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Bay Area	3	4	No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage	A little	A little	A lot	None	A little	Several times per year	Every quarter	Never	Never	Never	Never	How to motivate them to work with us.	When we do work with planners (city, not county), they have been wonderful.	Continue to plan/design sidewalks with trees in mind.		
Bay Area	4	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), View blocking	A little	A little	A little	A little	A little	Several times per year	Every month	Never	Never	Never	Every month	I think that our city is becoming more open to advertising trees as environmentally important.	Persevere	Trees are an important part of a vital environment.		
Bay Area	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Apathy	A little	Quite a bit	A lot	A little	A lot	Several times per year	N/A	Never	Never	Never	N/A	The more the better	Funding. Urban Forestry for People in a Hurry was a great success--thanks Cindy!--we just need to shift our attention to doing these type of events--funding would help us make that shift.	Don't try to do it on your own--we need these professionals to be connecting with the tree expertise within their communities.		
Bay Area	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Residents don't want trees in their yards	A lot	A little	A lot	A little	A little	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	Nothing	We have an issue with getting concrete cut and it can hamper how many trees we can plant. We have a remodeling project for a teen center and they want 17 trees planted but we are trying to figure out how we can get the concrete cut.	Our biggest issue is getting maintenance included in all new projects. The City does not have the man power to do maintenance and it why Richmond Trees does do maintenance to all the trees we plant.		
Bay Area	3	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	A little	None	A little	A little	A lot	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Better understand current city/county policies and where the roadblocks are		important to clearly demonstrate the value		

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Bay Area	4	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance	A little	None	None	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Please consider fruiting trees where possible, so orgs providing maintenance can help fund this maintenance without sole reliance on maintenance contracts/funding	Please consider fruiting trees where possible, so orgs providing maintenance can help fund this maintenance without sole reliance on maintenance contracts/funding	Please consider fruiting trees where possible, so orgs providing maintenance can help fund this maintenance without sole reliance on maintenance contracts/funding	
Bay Area	4	5	Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), two fold, no dedicated funding for the PLANTING of street trees (limited funds currently), secondly, resistance on the part of homeowners on having a tree in front of their home	Quite a bit	A little	A lot	Quite a bit	A lot	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Every month	Possibly examples of success that other similar organizations have had in dealing with urban planners and design folks	I spoke to this at a meeting two years ago. I can send you the talk.	same as above.		

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Bay Area	4	3	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees	None	A little	A lot	None	A little	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Nothing comes to mind, I have not had a lot of problems speaking with urban planners and arborists in the Bay Area. It can take a while for them to respond, but I am usually able to find their contact info online or through some of our other contacts.	Everyone I have spoken to seems united in knowing what we need to do to expand the Urban Forest in the East Bay, but there are some serious limitations. The lack of planting sites and the lack of trained staff to maintain the trees is a big issue for us as we look to plant more in the future. I think a focus needs to be placed on job training and informing the public that there are good paying jobs available to people who have tree maintenance skills. We need to encourage people to work in these fields and to then fund the departments that maintain trees.	There is a lot of wasted space in many road diets that I see all around the East Bay. Many new roads have trees in medians and sidewalks, but I would encourage urban planners / developers to look beyond the typical "median or sidewalk" zone for new trees. For example, many new traffic circles are springing up and the city is reaching out to communities to see if they can find people to maintain a garden in the circle, but when no one volunteers they make it concrete. Why not plant a tree or two, they require less maintenance and can still offer a lot to the intersection. Also, plant more than just 3 species of trees.  I also think there needs to be a mechanism for matching nonprofits who are eager to plant with organizations or locations that could accommodate trees. Having youth plant trees is great PR for any developer or government agency, so why not let people be involved in the process instead of always relying on contractors? Our volunteer do it for free!	

