

CITY OF COOS BAY TREE BOARD

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
March 25, 2026	3.b

TO: Chair Cora Vandervelden & Board Members

FROM: Lance Noel, Transportation / Facilities Superintendent

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director

ISSUE: Arbor Day 2026

SUMMARY:

Arbor Day is a day in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. In the month of April, many countries observe such a day. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season per location. The annual Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented to City Council on April 21, 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is requesting the board discuss possible locations and events for the upcoming Arbor Day.

BACKGROUND:

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. In 2021 through a proclamation, Mayor Joe Benetti & Council established that the last Friday of April will be observed as Arbor Day in the city of Coos Bay. This year the city of Coos Bay will be purchasing ten trees to be planted in the parks.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The tree purchase is a planned purchase and has been budged in the Parks Fund.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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