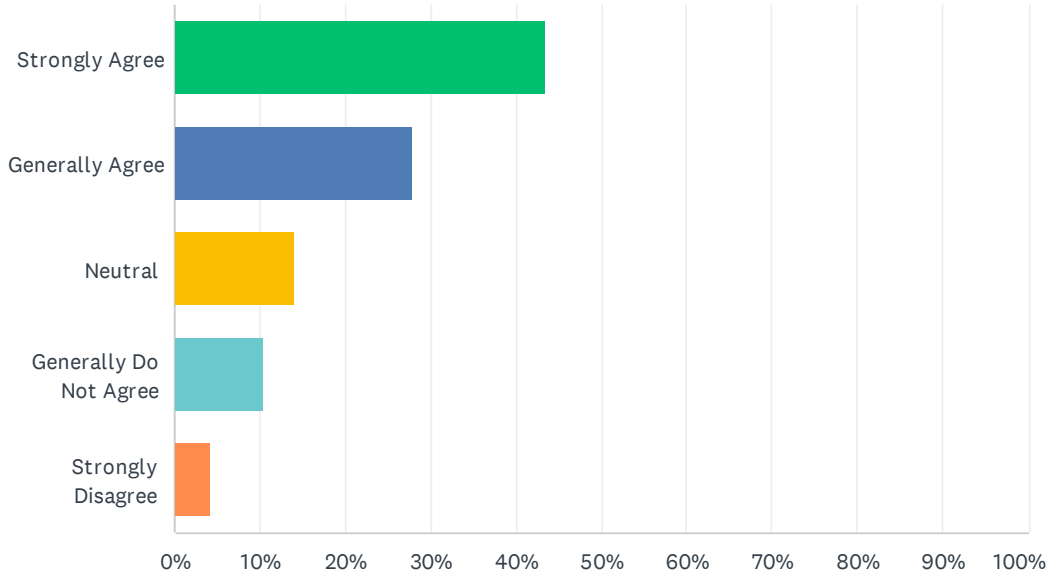
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	50.00%	106
Generally Agree	30.19%	64
Neutral	10.38%	22
Generally Do Not Agree	6.13%	13
Strongly Disagree	3.30%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>212</b>

## Q2 I am concerned about the condition of the landscaping at the entrances to my neighborhood from Twin Peaks Road. (One Response Only)

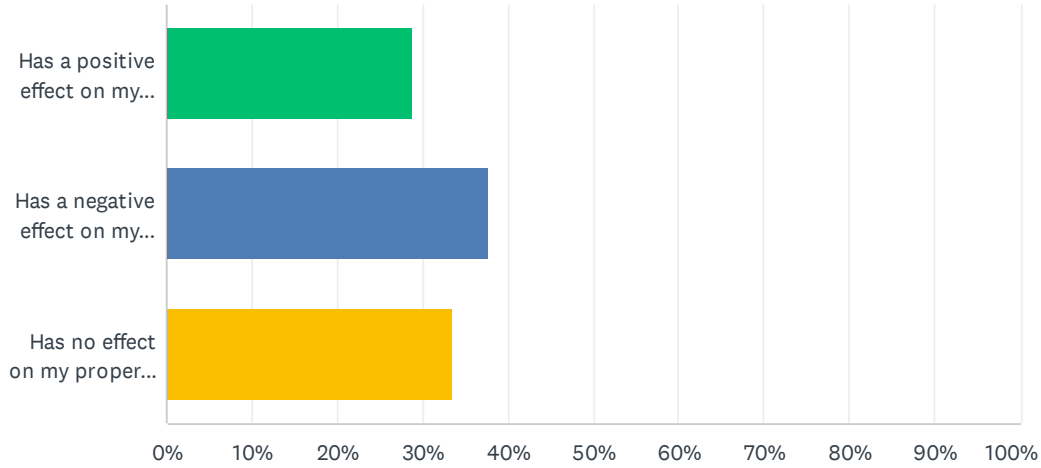
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	43.40%	92
Generally Agree	27.83%	59
Neutral	14.15%	30
Generally Do Not Agree	10.38%	22
Strongly Disagree	4.25%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>212</b>

### Q3 I believe that the current appearance of the landscaping and trees along Twin Peaks Road and at the entrances to my neighborhood: (One Response Only)

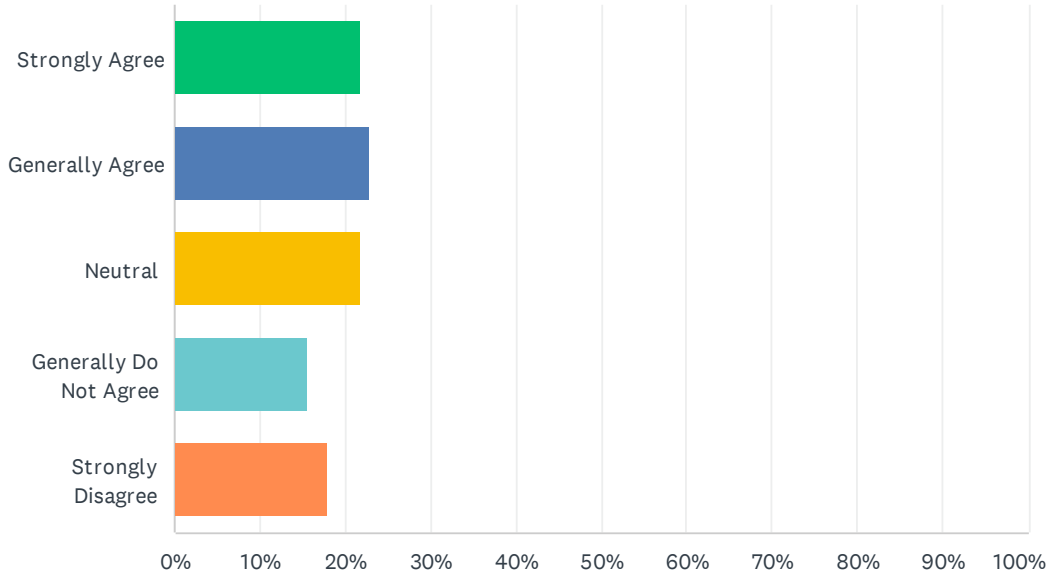
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Has a positive effect on my property value	28.77%	61
Has a negative effect on my property value	37.74%	80
Has no effect on my property value	33.49%	71
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>212</b>

