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Canopy Partnership at Bubb Update

March 20, 2025





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Background

- At the November 7th, 2024 meeting, the Board approved a \$20,000 contract with Canopy to plant trees ahead of the Outdoor Learning Project.
- Since the initial Board approval, Canopy, the District and the City have gathered feedback from parents, staff, and community.
- The City has partnered with the District and Canopy by providing their support as well as offering to adjust irrigation for the trees.

Planting Hope

At Canopy, we believe that expanding the urban forest is so much more than just planting trees – it's an act of hope.

We aim to **spark a movement** where community members join gloves to invest in their wellbeing, joy, and resilience in our changing climate. We hope you join us in this movement to foster a lifetime of environmental stewardship, care, and advocacy in your students.

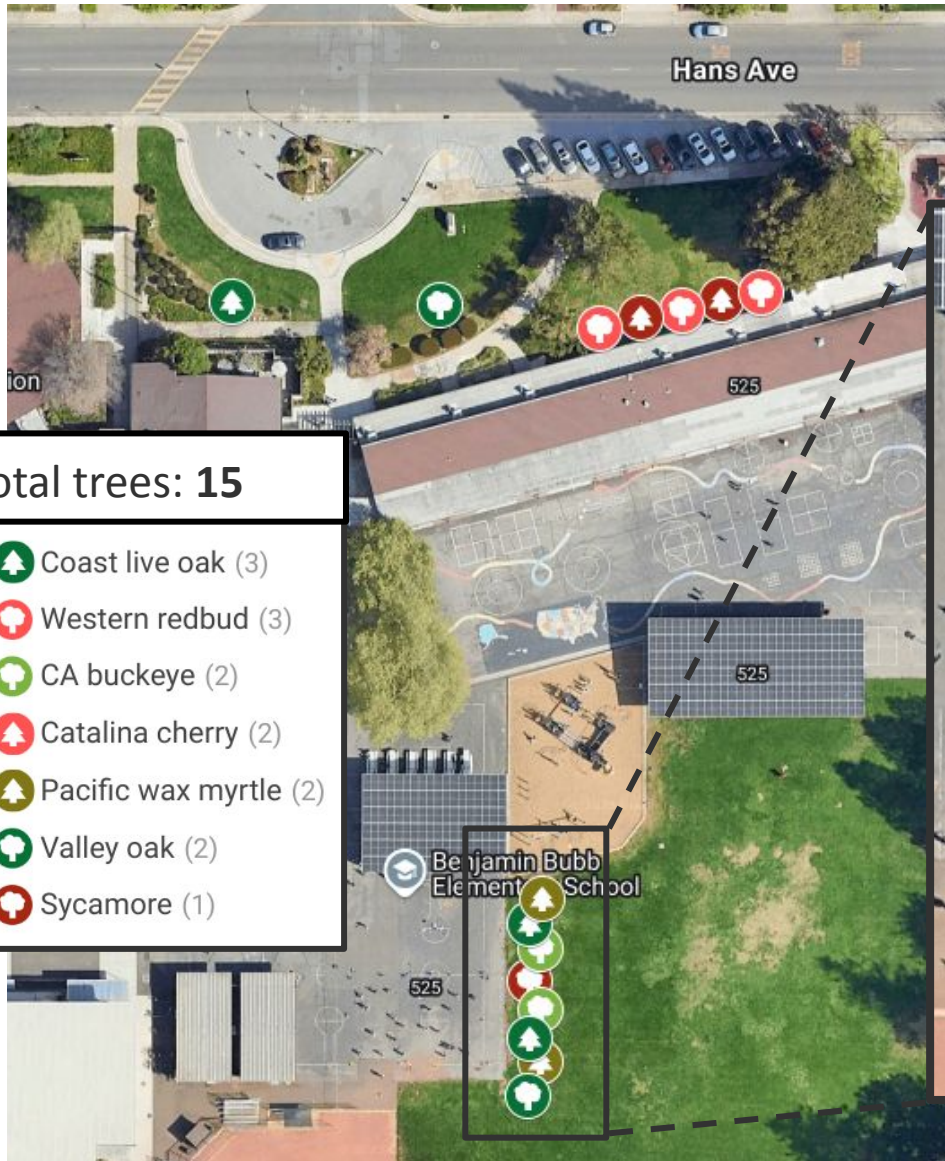


Bubb Elementary





Bubb Elementary Canopy Planting Plan - March 2025



Total trees: 15

- Coast live oak (3)
- Western redbud (3)
- CA buckeye (2)
- Catalina cherry (2)
- Pacific wax myrtle (2)
- Valley oak (2)
- Sycamore (1)



