

 **ALW ENTERPRISES, INC.**

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Mr. Stephen Butler  
Thomas R. Butler Inc.  
Fresno, CA.

Dear Stephen:

On November 15, 2007 we met in Lemoore at your future project called Valley Oak. As we both walked through the area we first discussed the large Oak tree. On this tree I'd recommended to safety prune the tree back to its larger limbs to enhance the future of the tree. We both noticed the current damage of the large limb that broke out during the recent windy storm that passed through. This is an indication of the future of the tree unless we take measures to help preserve it. So trimming the tree back by a minimum of a third would be my recommendation.

As we walked to the southwest we further looked at the area of the Sycamore and Oak trees near the neighbors property line. I first observed the limbs that appeared to have been broken by the recent weather on the large Sycamore tree that has a bad lean to the south east. I would recommend remove this tree for several reasons that are compounding. First, the tree has grown on what appears to be an elevated plateau of dirt different from the common area. Second, the trees heavy lean to the southeast was caused in part by its survival method of growing around a larger tree in its formative years. This is exactly what we see the smaller Oak tree leaning eastwardly under the canopy, seeking the sun's rays by growing around the large Sycamore tree limbs. Third, due to the close proximity of the neighbor's fence line and residence. With all these concerns if heavy rains and winds occur the tree could fall towards it lean uprooting the stump causing the neighbor damage, destroying the oak tree which is indigenous to the area and finally potential damage to Valley Oak property if left on site. I would recommend its' removal prior to construction.

Any questions on this please contact me at 559-352-2828.



Randy Weaver