### Q4 The Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road are important to the image or character of Poway and my neighborhood. (One Response Only)

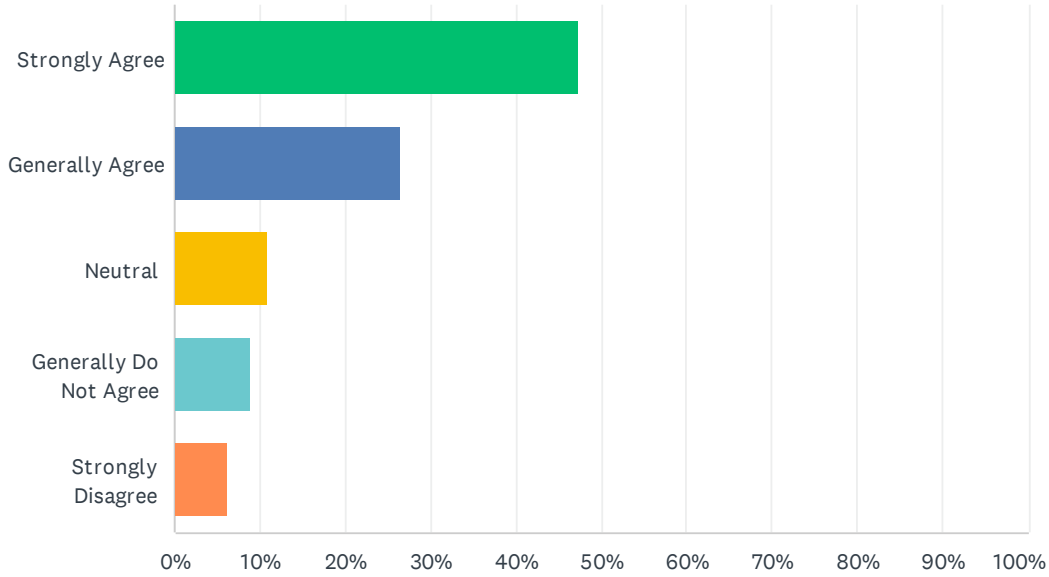
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	21.80%	46
Generally Agree	22.75%	48
Neutral	21.80%	46
Generally Do Not Agree	15.64%	33
Strongly Disagree	18.01%	38
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

## Q5 I am concerned that the Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road present a fire danger and/or falling hazard during high winds. (One Response Only)

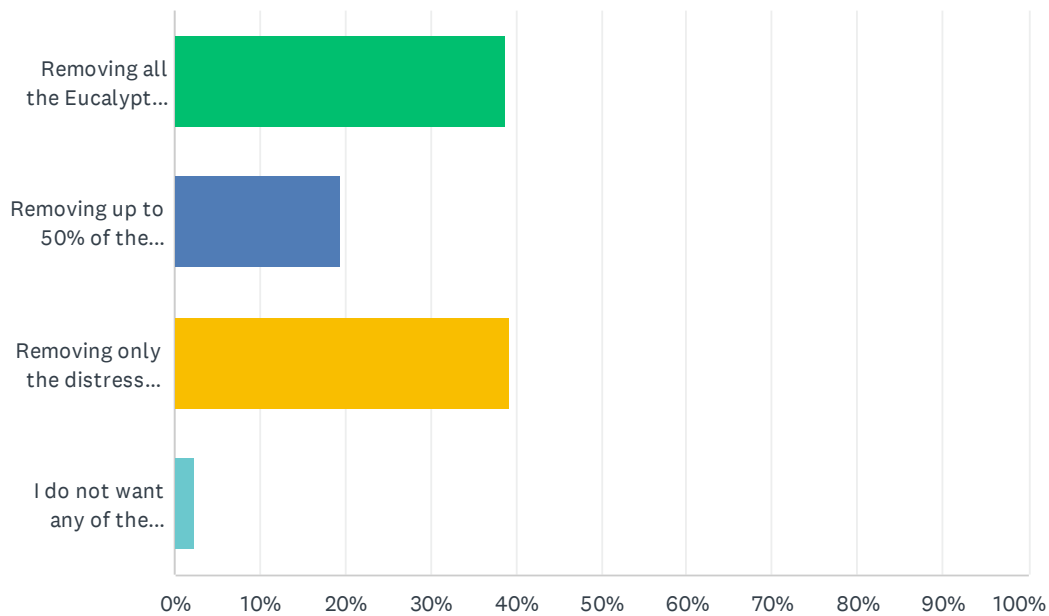
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	47.39%	100
Generally Agree	26.54%	56
Neutral	10.90%	23
Generally Do Not Agree	9.00%	19
Strongly Disagree	6.16%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

Q6 The City of Poway plans to remove diseased, dead, and structurally unsafe Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road in 2022 using funding from a federal Hazardous Tree Mitigation grant. If the City was able to remove even more of the Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road, I would prefer: (One Response Only)

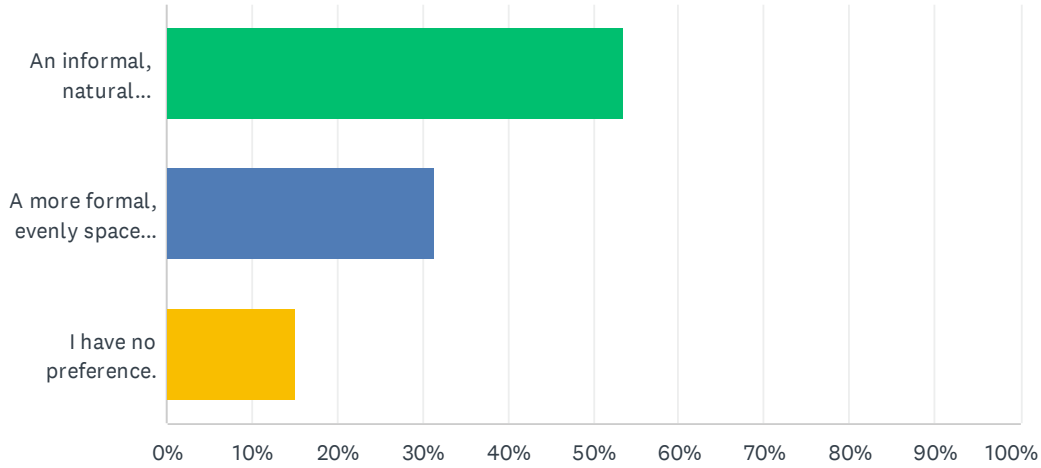
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Removing all the Eucalyptus trees (and replacing some of them with other types of trees)	38.86%	82
Removing up to 50% of the Eucalyptus trees to thin them out	19.43%	41
Removing only the distressed, dead and structurally unsafe Eucalyptus trees as planned	39.34%	83
I do not want any of the Eucalyptus trees removed	2.37%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