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Bay Area	1	1	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage, Lack of automated irrigation, Residents don't want trees in their yards	None	None	A little	None	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Knowing that they are willing to work with me on Urban Forestry Project and understanding on their part that we can collaborate together.		Not sure.	
Bay Area	4	5	Business owner resistance, Residents don't want trees in their yards	None	None	A little	N/A	N/A	Never	Every quarter	Several times per year	Never	Several times per year	Every quarter	benefits of trees as part of infrastructure of city	know your tree ordinance and stormwater permit requirements	Trees benefit water quality and deserve more City maintenance funds.		
Central Coast	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	A little	A little	A little	A little	A little	Several times per year	Several times per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	Several times per year	How to correct past misconceptions about our work with trees, i.e get a third party to help reset relationships.	A city can say all the right things and still not be tree friendly. It depends on how low you want to set the bar if you want to continue to negotiate	Urban forest advocates who have been in the field a long time carry both positive and negative history that can cloud effective new relationships.		
Central Coast	4	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Business owner resistance, Residents don't want trees in their yards, Residents don't want trees in the sidewalk front of their houses	A lot	A little	Quite a bit	None	A lot	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	more information about trees species, Benefits, and best locations	ensure the trees that are given to the cities / nonprofits are more than a few species and think about the benefits the trees can provide to the wild life and not only on the shade.	I live in an area in Long Beach that it will be one of the most affected by heat wave from the climate change. My idea is for the city to implement some regulations for people to accept and maintain the street trees. At this point it is about the community as a whole and not about the individuals preferences.		
Central Coast	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	None	N/A	A little	None	None	Never	Every quarter	Never	Never	Never	Every quarter	Information showing how other cities have successfully worked with tree groups	Trees provide long-term benefits that are not always visible early on.	Most progressive cities around the world are phasing out car priorities in favor of people. People need trees and trees need people.		

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Central Valley	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Residents don't want trees in their yards	A little	A little	A little	None	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Hard data about the value trees contribute as compared to the costs of maintaining them and repairing any damage they cause	I was planning director for a small city for nearly 10 years and worked in planning for about 20. Often it is the public works and building inspection folks who need to be educated about the value of trees and ensuring that required street trees actually get planted. Too often trees are viewed as a nuisance that messes up sidewalks and curbs	At least in this area of the San Joaquin Valley many cities rely on consultants for planning and building services. They need to be included in the discussion	
Central Valley	2	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage	None	None	None	None	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	public facing website of tree inventory and tree mapping data. Ability to input data brings "buy-in" to the process.	Maintenance of existing canopy is important. Development planning scaled to MATURE tree size needs to be of primary concern at project inception stage. Explore different species for forest diversity and resiliency. (Utilize UFEI application) Have a utilization plan in place at the beginning of a tree life cycle.	re think basic infrastructure to include natural open areas which benefit services like recreation and health, and water-capture. Be smart about using and concentrating solar on top of existing commercial structures , not house by house. Examine the value trees provide in existing urban areas and see how that increases value compared to low- canopy areas.	
Central Valley	5	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, City Government	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	A little	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Many of the above positions are simply don't function well.	Ca Releaf has been the Flagship in California	Do a better job reaching out to Organizations that are watching the Valleys go under rooftops.□	

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Central Valley	3	3	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage, Lack of automated irrigation, Staffing for Urban Forestry Dept -	None	None	A little	None	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	<p>Citizen Canopy Committee - input and oversight of UFMP policy and City's coordination with all responsible departments &amp; community organizations (i.e., standing committees to address particular areas, set goals, etc). This is not just planners, designers, but also installation and maintenance.</p> <p>Forecast of potential impacts of climate change, housing, drought &amp;/or water re-allocation</p>	<p>I am continuously dismayed at the focus on short-term (profit) over quality and legacy. Landscaping with trees and vegetation, especially buffers to living and working and learning spaces must be reinstated as a top priority. Developers should not be permitted to create short term environments, with built-in problems or shortcomings. Instead, design and maintenance plans should guarantee long term (generational) quality of life for the neighborhoods and overall community. Insist on community standards in general planning documents that are sustainability-oriented and meet or exceed state and national (Paris Agreement) standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disfigured trees due to pruning around utility lines. Trees' natural growth and shape should be given priority, and for existing trees communities need to insist utilities relocate their service equipment.</li> <li>- Commercial property owners severely pruning or removing full grown trees at the street &amp;/or in adjacent parking that block views of retail signage.</li> <li>-Public works departments removing trees and not replacing them due to conflicts with infrastructure (e.g., tree roots in water &amp;/or sewer lines).</li> <li>-Unjustified homeowner pressure to remove trees that are "inconvenient" but are not life threatening. Urban designers can correct all of the above with right tree, right place. They also must insist (educate) on proper horticultural care. Drawings of mature landscape plans always show trees and shrubs that have received proper pruning for health and shape that enhances the natural features. That is not the reality of the care received, which is trees or shrubs that have been "buzz cut" into squares or cylinders. Whether this is done for expediency's sake or in addition to the lack of training in care specifications, the UFMP budgets need to reflect the change required to achieve the advertised and intended outcome.</li> </ul>	

