



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
OPEN SPACE DIVISION  
MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT  
APRIL 2015 STAFF REPORT**

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### **Ornamental Landscaping**

- Irrigation checks and repairs continue. For all irrigation systems that are on a slope or near a sidewalk, a purple washer is being added so run off is minimized. Irrigation systems are operating at a minimum, depending on weather and type of plant material that is being watered.
- *Baccharis sarothroides* (Coyote Bush) and other encroaching plant material in the landscape continue to be removed on Scripps Poway Parkway along the SDG&E power lines.
- Weed removal becomes first priority throughout Miramar Ranch North MAD.
- Removals and pruning of *Rhus lancea* (African Sumac) to define spacing of trees has been completed across from Ellen Browning Scripps Elementary School, on both sides of the ROW.
- Removal of *Myporium laetum* on Scripps Poway Pkwy., near interstate 15 off ramp, on the north side of the ROW, has been completed. These large shrubs were encroaching onto the sidewalk and were removed to define the ROW.
- Clean up, cut back and removals of purple lantana in the medians on Scripps Poway Pkwy has begun. Tree trimming of the pines on the medians will begin next week.
- On 3/16/15, 85 third grade students at Dingman Elementary School participated in a Monarch Butterfly project. The students were able to witness the complete metamorphous of the Monarch Butterfly, from a caterpillar to a chrysalis, then into a butterfly. The project involved students growing plant material from seed. The seed the students sown were *Asclepias* (Butterfly weed), Dill, Strawberry clover, Nasturtiums, Bachelor Button and a Butterfly seed mix. The plant material the students have grown will be planted at Butterfly Park.

### **Tree Trimming**

- All Pines have been pruned at the Scripps Ranch Community Center (Butterfly Park) The Pines were thick and had lots of dead needles. For fire prevention, the pines were thinned out.

- Pines were pruned on Scripps Ranch Blvd., on the north side, beginning at Spring Canyon going west.
- Pines were pruned on Spring Canyon Rd., on the south side of the slope, from Scripps Creek Rd., going east.
- Fifteen Eucalyptus trees, that had a lean or near death, have been removed.

### **Mini-Parks**

- Staff is working with Blueskies on cleaning the planter beds, removing dead plant material, adding mulch where needed, removing and transplanting plant material where it is appropriate, and redefining the landscape plan for the mini parks that resembles the original plant pallet.
- *Myoporum pacificum* has been removed around shrubs in the planter beds at Butterfly Park, to define the landscape.
- Staff donated a *Taxodium distichum* (Bald Cypress) to Butterfly Park, which has been planted.
- A donation from Helen Plutner, of mixed succulent cuttings was received. The succulents will be rooted out and planted at Dry Creek Fire Retardant Garden.
- The Dry Creek Fire Retardant Garden and the Fire Station has been awarded \$15,000.00 from council member Mark Kersey's office, for landscape restorations, which include plant removals and planting of fire retardant plant material.

### **Landscape Contract**

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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