### Q7 If the City was to replace some of the removed Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road with other varieties of trees, I would prefer: (One Response Only)

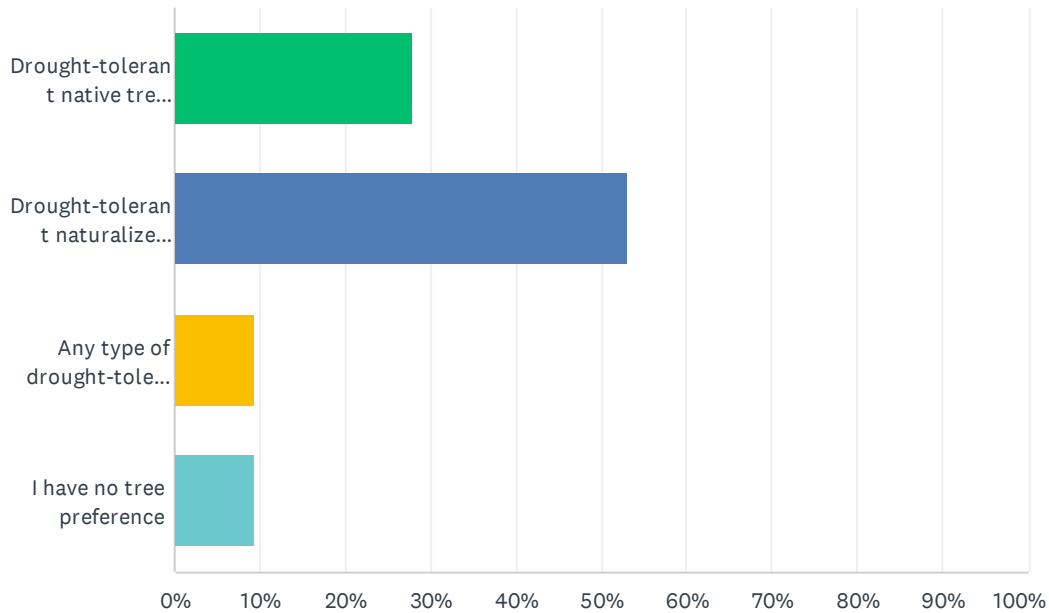
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
An informal, natural distribution of replacement trees	53.55%	113
A more formal, evenly spaced distribution of trees	31.28%	66
I have no preference.	15.17%	32
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

### Q8 If the City was to replace some of the removed Eucalyptus trees along Twin Peaks Road, I would prefer they be replaced with trees that are: (One Response Only)

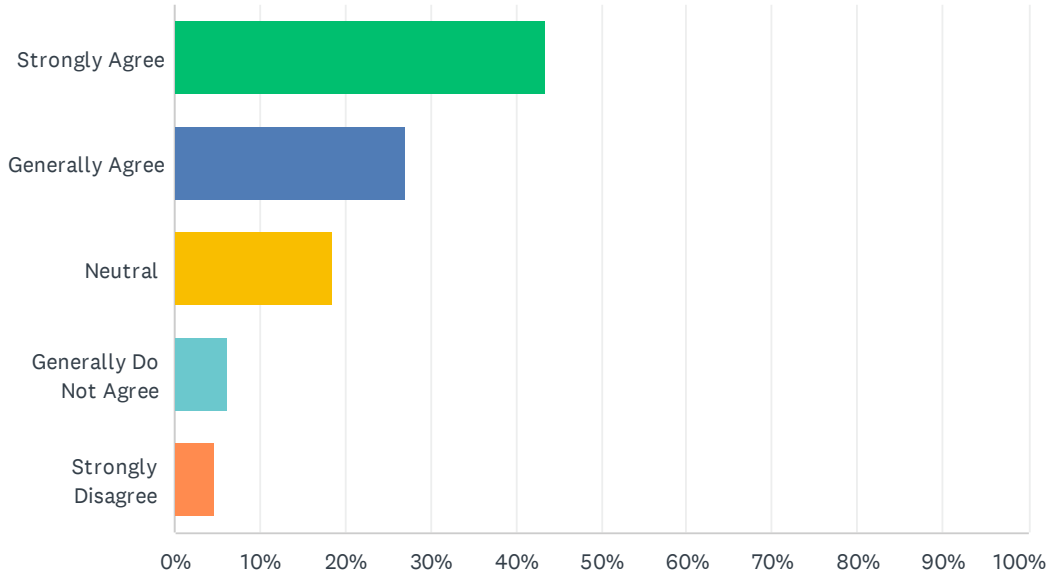
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drought-tolerant native trees that may provide environmental and habitat benefits	27.96%	59
Drought-tolerant naturalized trees that grow well in our climate and are low maintenance	53.08%	112
Any type of drought-tolerant tree	9.48%	20
I have no tree preference	9.48%	20
TOTAL		211

## Q9 I would like to see the landscaping at the neighborhood entrances replaced and/or rehabilitated. (One Response Only)

