











July 21, 2023

# **Bureau of Urban Forestry**

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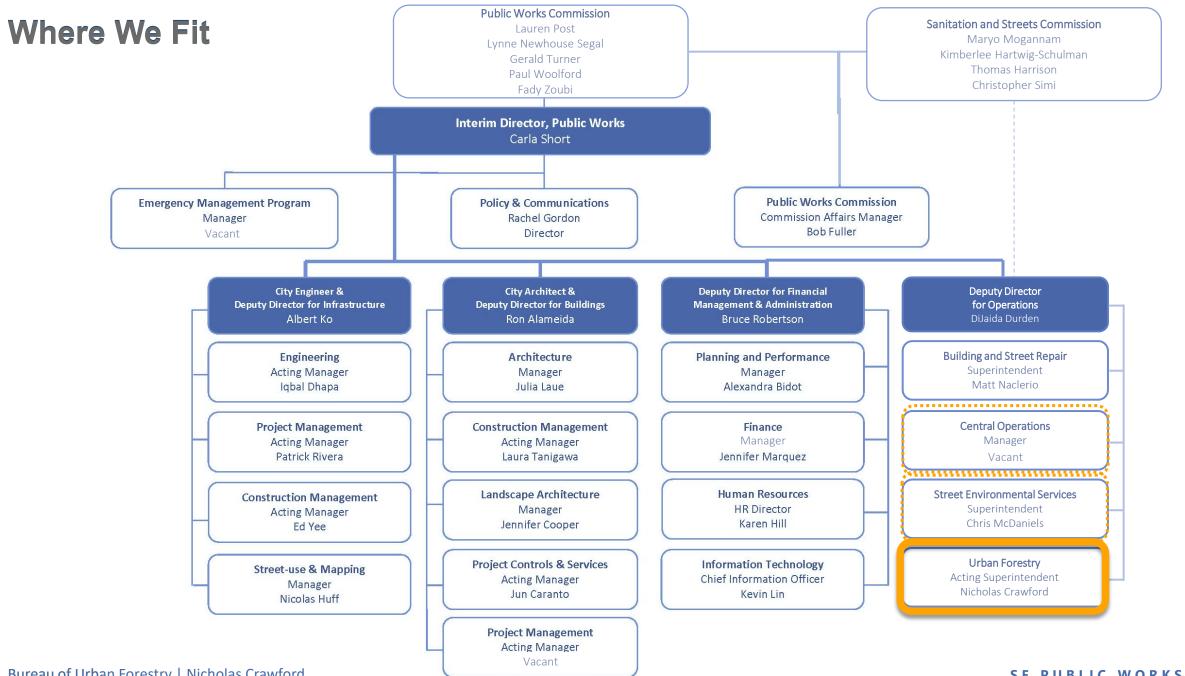












# **Budget Snapshot**



24/7

**Operation** 



**Budget:** 

\$51.2M



**Employees (FTE):** 

205.32

#### What we do

## **MAINTAIN**



- Street trees
- Medians and public spaces
- Sidewalks and tree basins

## **PROTECT**



- Tree inspections and hazard assessments
- Permits and tree removal requirements
- Pest and disease management

## **GROW**



- Tree planting and watering
- Green jobs (workforce development grants)
- New street tree nursery (Fall 2023)



