

ARBORIST REPORT



**Assessment of Two Coast Live Oaks
93 Hillside Avenue and 340 Laurel Avenue
San Anselmo, California
(APN: 007-121-28 & 57)**

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ASSIGNMENT

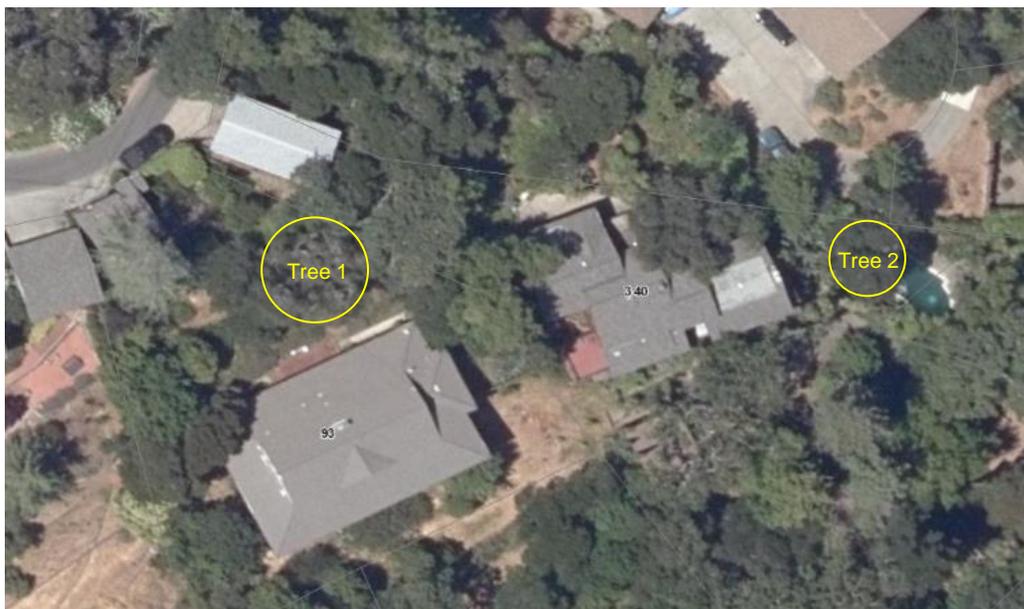
Sheldon Donig hired **ARBORSCIENCE, LLC** to examine two coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) growing on two of his San Anselmo properties (93 Hillside Avenue and 340 Laurel Avenue). I conducted my inspection on March 29, 2019.

SCOPE OF WORK AND LIMITATIONS

I evaluated the subject trees using a Level 3 Advanced Assessment following International Society of Arboriculture Best Management Practices for Tree Risk Assessment. Tree characteristics including form, degree of lean, vigor, and rooting stability were evaluated in relation to nearby targets. In addition, I used a dead-blow hammer and TreeCheck Tool to sound for internal trunk decay or hollows. This assessment is based on the circumstances and observations, as they existed at the time of the site inspection. The opinions in this assessment are given based on observations made and using generally accepted professional judgment, however, because trees are living organisms and subject to change, damage and disease, the results, observations, recommendations, and analysis as set out in this assessment are valid only at the date any such observations and analysis took place and no guarantee, warranty, representation or opinion is offered or made by ArborScience as to the length of the validity of the results, observations, recommendations and analysis contained within this assessment. As a result the client shall not rely upon this Assessment, save and except for representing the circumstances and observations, analysis and recommendations that were made as at the date of such inspections. It is recommended that the trees discussed in this assessment should be re-assessed periodically.

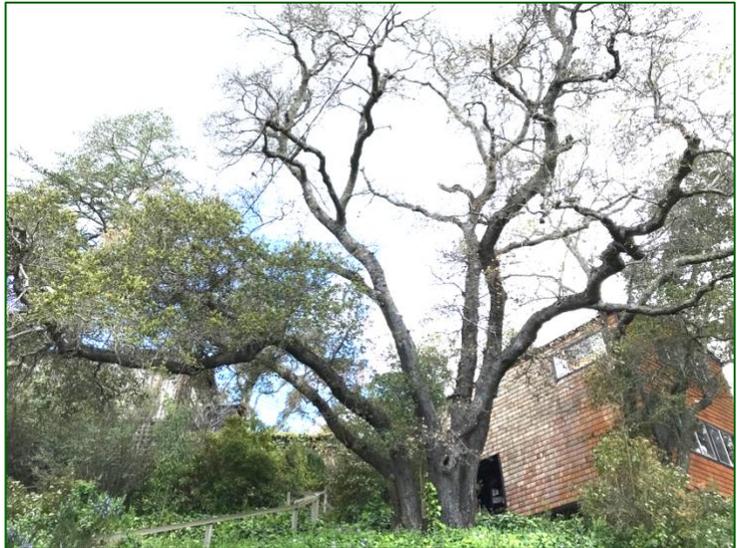
SITE DESCRIPTION AND CONTEXT

The homes at 93 Hillside Avenue and 340 Laurel Avenue were built in 1900 and 1913, respectively on a moderately steep, south-facing, wooded slope. Tree 1 is north of the house at 93 Hillside Avenue and Tree 2 is northwest of the pool at 340 Laurel Avenue (see photo below).

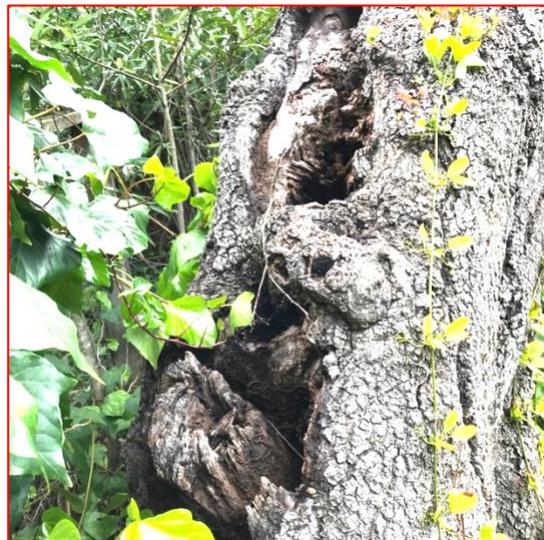


SUBJECT TREE DESCRIPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Tree 1 (photo right) is a mature coast live oak that is in an advanced state of decline as a result of sudden oak death (*Phytophthora ramorum*), oak ambrosia beetle (*Monarthrum scutellare*) attack, and coal fungus (*Annulohypoxyton thouarsianum*) infection. Tree 1 presents an extreme failure risk and should be removed as soon as possible to avoid likely property damage and possible personal injury. Its trunks measure 14.8", 15.3", 20.8", and 23.3" in diameter at breast height, which qualify it as a heritage tree pursuant to the San Anselmo Municipal Code.



Tree 2 (photo left) is a mature coast live oak that measures 27.3" in diameter at breast height. Its well-tapered trunk divides into two scaffold limbs that support a fairly dense crown of healthy foliage. There are 3 openings (photo below) in the lower trunk that reveal trunk decay. Tree 2 presents a moderate failure risk of trunk failure during high winds. I recommend that this tree be monitored for changes in health—including sudden oak death attack and general crown decline.



Sincerely,

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