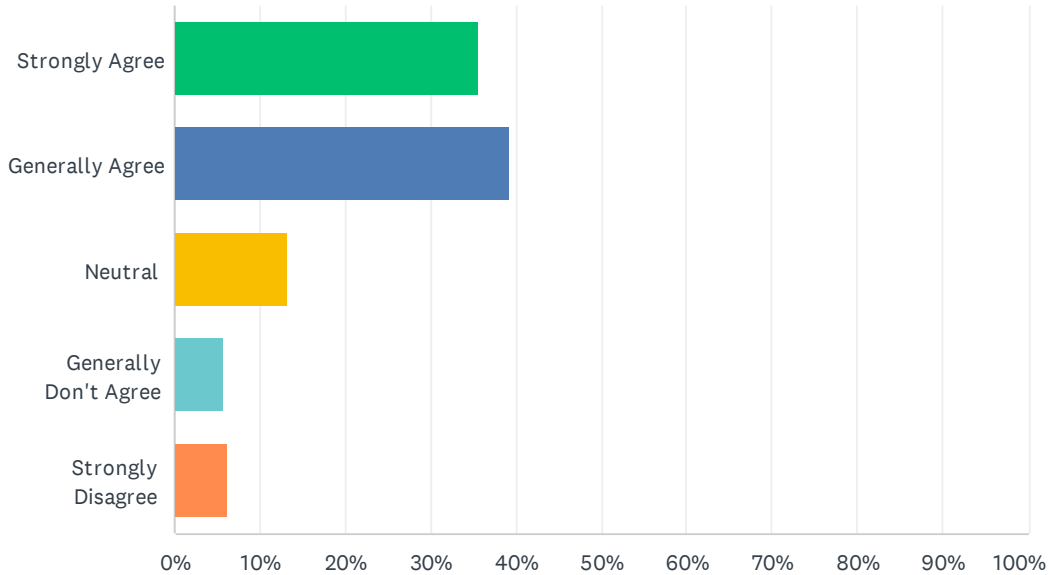
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	43.60%	92
Generally Agree	27.01%	57
Neutral	18.48%	39
Generally Do Not Agree	6.16%	13
Strongly Disagree	4.74%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

**Q10 If the landscaping at the neighborhood entrances was replaced and/or rehabilitated, I would prefer the use of drought tolerant plants and landscaping that could include boulders, rocks, cobble and/or decomposed granite. (One Response Only)**

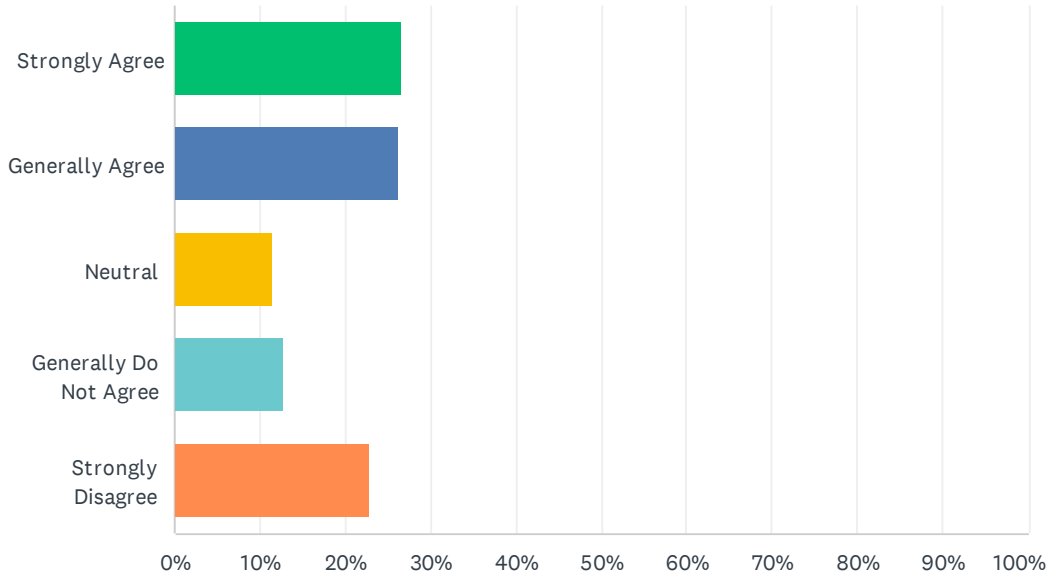
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	35.55%	75
Generally Agree	39.34%	83
Neutral	13.27%	28
Generally Don't Agree	5.69%	12
Strongly Disagree	6.16%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>211</b>

**Q11 I would consider supporting a modest increase in my current assessment if it allows for rehabilitation of my neighborhood entrance landscaping and better maintenance of that landscaping and trees. (One Response Only)**

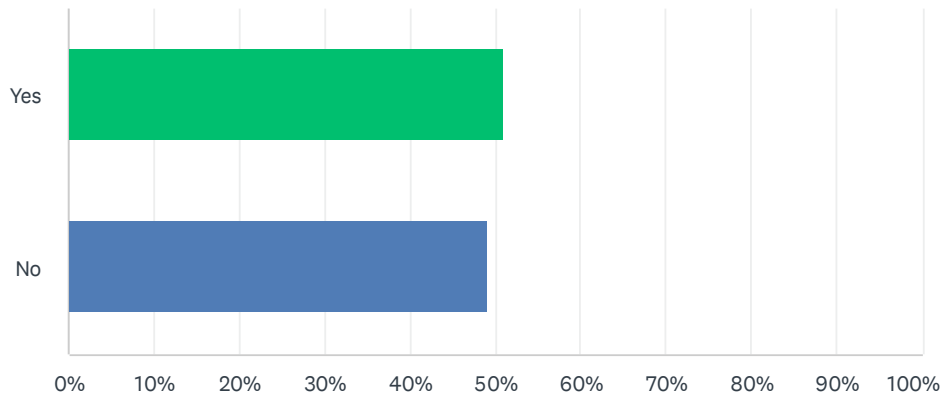
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	26.67%	56
Generally Agree	26.19%	55
Neutral	11.43%	24
Generally Do Not Agree	12.86%	27
Strongly Disagree	22.86%	48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>210</b>

**Q12 In future years, would you support including an annual adjustment to your current LMD assessment linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 3% annually, to support ongoing maintenance of neighborhood entrance landscaping and trees along Twin Peaks Road?  
(One Response Only)**

