



## Woodland awards money for trees and housing

Without any debate, Woodland's City Council is providing \$2,500 each to two organizations which plant trees and get people homes.

The city was recently awarded \$5,000 as part of the 2016 Mayor's Climate Protection Awards program of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

As part of the program, the city needed to identify one or more nonprofit groups as beneficiaries. Money is provided from the Walmart Foundation, the program's sponsor.

The council authorized the funds to be split between the Woodland Tree Foundation and Mutual Housing California, as recommended by Senior Planner Dan Sokolow.

The council approved the request as part of its consent calendar, which is reserved for non-controversial or otherwise routine matters.

According to Sokolow, the U.S. Conference of Mayors honored Woodland and seven other cities during the 2016 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards this past June, after it was submitted by Councilman Tom Stallard.

"Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this year's mayors' awards program recognizes mayors for their energy and climate protection efforts, selected by an independent panel of judges from a pool of mayoral applicants," Sokolow explained in a report to the council. "Woodland received an honorable mention for the 2,400 Trees Campaign."

Included in the city's 2020 Climate Action Plan is the goal of "increasing the city's tree canopy 50 percent above the 2010 canopy coverage. Measures in the plan include planting 8,500 trees over seven years," noted Sokolow. "The 2,400 Trees Campaign, a communitywide effort including community Arbor Day plantings, various city improvements, planting requirements for new development, resident plantings using city rebates, and a Neighborhood Shade Tree Program led by the city's partner, the Woodland Tree Foundation."

Additionally, the Conference of Mayors also recognized the city's support for the Mutual Housing California multifamily community, the first truly net-zero multifamily housing development in the U.S.

The community was finished in mid-2015 in the Spring Lake area and provides 61 units of permanent housing for agricultural workers and is the first rental housing development to receive Zero Energy Ready Home certification from the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Sokolow reported the Tree Foundation intends to use the money to continue planting shade trees in Woodland, while Mutual will use its share to provide for the installation of an animal sculpture made of recycled metal parts in an outdoor common area of Mutual Housing at Spring Lake.