

## **Miramar Ranch North (MRN) Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) 02/11/15 Update**

02/02/15 - CM Kersey's office/Tiffany Vinson notified MRN that funding could be provided for smart irrigation controllers if the MAD could utilize them.

MRN MAD GMM, Mike Rasmusson, was notified to determine if smart controller equipment could be used at this time. Up to \$40,000 was available for a suitable smart controller project.

02/06/15 - Determined that MRN MAD would not be able to utilize the potential funding for smart irrigation controllers. Many associated costs and expenses. The MRN MAD is in process of a major renovation and is working towards sustainable and drought tolerant landscaping.

However, funding for \$15,000 was requested for two MAD projects to demonstrate the use of drought and fire tolerant plants. The funding would be for plant material and plant removal at Dry Creek Garden/Park and Fire Station 37. Dry Creek Park is located at the northeast corner of Spring Canyon Road and Scripps Creek Drive.

MRN MAD is in "renovation phase" to become sustainable and drought tolerant. Sustainability requires use of new age/use less water landscape.

Current monthly MAD water expenses: Dec 2014 = ~\$9,000, Jan 2015 = ~\$7,000

02/11/15 - Funding for \$15,000 approved for the drought and fire tolerant plant materials, and removal, for Dry Creek Demonstration Garden and Fire Station 37.

### **Mike's initial concept plans:**

Currently, I am in the process of renovating the landscape within the Miramar Ranch North MAD.

I am taking the established, water using, full maintenance landscape and slowly changing it into a sustainable, defined, drought tolerant landscape.

I have certain areas (mini parks) within the MRN MAD that are demonstration gardens.

I am currently working on two projects.

### **Renovating Dry Creek Demonstration Garden:**

Dry Creek Demonstration Garden is at the corner of Spring Canyon Rd. & Scripps Creek. My plan is to demonstrate a landscape that has all the aspects a Fire Retardant Garden has to offer.

Plant choices, for each of the landscape zones.

I have started the project by removing ground cover, defining the landscape and adding mulch.

I still have to complete the landscape by removing more groundcover, adding plant material and mulch.

This garden could make an influence on the community with proper choices of fire retardant plant material.

Fire Station 37:

Clean up of the landscape at the Fire Station by removing established Morea iris and replacing it with drought tolerant fire related plant material.

**MRN MAD Ad Hoc subcommittee meeting – Budget Review:  
November XX, 2015**