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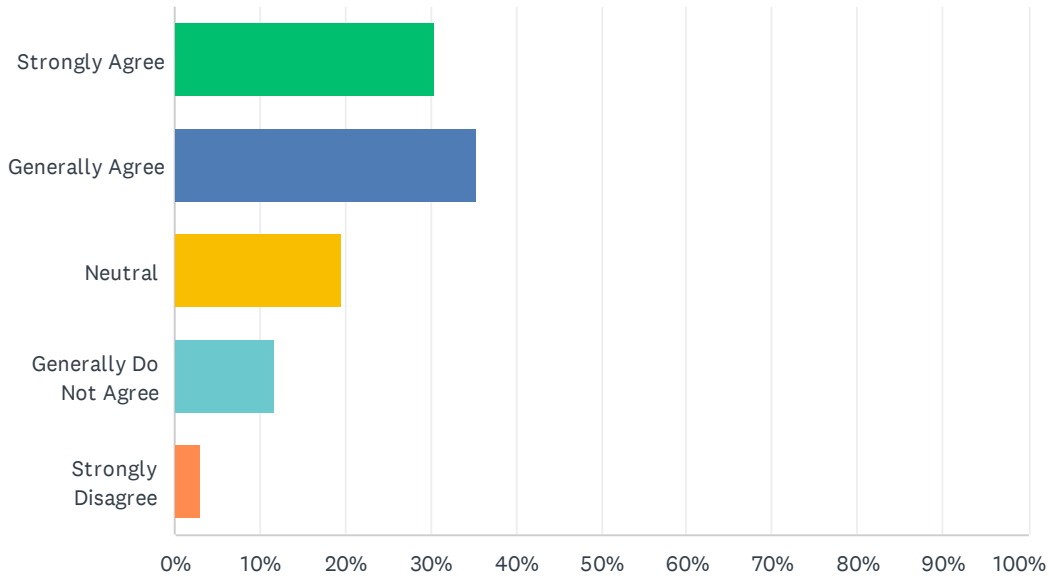
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.95%	107
No	49.05%	103
TOTAL		210

# **LMD 86-1**

# **Survey Results**

## Q1 I am concerned about the condition of the trees along Espola Road. (One Response Only)

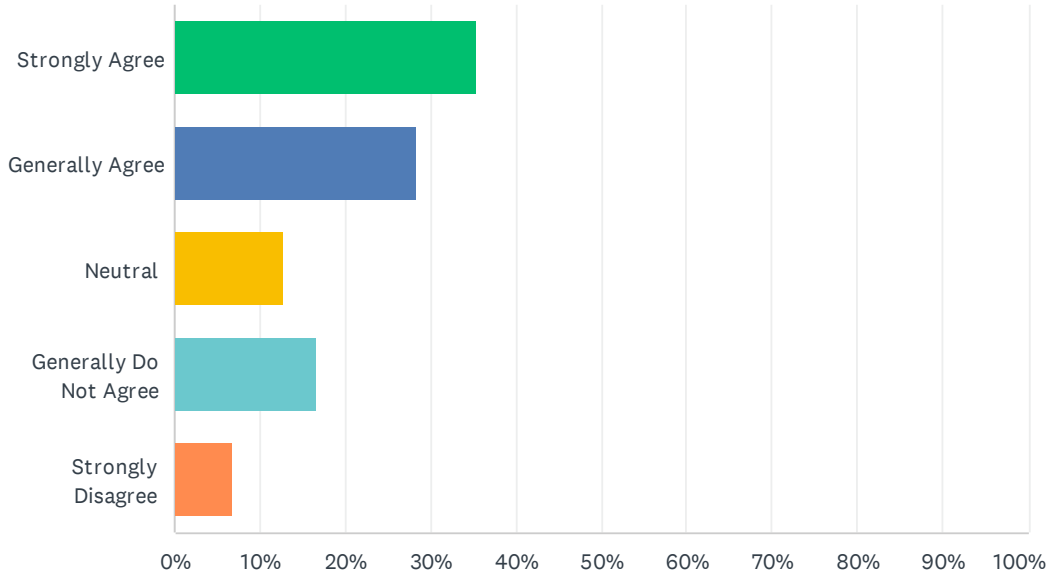
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	30.39%	31
Generally Agree	35.29%	36
Neutral	19.61%	20
Generally Do Not Agree	11.76%	12
Strongly Disagree	2.94%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102</b>

## Q2 I am concerned about the condition of the landscaping at the entrances to my neighborhood from Espola Road. (One Response Only)

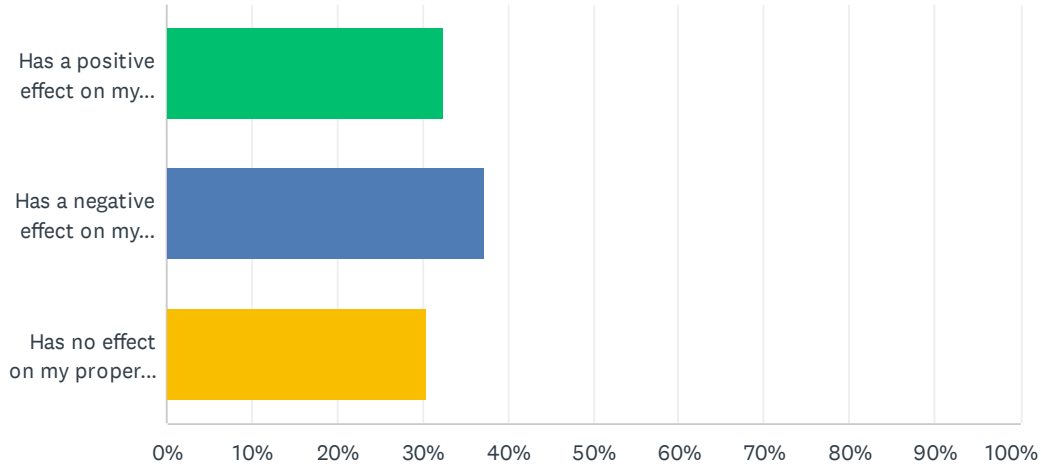
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	35.29%	36
Generally Agree	28.43%	29
Neutral	12.75%	13
Generally Do Not Agree	16.67%	17
Strongly Disagree	6.86%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102</b>

### Q3 I believe that the current appearance of the landscaping and trees along Espola Road and at the entrances to my neighborhood: (One Response Only)

