Appendix A:

Tree Removal Memorandum

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Laura Campion; Project Manager, FirstCarbon Solutions

FROM: Sean Micallef; Chief Ecologist, Zentner Planning and Ecology

RE: Zinfandel Project Tree Removal

DATE: November 25, 2025

A total of 42 trees will be removed by the project, instead of the 29 noted in the Biological Resources Assessment (Zentner Planning and Ecology, 2024). This includes 18 native trees and 24 non-native trees. The native trees that will be removed include 13 valley oaks, 2 California walnuts, and 3 willows.

Only one of the trees proposed for removal (Tree No. 9 – 14.2-inch valley oak at the top of the creek bank) is large enough to be classified as a protected native tree under the City's Municipal Code, which identifies a protected native tree as having a minimum diameter of 12 inches. Tree No. 9 would be removed and mitigated in accordance with the City's requirements outlined in the CEQA document as MM BIO-5a.

One other tree could be potentially impacted by the proposed project: Tree No. 1, a multi-trunk live oak on the property boundary. Tree No. 1 is large enough to be classified as a protected native tree under the City's Municipal Code. Tree No. 1 would be preserved and protected by the establishment of Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) as detailed in MM BIO-5b of the CEQA document.

Removal of any native riparian trees would be mitigated at a replacement ratio determined by the regulatory agencies, along with 5-year monitoring for the success of the trees, as detailed in MM BIO-2 and MM BIO-5a of the CEQA document.

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Therefore, the existing mitigation measures would fully address the potential impacts, reduce impacts to less than significant, and no additional or new mitigation would be necessary.

Sincerely,

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