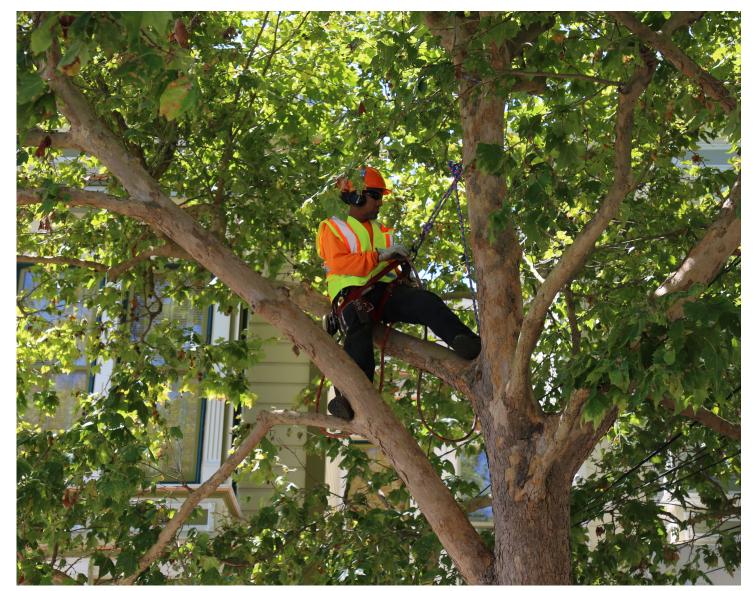


**Our People** 





#### ARBORISTS: Maintain thousands of trees citywide and respond to storm emergencies and tree failures







# We are stewards of the City's 125,000+ street trees



## LANDSCAPE CREWS: Maintain medians and public spaces as well as plant and water new trees

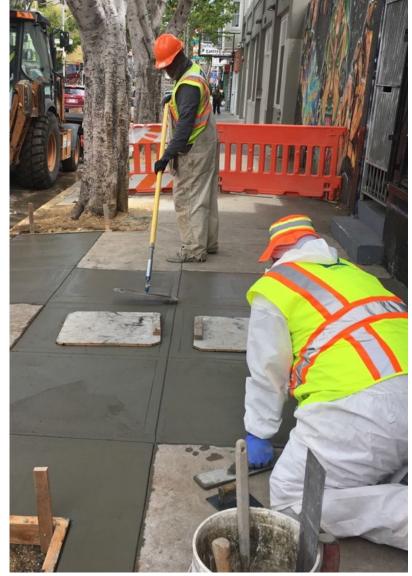




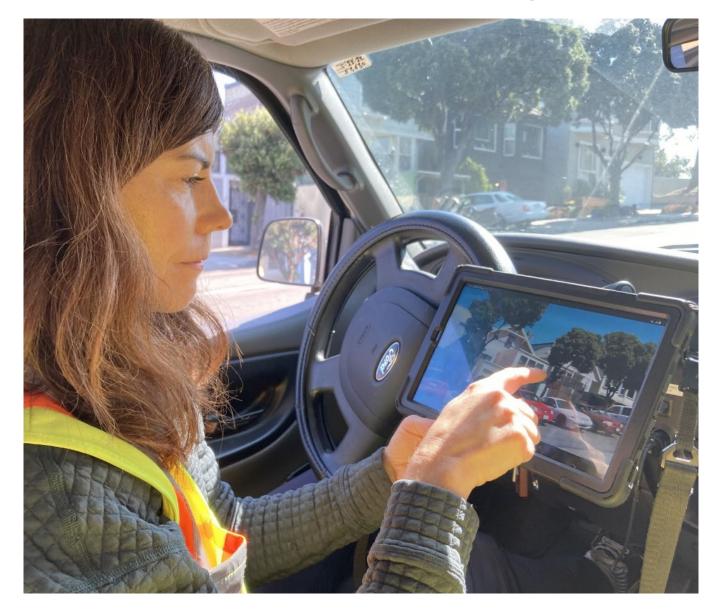


#### **CEMENT SHOP:** Maintain sidewalks, repair tree basins damaged by tree roots and install curb ramps





## INSPECTIONS: Issues permits, reviews building plans and identifies new tree planting sites





#### INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: Tackles vexing pest and insect issues in the public right of way