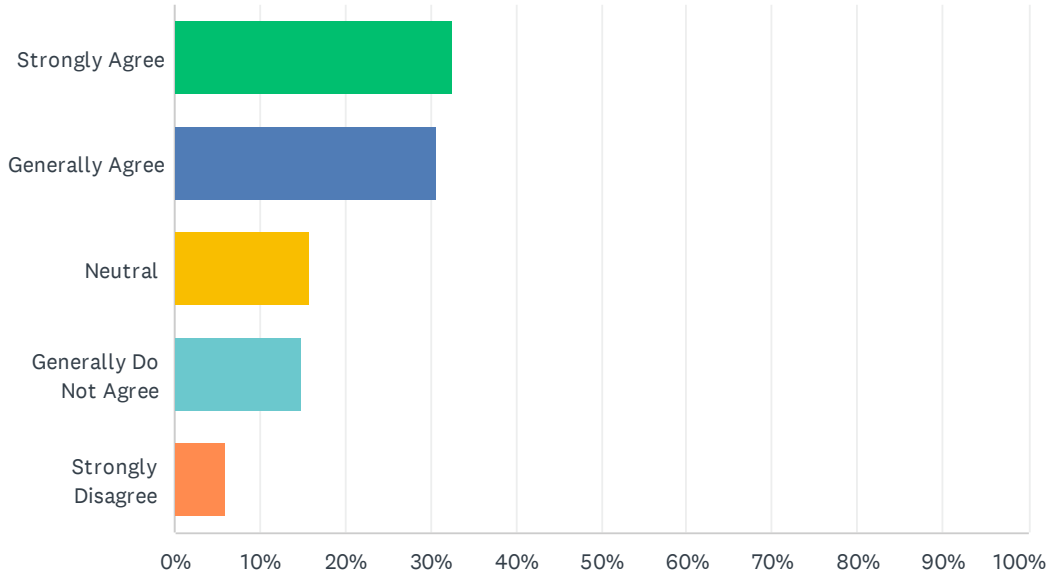
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Has a positive effect on my property value	32.35%	33
Has a negative effect on my property value	37.25%	38
Has no effect on my property value	30.39%	31
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>102</b>

### Q4 The Eucalyptus trees along Espola Road are important to the image or character of Poway and my neighborhood. (One Response Only)

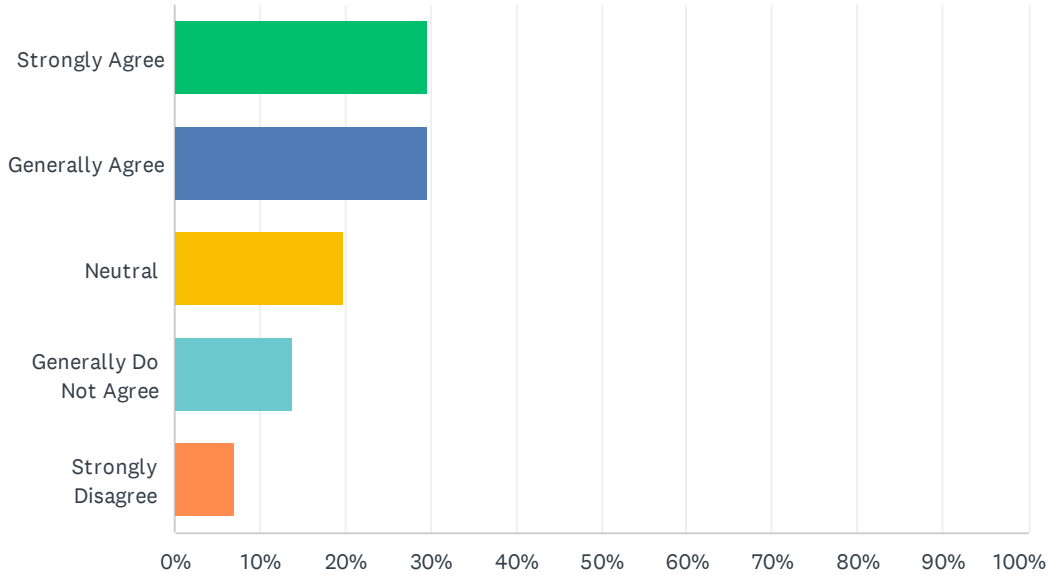
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	32.67%	33
Generally Agree	30.69%	31
Neutral	15.84%	16
Generally Do Not Agree	14.85%	15
Strongly Disagree	5.94%	6
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Q5 I am concerned that the Eucalyptus trees along Espola Road present a fire danger and/or falling hazard during high winds. (One Response Only)

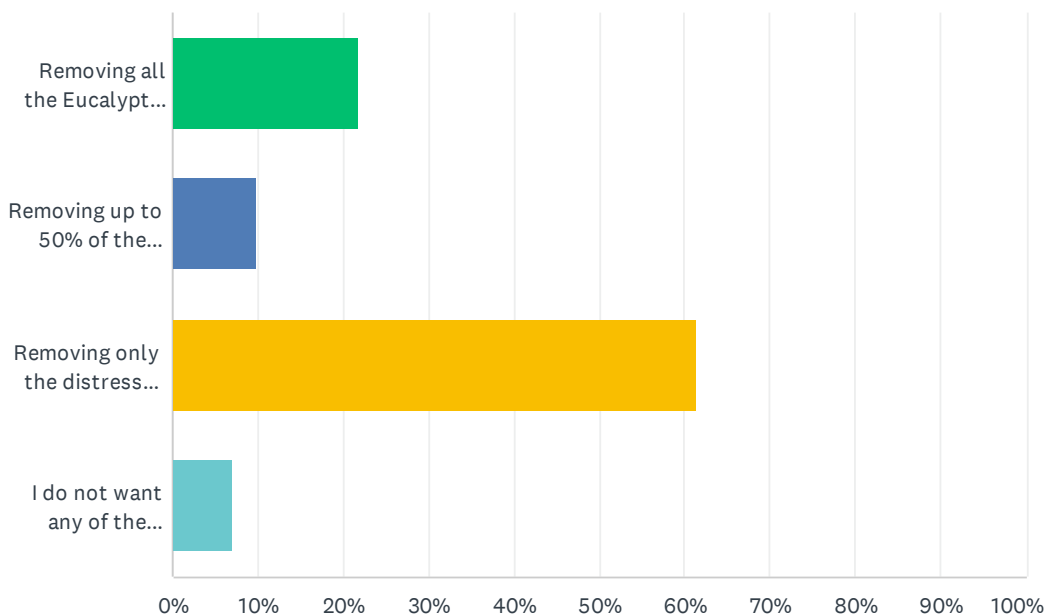
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	29.70%	30
Generally Agree	29.70%	30
Neutral	19.80%	20
Generally Do Not Agree	13.86%	14
Strongly Disagree	6.93%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