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Central Valley	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Lack of knowledge about the benefits of trees and landscape design by city staff and leaders	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	A little	N/A	Never	N/A	Never	Never	Never	Never	N/A	Great landscape plans for a wide variety of land uses	This is an unfunded activity. Could be part of an AB 1530 planning initiative	We are not staffed to do this.	
Central Valley	3	4	No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Business owner resistance	None	None	A little	A little	A little	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	Understand better what would be an effective way to exchange ideas.		The urban forest has the potential to be a great part of a well planned community. Or to be a problem. Good planning is the key.  Trees are actually an integral part of the infrastructure, but they are usually not adequately planned in. As one Landscape Architect I talked to said "Trees are the green fluffy things you put on last". This type of approach can cause endless problems because the trees need to be matched with the space available, and the space available maximized for the trees.	
Central Valley	5	5	No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Residents don't want trees in their yards	A lot	A little	A little	None	A little	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	N/A	Case studies are always interesting. I'm currently leading a citizen study group to make recommendations on update Woodland's tree ordinance; also promoting "re-oaking" certain sections of the town where new growth is happening.	Get to know your planning director and recommend ways to include more trees in the landscape, particularly native oaks in the valley, in places where they historically grew. Think about ways that new subdivisions can include room for shade trees that do not conflict with small lots/infrastructure.	Create dialogue with city planners and city council about implementing specific programs to fulfill their Climate Action Plans (which should include tree planting goals). Incorporate appropriate trees (valley oaks in the Central Valley) into new specific plans early in the process. Be cognizant of the fact the rising water bills discourage people from planting trees (particularly apartment owners).		

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Central Valley	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Lack of automated irrigation	A little	A little	A little	A little	Quite a bit	Never	Every quarter	Never	Every quarter	Never	Several times per year	What is in the plan (s) no about trees?		Sacramento has a great tree program, and urban planners are generally aware of the benefits of trees.	none	
Central Valley	4	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Inertia	A little	Quite a bit	A little	None	None	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Never	City has no urban forestry advisory committee and other relevant institutions.	Citizen interest continues to lag as much as it does among professionals	Local leaders continue to neglect the need to support urban forestry efforts.		

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Central Valley	3	4	Lack of integrated planning between and among City administrative departments; those tasked with tree species selection and tree care are not consulted on new developments until the plans have already been completed and approved; greater focus on removal of aging trees and not enough focus on tree planting (more trees removed than planted each year).	A little	None	A little	A little	Quite a bit	Every quarter	Every quarter	Never	Never	Never	Every month	Emerging trends in development and urban planning.	Get support from the City Manager and/or Department heads before setting meetings with intermediate decision-makers.	Including green space in dense new developments is not optional -- it is an absolute necessity.		
Central Valley	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	A little	A little	Quite a bit	None	N/A	Several times per year	Every quarter	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cost/benefits of improved urban forest	News media coverage, TV and local newspapers, of tree values, tree maintenance, and tree ordinances in local communities	New residential development plans do not allow for adequate tree plantings.		
Central Valley	4	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Residents don't want trees in their yards	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	A lot	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Never	Better information in regards to future development areas and intended funding sources. Develop dialogue with Planners to establish funding methods for future maintenance costs.	Tree maintenance isn't free. Planners/designers must establish a plan that takes into account the cost post development.	Be a realist in plant selection and placement.		

