

## Permission to Harvest Acorns 2020 Season

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby grants permission to Sacramento Tree Foundation employees, interns, and documented volunteers to gather acorns on our property/properties located at:

\_\_\_\_\_ during the 2020 acorn harvest. Harvesting activities will comply with the following regulations:

- Harvesting will not occur before 8 am or after 8 pm
- Harvesting will only occur under the direction of a trained Acorn Harvester
- Best practices to preserve biodiversity will be strictly adhered to
- No more than 5% of the acorns will be removed from any tree, grove or woodland
- Acorns will be sorted on site and damaged or unviable acorns will be left behind
- Great care will be taken to minimize disturbance to wildlife, plant resources or residents in the area

Please note any limitations or special requirements here:

### *Signature and Title*

The Sacramento Tree Foundation is leading a regional effort to gather acorns from native oak populations throughout the six-county Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region. This effort is intended to ensure appropriate native oak seeds, seedlings and trees continue to be available for region-wide tree planting efforts. Acorns gathered in Fall 2020 will be used in the following ways:

- For direct seed planting projects region-wide November 2020 through February 2021.
- As materials for the Seed to Seedling program offered free of charge to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms and other educational groups region-wide.
- To propagate genetically appropriate containerized oak tree stock. Once grown, these trees will be used for tree planting projects in public spaces region-wide.
- To support the programs and services of the nonprofit Sacramento Tree Foundation, nonprofit partner organizations, or local government agencies.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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