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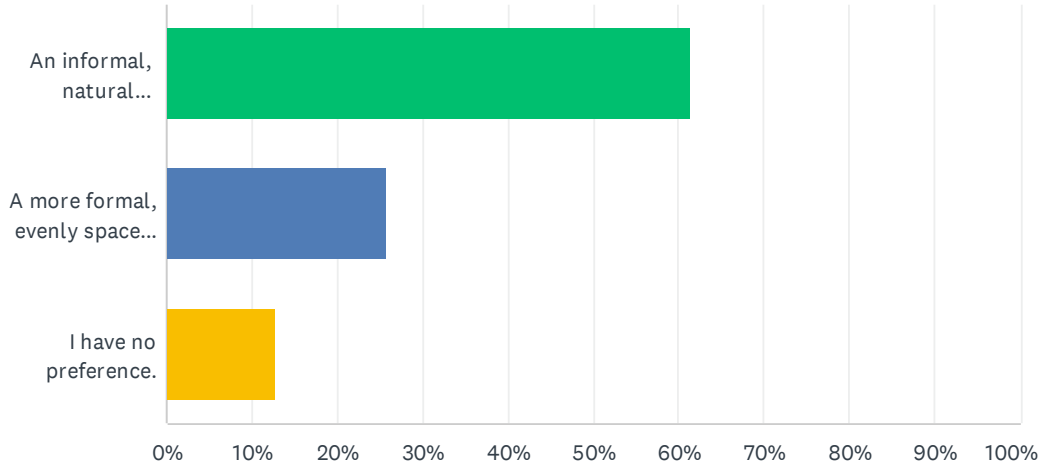
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Removing all the Eucalyptus trees (and replacing some of them with other types of trees)	21.78%	22
Removing up to 50% of the Eucalyptus trees to thin them out	9.90%	10
Removing only the distressed, dead and structurally unsafe Eucalyptus trees as planned	61.39%	62
I do not want any of the Eucalyptus trees removed	6.93%	7
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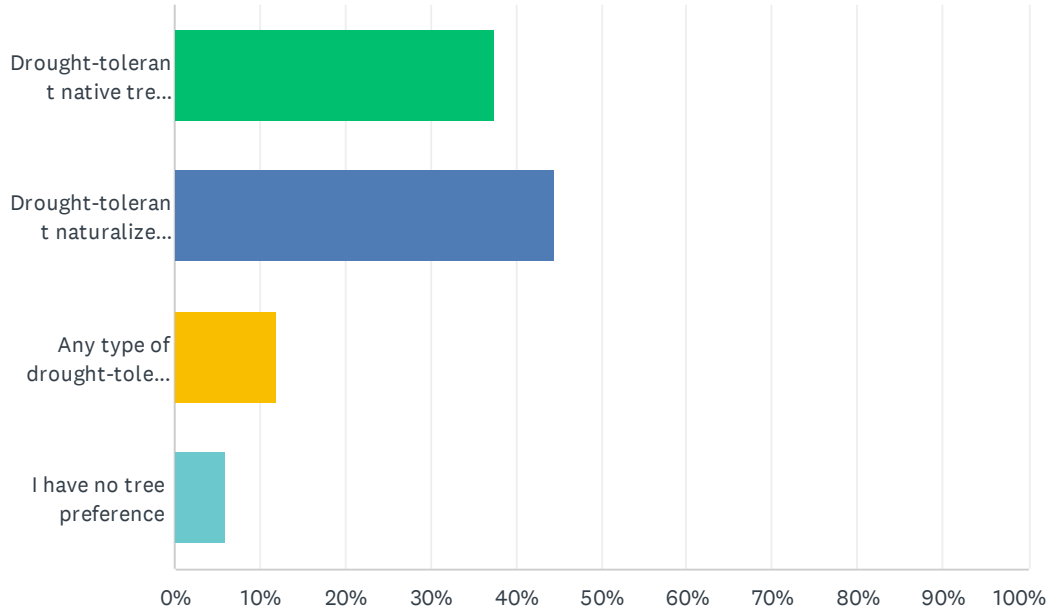
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An informal, natural distribution of replacement trees	61.39%	62
A more formal, evenly spaced distribution of trees	25.74%	26
I have no preference.	12.87%	13
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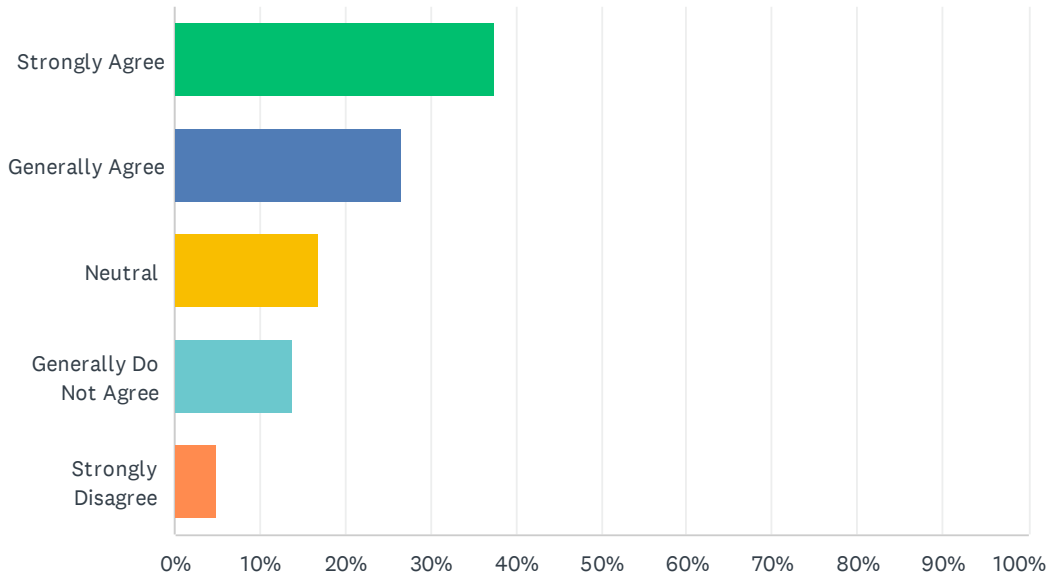
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drought-tolerant native trees that may provide environmental and habitat benefits	37.62%	38
Drought-tolerant naturalized trees that grow well in our climate and are low maintenance	44.55%	45
Any type of drought-tolerant tree	11.88%	12
I have no tree preference	5.94%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

