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Figure 1. Pictorial of step by step planting instructions for avocado. **A)** The hole is dug 2X the width of the root ball and the depth is about the same depth as the root ball. Use handle shovel to measure depth. **B)** If the tree is in an open-bottom sleeve, set the tree with the sleeve intact into the hole. If the tree is in a pot with a solid bottom, carefully remove the pot and set the tree into the hole. Always support the bottom of the root ball with a hand to prevent breakage of the ball and loss of roots. The top of the root ball should be slightly above the grade of the surrounding soil. **C)** Cut the sleeve with a knife being careful to not penetrate and damage roots. **D)** While the sleeve is in place, partially fill the hole with soil while the sleeve is in place. The sleeve is temporarily left in place to support the root ball. **E)** Remove the sleeve. **F)** Backfill native soil into the hole. **DO NOT** add mulch or soil amendments to the soil. This will help avoid

excessive salinity and ammonia gas. **G)** Finish by tamping down the backfilled soil to eliminate air pockets. **H)** If re-planting in root-rot infested soil, it helps to apply gypsum (10-20 lbs/tree) on the soil surface around the base of the tree. **I)** Add wood or bark-based mulch around the tree but not against the trunk