In outlined planting area, grass will be removed and replaced by mulch

Our Plan

- 15 trees at first to create a successful process
- Number of trees would allow Canopy to care for them for three years and stay within the pre-approved budget.
- Lessons learned from this process will feed future greening projects in the District

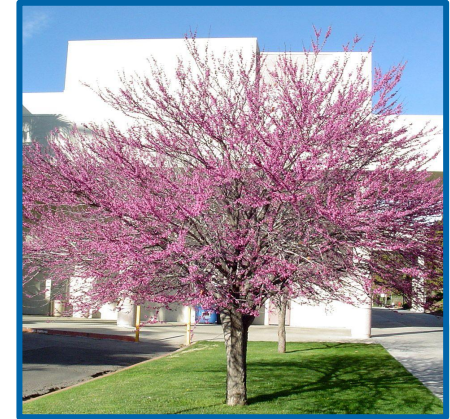
Suggested Species Examples



Coast Live Oak



Valley Oak



Western Redbud



Hollyleaf Cherry



Blue Elderberry



Pacific Wax Myrtle

How We Got Here

- 3 walkthroughs
- 7+ meetings with City, District, community
- 1 community listening session





Welcome!

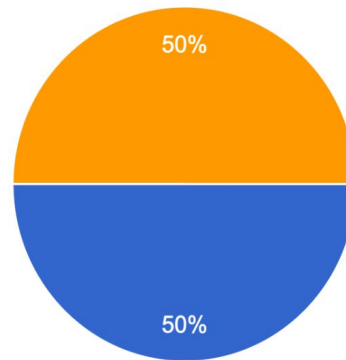
Community Listening Session for Bubb Elementary Tree Planting Day

JP Renaud, Executive Director
Aubrey Knier, Tree Programs Manager

Results

How are you associated with Bubb Elementary?

6 responses



- I am a parent
- I am a member of the staff
- I access the campus when it is open to the public
- I use the field to play sports

What are your thoughts on adding more trees at Bubb Elementary?

6 responses

Amazing idea

Yes please!!!

I am highly supportive of adding more trees at bubb

In general positive. However it seems like so many trees. Are they all necessary?

Please. We've lost so many and it's sad that the unwritten policy of the district is that they don't have to add trees back at the site they were removed from and that other sites could get them instead.

As old trees die or are damaged in storms, I think it important that they are replaced.

Benefits of Trees in Schools

- Schoolyards offer a rare and significant opportunity for adapting to a changed climate
- Planting trees in schoolyards cools the immediate environment, provides essential shade, improves air quality, and creates more inviting spaces for children to engage with nature.
- A well-shaded campus can reduce surface temperatures by as much as 20 degrees Fahrenheit
- Trees cool the air around them by about 7 degrees
- In this dense urban matrix, foresting schools can not only mean that we're doing right by the students and teachers on campus, but by the communities neighboring them

Why this Matters



Next Steps

- Canopy has identified end of April/beginning of May to hold the planting and community engagement day – before planting season ends.
- After trees are planted, Canopy will provide tree care for the next 3 years for the 15 trees planted.

Long Term Partnership Possibilities

- The district and Canopy are exploring a long term partnership for all school sites that is similar to Bubb's pilot.
- Canopy ISA-certified arborist staff member dedicated to MVWSD urban forest that:
 - Coordinates hands on fieldwork for students and community members at volunteer engagement events
 - Position would be deeply embedded with school staff to ensure cooperation and knowledge sharing/maintenance staff training
 - Engages with community to conduct a district-wide tree inventory
 - Conducts annual health and replacement assessments



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Questions