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Central Valley	4	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Business owner resistance, cost to remove existing dead trees and stump grinding (especially in under-served neighborhoods)	A little	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	None	Quite a bit	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	N/A	a planning review position to check city and county development plans from both private and public sector	urban planners and designers: education, education, education other nonprofits: get close to you elected officials (they have a lot of influence on policies and ordinances)	need to optimize the benefits and services of tree canopy as an project/land use asset that is worthy of the required real estate to grow a healthy, long-lived tree		
Inland Empire	3	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance	A little	None	A little	None	A little	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Legislation surrounding trees	Understand the benefits of trees	Urban trees need maintenance		
Inland Empire	3	4	Drought / water shortage, Solar panels, City council education about the value of trees	A little	A little	A little	None	N/A	Never	Never	Never	N/A	Never	N/A	Sound bites/visual comparisons that simply & directly educate	We need to plan & design around existing high quality mature trees & require protection on construction sites.	We have massive loss of trees from drought and a huge need to educate businesses & homeowners about proper pruning.		
LA Region	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Some unique problems with perceptions re. water costs associated with trees	Quite a bit	A little	A lot	A little	N/A	Every quarter	Every month	Never	Never	Never	Every month	Cost benefits/savings and technical information would be helpful to have at hand	I have a regular meeting with our city manager--this really helps to see what developments/ developers are working on which projects in the area. Good to get the perspective of City Manager, in addition, of course, to the mayor and council.	Importance of trees, and the right trees for the right spaces		
LA Region	3	3	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Business owner resistance	A little	A little	A lot	A little	A little	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Every month	A set of guidelines to help guide the conversation might be a nice toolkit that would be replicable in many cities.		Our central issue is bandwidth - How do we encourage an integrated approach with limited staff time and resources? In LA, the urban forest management plan experience helped us connect across departments and silos, but it is difficult to execute and sustain.		

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LA Region	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Lack of automated irrigation, Residents don't want trees in their yards	A lot	N/A	A lot	A lot	A lot	Several times per year	Every month	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	How to get the city to put more money in the park budget	Get to know all green people in your city.	Where is the money going to come from for tree care after the urban design professionals plants many trees and then the city decides to cut the park/tree budget? Everyone will give you money to plant trees, but it is difficult to get funding for mature tree care.	

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LA Region	4	2	Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage, Residents don't want trees in their yards	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	A little	A little	Quite a bit	N/A	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Never	Every month	Current code for land development, landscape standards, tree planting, tree maintenance and protection. National ANSI and ISA standards to incorporate into all contract specifications.	Local professionals need to be effective, respected, and proactive advocates for trees. They can speak publicly about tree benefits and care, take positions in their professional associations, serve as non-profit board members and volunteers, and collaborate more with other tree-related professionals to enhance the quality of their work. Greater education and engagement among professionals (urban planners, designers, landscape architects, urban foresters, arborists, more) will increase tree placement in designs, quality tree installation, and tree longevity. With climate change and increasing urban heat, there will be demand for trees to cool neighborhoods, provide other ecosystem benefits, and engage residents in climate action. In San Diego, we started discussing how to "plant more healthy trees in the next 5 years to ensure healthy neighborhoods in the next 25 years." Also see items in next question.	Rarely are arborists consulted in landscape design or installation. The result is that trees are not planted with sufficient root volume, with nursery stock that meets quality specifications, installed properly in the ground, or given young tree pruning and care. The result is that designs are not realized, trees often die within 3-10 years, and there are few trees around businesses and homes. Smaller trees are being planted because trees are an "afterthought" to site design, or they are planted too close to buildings and require heavy pruning or removal after a few years. After planting, there is often no follow-up for young tree establishment (watering, pruning), periodic inspection and pruning, and replacement if the trees die. Codes and best management practices are not being followed and enforced.	

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LA Region	2	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Business owner resistance	None	A little	A little	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA	NA	NA	
LA Region	3	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Business owner resistance	None	None	None	None	None	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	Never	Conceptual plant palette lists out to be made available for public comment. Tree species being selected may or may not be actually the best trees for their design situation.	Room must be made in budgets for maintenance of trees on properties that front streets. The inclusion of trees must be worked in during the conceptual design phase and budgeted. Trees actually improve business and economic profits.	
LA Region	3	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	A little	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	None	None	Several times per year	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	We need more representation from community-based organizations to have a seat at the table to have a voice in all of the planning efforts.	Urban greening in disadvantaged communities needs to be inserted in every urban planners & design professional's agendas. Also include the community/people in the process and planning to see if they're meeting their needs and if they are not to catch it in time and fix it to fit. We also need prioritization of native trees and plants.	The people that need the most trees are the ones that have the least access to trees and the urban planners need to make the park ways a lot bigger to be able to plant trees. Communities are bombarded with pollution and trees can assist to help clean the air.	
LA Region	2	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Business owner resistance, 24" box sized trees not generally funded through City/State	A little	None	A little	A little	None	Never	Several times per year	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	Someone managing all these contacts and directing things on a big picture level.	It has been super frustrating in LA-meetings are taken, time spent and trees get forgotten about. Advice is to be tenacious as heck.	Push the policy through-that is your job, not ours.	
LA Region	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Several times per year	Exact info on current canopy	Bring our sectors relevant research to table in accessible format	Multiple benefits of trees clearly quantified - research and stats distilled	

