

# Vegetation Clearance Letter

Permanent Road Division

October 4, 2023

## RE: TRIMMING OF ENCROACHING VEGETATION IN PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION (PRD) ZONE

Dear Property Owner,

On behalf of the PRD road committee the County would like to remind property owners of their responsibility to maintain vegetation and trees where their properties abut and/or enter PRD maintained private roads. Vegetation services such as trimming and clearing are not included in your PRD scope of road maintenance.

Overgrown vegetation and trees can create hazardous traffic conditions for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians by restricting driver visibility, especially on narrow roads. Managing vegetation helps to enhance visibility for motorists, ensures clear sightlines for traffic signs, reduces roadside obstacles, and provides a usable area for motorists to pull over in case of emergencies. In addition, clearing of vegetation along roadways creates defensible space and allows for ingress and egress of emergency vehicles during fire events. In the interest of public safety, property owners are asked to examine their properties for potential hazards and follow the recommended guideline below.

- Trim vegetation growing within three to five feet of the road edge.
- Trim vegetation/trees that may extend into the road.
- Trim branches that may hang over the road; provide a minimum vertical clearance of 17 feet.

For any questions regarding this letter or its contents, you may contact your PRD Chairperson. This information for each PRD can be found on our website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/prd/PRDzones.html>

Sincerely,

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