



**District Grant Report**

Rotary Club: San Clemente Rotary

Project Title: San Clemente Urban Forest – Arbor Day – Grant Number P-5215

☐ Progress Report ☒ Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

San Clemente Rotary donated \$1625 (including the district grant of \$625) to the City of San Clemente for the purchase of trees to plant around the city. The city decides on the location. As a Tree City USA member, the city needs to have an Urban Forest Plan and accounting of trees in the city. The trees need to be planted in public areas where all can appreciate them. In the past they have been planted in parks and public schools, but this year, they decided to plant 50 trees at the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course. Most of these trees line a street along a fairway that is adjacent to a street with homes. These trees not only add to the beauty of the golf course but also protect the cars and homes from random golf balls.

A total of 50 trees were purchased for this event – all Ficus Nitida trees. This grant helped purchase these trees.

Rotarians, along with members of the San Clemente Garden Club, Citizen's Climate Education groups and City Council members and public citizens participated in the Arbor Day tree planting on April 26, 2025. The city and their landscape teams dug the holes where the trees were to be planted and assisted the groups in planting the trees. Twenty trees were planted along the street and the other 30 were planted in other areas of the golf course.

The public will benefit from this project including golfers, residents near the Municipal Golf Course, and citizens in general will benefit from the oxygen given off by these trees.

Please see photos of the project included with this report.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

Of the volunteer attendee list recorded, 33 total people were participating, of that number, 14 were Rotarians (see attendee sheets attached).

This number does not include the city landscape workers or councilmembers.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

Rotarians set up a table with information about the benefits of trees and the Urban Forest project along with Clean California Community designation information. A Rotarian member manned this table during the event and solicited participants to sign our attendance sheet.

They also answered questions and maintained the documents available for pick up.

Other volunteers helped plant the trees – which included digging out the dirt of the pre-dug holes (backfilled prior for safety reasons), put fertilizer into the hole, helped put the trees into the holes, added root barriers to the hole, and filled the holes with new soil.

All twenty trees were planted prior to the rain spoiling the process, but it did not last long and after the rain the final trees were planted.

See photos included in this report.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

The whole city will benefit from the project, so that is approximately 63,000 citizens. But San Clemente attracts many visitors so that number is minimal. Especially being at a golf course, many non-Rotarians will benefit as will the homeowners along the fairway.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

Obvious benefits of an Urban Forest include oxygen and providing shade, but there are many other benefits: Providing habitats for birds, mammals and insects, filtering pollutants, regulating waterflow, improves physical and mental health, reducing the use of air conditioners, increases urban biodiversity, increases property values, and reduce ozone levels.

Not to mention, but they are beautiful!

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

The Arbor Day event is a City of San Clemente event. They decided where the trees would be planted, when the event would take place, and did the heavy landscape work. The benefactors of the event (San Clemente Rotary, San Clemente Garden Club, and Citizen's Climate Education) donated the funds to purchase the trees and equipment used at the event.

**Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!**

| 7. Income  |  | Amount |
|--|--|--------|
| 1. District Grant funds approved by the District |  | \$ 625 |
| 2. Club contribution                             |  | \$1000 |
| 3. Other funding (specify)                       |  |        |
| Total Project Income                             |  | \$1625 |

| 8. Expenditures – please be specific and add lines as needed – receipts must be attached |  |        |
|--|--|--------|
| 1. Funds Donated to the City of San Clemente for tree purchase (see attached)            |  | \$1625 |
| 2.   |  |        |
| 3.   |  |        |
| 4.   |  |        |
| 5.   |  |        |
| 6.   |  |        |
| Total Project Expenditures   |  | \$1625 |

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature



Date: May 2, 2025

Print name, Rotary title, and club

Melinda Lester, Environmental Chair – San Clemente Rotary

**From:** Fields, Brian FieldsB@san-clemente.org   
**Subject:** Arbor Day Donation  
**Date:** March 21, 2025 at 9:46 AM  
**To:** melindalester@me.com  
**Cc:** Little, Randy littler@san-clemente.org

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Ms. Laster,

Thank you for your donation to the City of San Clemente, Arbor Day. The San Clemente Rotary donation of \$1625 has been received. This will help purchase approximately 50 Ficus Nitida. The plan is to plant a minimum of 50 trees along the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway at the San Clemente Municipal Golf Course.

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San Clemente  
**Rotary**



Event ARBOR DAY

Date 4/26/25

| Volunteer Name      | Rotarian?  | Contact Information | Hours |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|-------|
| LYNN B. LESTER      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| MELINIA LESTER      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Robert Burns        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Larry Burbridge     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Christian Teckler   | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| LAUREN BARN         | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Mary Mohr           | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Lanni Kramer        | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Amanda Quintanilla  | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Michael Quintanilla | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Jim Probst          | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Donna Vidrine       | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Warren Vidrine      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Karl Reitz          | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Mary Breskue        | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Chris James         | <input type="radio"/> Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N |                     |       |
| Patricia Holloway   | <input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N            |                     |       |





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|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Kathy Wade        | Y (N)     | Kathywade409@gmail.com         |       |
| Garrett Wade      | Y (N)     | Garrettwade222@gmail.com       |       |
| Curren Wade       | Y (N)     | currenwade@gmail.com           |       |
| Jehova Quezada    | Y (N)     | hova.quezada@gmail.com         |       |
| Mark Enmeier      | Y (N)     | enmeierm@san-clemente.org      |       |
| Rick Terrazano    | (Y) N     | ricktz@sbcglobal.net           |       |
| Mawreen Terrazano | (Y) N     | moterr@u                       | v     |
| Steve Bauman      | Y (N)     | Stevebauman@live.com           |       |
| Cindy MacInnikar  | Y (N)     | cimmo1@yahoo.com               |       |
| Jeanette Thomas   | Y (N)     | Launa Gould                    |       |
| Richard Rodriguez | Y (N)     | rick@rickthompson.com          |       |
| MAX CASTANEDA     | Y (N)     | maxcastaneda.mile@gmail.com    |       |
| AIAN ADAMO        | (Y) N     | aian-adamo@gmail.com           |       |
| MARILYN ADAMS     | (Y) N     | marilyn.adams@gmail.com        |       |
| Lynn Delanty      | (Y) N     | rdelanty@cox.net               |       |
| TYLER BODEN       | (Y) N     | TYLER@BODENENERGYSOLUTIONS.COM |       |
|                   | Y N       |                                |       |



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING



**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 | 9 AM - 12PM**  
**SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE @ HOLE #5**

150 E AVENIDA MAGDALENA, SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92672

(Hole #5 is located at intersection of Avenida San Luis Rey  
and Avenida Santa Margarita)

**Please join the City of San Clemente  
in planting Ficus Nitida trees!**

**All necessary tools, gloves, and water will be  
provided.**



## **DIRECTIONS:**

**To SC Municipal Golf Course Hole # 5:**

**South on I-5 Freeway.**

**Take El Camino Real exit.**

**Left on ECR and go 1 mile.**

**Left (inland) on San Luis Rey.**

**Signs will guide you.**

**On-street parking is available.**

**For those who would like to help plant, bring a hat,  
sunscreen, and any tools you wish. City will dig large holes  
and provide shovels, gloves, and water.**

**Questions? Contact Patricia at [pat13holloway@gmail.com](mailto:pat13holloway@gmail.com).**