### Q9 I would like to see the landscaping at the neighborhood entrances replaced and/or rehabilitated. (One Response Only)

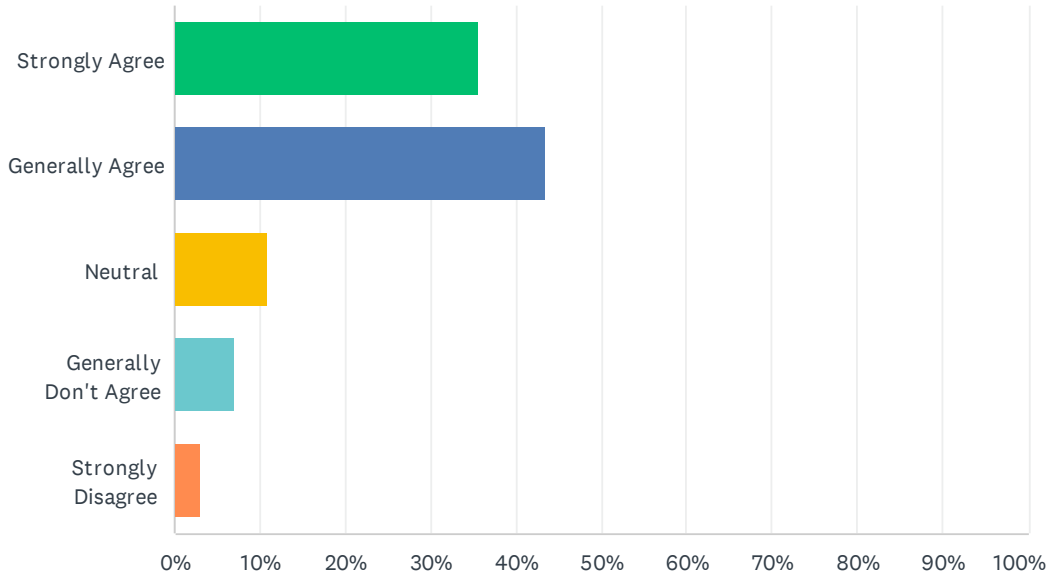
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	37.62%	38
Generally Agree	26.73%	27
Neutral	16.83%	17
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Strongly Disagree	4.95%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

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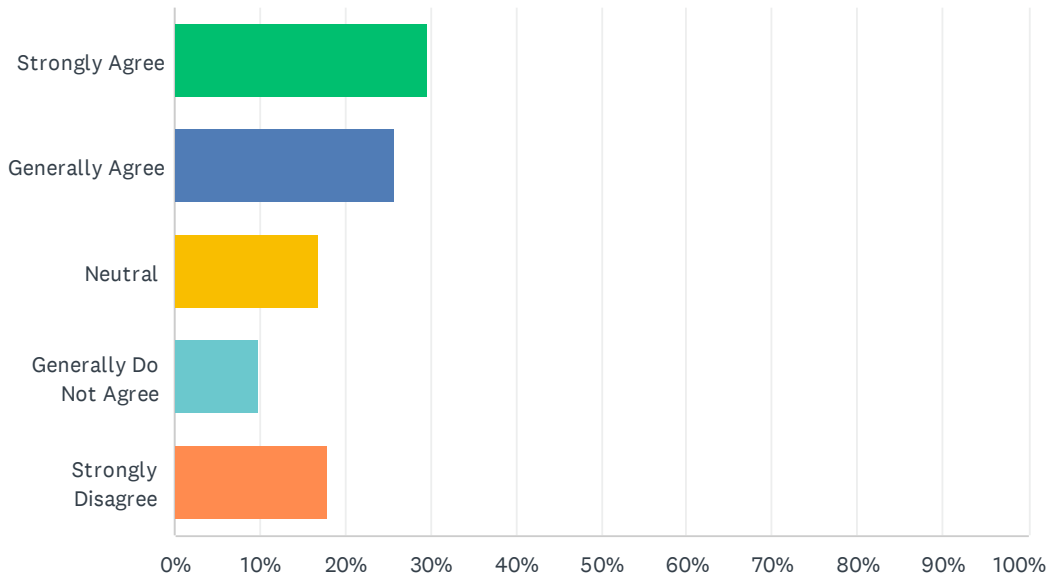
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	35.64%	36
Generally Agree	43.56%	44
Neutral	10.89%	11
Generally Don't Agree	6.93%	7
Strongly Disagree	2.97%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

**Q11 I would consider supporting a modest increase in my current assessment if it allows for rehabilitation of my neighborhood entrance landscaping and better maintenance of that landscaping and trees. (One Response Only)**

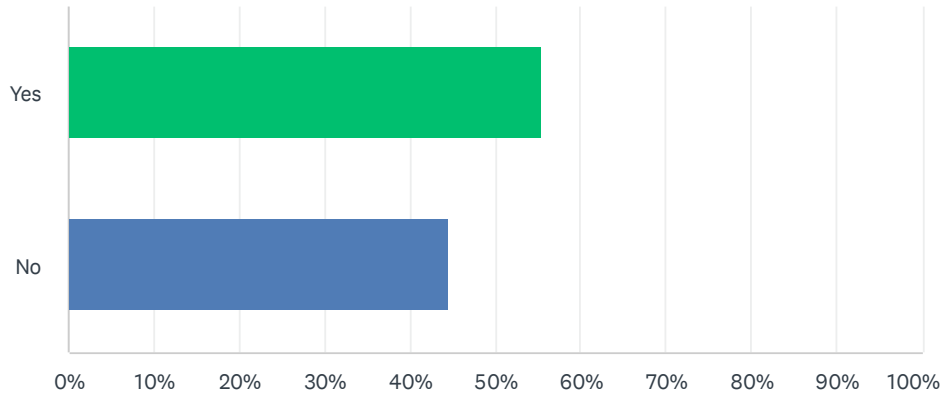
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Strongly Agree	29.70%	30
Generally Agree	25.74%	26
Neutral	16.83%	17
Generally Do Not Agree	9.90%	10
Strongly Disagree	17.82%	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101</b>

**Q12 In future years, would you support including an annual adjustment to your current LMD assessment linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 3% annually, to support ongoing maintenance of neighborhood entrance landscaping and trees along Espola Road?(One Response Only)**

Answered: 101 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.45%	56
No	44.55%	45
TOTAL		101