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LAX trees in holding pattern

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19p1 "It's just ludicrous to have the trees the way they are," said LAX neighbor Barbara Griffin. "Whoever put them in did so without thinking what they were doing."

Ninety palm trees illegally planted by Los Angeles International Airport workers on the airfield's northwest boundary remain in place because LAX is waiting for the state to approve its plans to remove them and landscape the area, an airport spokeswoman said.

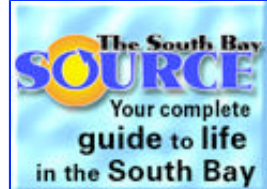
The California Coastal Commission in April ordered the airport to remove the trees after agreeing with environmentalists who claimed that the Mexican fan palms were non-native vegetation that could harm sensitive plants and insects in the adjacent dunes area. The site is a federally designated recovery area for the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly.

But the airport doesn't want to remove the trees until the commission signs off on its new landscaping, watering and fencing plans, said LAX spokeswoman Gail Gaddi. The airport's landscape consultant recommended that workers protect sensitive plants around the palms while they remove the trees, Gaddi wrote in a recent letter to nearby residents.

LAX is close to completing plans detailing the number, type and location of new plants the airport intends to install. The airport will have 60 days to remove the palm trees once the commission reviews and approves the plan, Gaddi said.

"We're trying to make sure we get this done in a timely fashion," Gaddi said in an interview.

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