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LA Region	2	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Residents don't want trees in their yards	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	Never	Every quarter	Never	Never	Never	Every month	N/A	N/A	N/A		
LA Region	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Obtaining property owner permission	Quite a bit	A little	A lot	A little	Quite a bit	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Every month	It's more about personal relationship cultivation and knowledge of exemplary/ model cities	I think this, like so many other things, relies on planners and designers to be open to building a relationship where both sides benefit from the expertise of the other.	Design that looks toward fewer but larger trees is preferable to 4'x4' cuts put in at the last feature of design. Trees are not a decorative item, they are part of public health protection.		
LA Region	5	5	We do not have a lot of space so we are researchin for the best drought tolerant species	Quite a bit	A little	Quite a bit	None	Quite a bit	Every quarter	Every quarter	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	Better list of sustainable trees as street trees	Be prepared with questions and solutions	same as above		
LA Region	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.)	Quite a bit	Quite a bit	A lot	A lot	A lot	Several times per year	N/A	Several times per year	N/A	Several times per year	Every month	Protected tree ordinances and enforcement, tree-sidewalk/utility conflicts, green infrastructure stormwater management, multi-agency collaboration, low-impact development and sustainable landscapes	Thanks for bridging the gap!	Trees are essential urban infrastructure.		

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Northern California	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Lack of automated irrigation, Residents don't want trees in their yards	Quite a bit	N/A	A little	None	Quite a bit	Several times per year	Never	N/A	N/A	N/A	Every month	More information proving the advantages of street trees, especially in business districts but also residential	I only take advice - I try not to give it	I would like them to view trees as a plus rather than a minus (as something that rips up pavement and requires City action when property owners fail to take care of their trees).		
Northern California	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Lack of automated irrigation, Residents don't want trees in their yards	Quite a bit	N/A	A little	A little	Quite a bit	Several times per year	Never	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Materials demonstrating the advantages of trees in residential and business areas	no advice	I feel that our urban design folks are very pro-street and front yard trees.		
Pasadena	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Business owner resistance	A lot	None	A lot	None	None	Several times per year	Every quarter	Never	Every quarter	Never	Several times per year	Up to date examples of success stories that others have had either in protecting OR planting trees.		Would like to see the zero setback policy not allowed anymore in order to make room for public trees to be planted		
Sacramento	3	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, No room for trees, Business owner resistance	None	None	Quite a bit	None	A little	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Every quarter	n/a	n/a	n/a		
San Diego	1	4	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Lack of automated irrigation	None	None	None	None	A little	Never	Never	Never	Never	Never	Several times per year	How and when they want input on the subject.	There seems little opportunity for interaction between the groups.	They don't know the benefits of trees, e.g., the quantitative eco-benefits, health benefits, etc and therefore don't take these characteristics into account.		

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San Diego	4	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Drought / water shortage	Quite a bit	A lot	A little	None	A little	Never	Every month	Never	Every quarter	Every quarter	Every month	I am still relatively new to California and learning how things work here. It would be great to have an educational event for design and park professionals on the basics of urban forestry in California	Combining tree plantings with building a volunteer cadre to care for the trees has been a very powerful combination for us.	San Diego code is inadequate when it comes to trees, especially protection of existing trees. New trees are planted with outmoded concepts because designs are dictated by old ways of doing things. Need a refresh on tree planting, maintenance and protections guidelines.		
San Diego	5	5	Lack of funding for tree maintenance, Infrastructure issues or conflicts (with sidewalks, roadways, or public utilities, etc.), Lack of automated irrigation	A little	A little	Quite a bit	None	N/A	Every month	Every quarter	N/A	N/A	Never	N/A	Adaptability of existing tree palette to new, desert type standards	Urban planners need to educate new business owners of the benefits of trees	Old concepts of signage at the roof line of store fronts draw a drivers attention. Effective signage at eye level of drivers should be emphasized.		