#### PARTNERS: Nonprofit organizations and contractors help us plant, water and maintain thousands of trees







## **Looking Ahead**



#### **Stretch Goals**

Pruning trees at a faster rate

**Arbor Day 2023** 

South of Market: 115 Trees

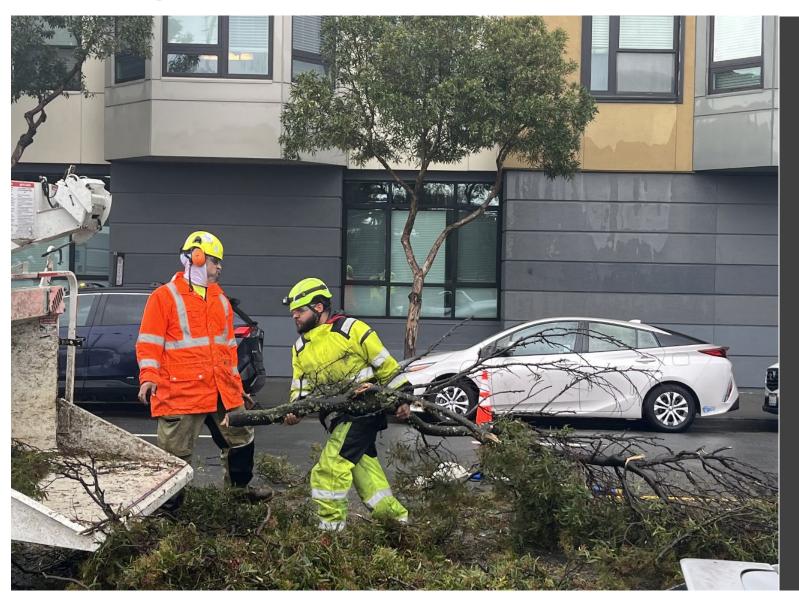
**New Tree Planting Funding** Tenderloin, SoMa, Civic Center

**Staffing Up** 

Cement Shop and nighttime median maintenance crew

**Street Tree Nursery** Opening Fall 2023

## **Storm Response**



Estimate 400 total tree failures

Thousands of individual responses for limbs down

Nearly 5,900 direct labor hours between 12/31/22 and 4/26/23 clearing roadways, sidewalks, and open spaces

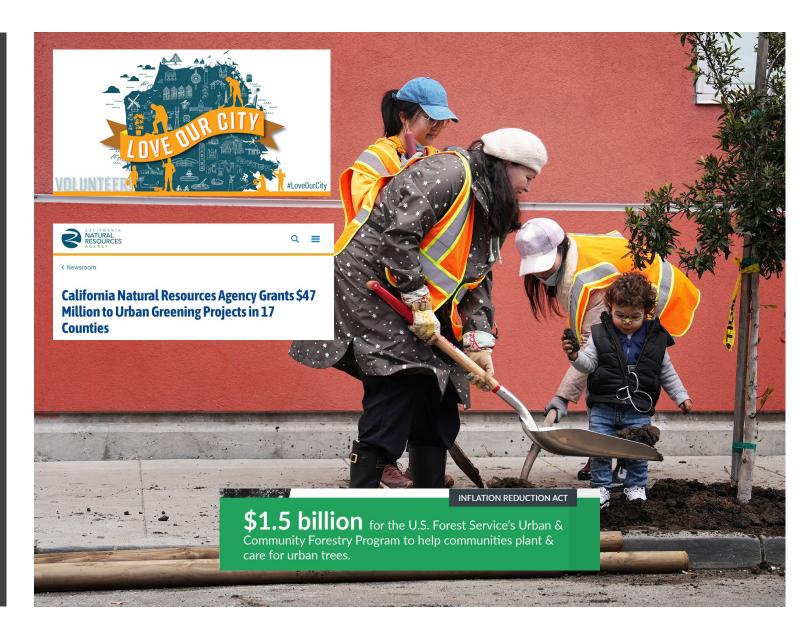
Mobilized a team of our arborist contractors to accelerate responsiveness

## **Planting**

Planted 115 trees on Arbor Day in March 2023 in District 6 (SoMa)

Awarded \$480,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency in tree planting grant funding for the Tenderloin and SoMa neighborhoods

Applied for the Inflation Reduction Act grant funding with a \$38 million proposal to plant 10,000 trees



# **Staffing Up**







#### Hired in 2023:

- 10 gardeners
- 1 tree inspector
- 3 cement masons

#### Pending pre-employment:

- 2 tree inspectors
- 2 integrated pest management (IPM) specialists
- 1 volunteer outreach coordinator

#### Next in 2023:

- 1 chief nursery specialist
- 10 more gardeners
- 8 arborists
- 1 arborist supervisor

## **Street Tree Nursery**

- Target for Substantial Completion: October 1
- Target for Final Completion: November 1
- Two permanent city staff positions
- Intent to award Workforce Development grant to nonprofit partner
- Total construction budget between city funds and Caltrans Clean California grant is nearly \$5M
- Ongoing annual budget of \$500k





**Questions?** 

