



Coalinga-Huron Library District

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Tree Removal at Coalinga Library

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On August 18, 2026, the Coalinga Huron Library District discovered that one of the Chinese Pistache Trees in the front of the Coalinga Library was significantly deteriorated and leaning against the flagpole, which appeared to be supporting one of the trees heavy branches. Based on the tree's importance to the library grounds, the Board of Trustees requested an evaluation by a professional arborist to determine its condition and whether it could be safely preserved.

Root & Bough Enterprises Registered Consulting Arborist John Pape's August 18, 2026, report, determined there was cracking of the soil and decay opposite the tree's lean and a cracked buttress root. The tree was at risk of damage to people, property, as well as the library building and Pape recommended removal of the tree and the stump ground out.

Based on the arborist's determination, the tree posed an imminent safety risk to the public and surrounding property, the CHLD Board of Trustees voted on August 25, 2026, to authorize its removal.

The Library District is saddened to lose a mature tree that has been part of the library grounds for many years, but the safety of the community is a priority. The Board will discuss options for a replacement tree at its September 22, 2026, scheduled meeting at the Huron Library. The public is welcomed to attend the meeting and share comments/concerns during public comment.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Coalinga Huron Library District. Please visit the Coalinga or Huron Libraries during September's National Library Card Sign – Up Month and secure your library card today to open a world of possibilities.

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