



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
JUNE 2014 STAFF REPORT**

Ornamental Landscaping

- Irrigation checks and repairs are in process for all areas within the Miramar Ranch North MAD. Staff is currently testing systems, looking for runoff, broken heads, leaks and evaluating certain open space areas that could be watered less frequently or manually.
- Staff is making a list of missing plant material that could be replaced in spots that are labeled with a botanical sign.
- Blueskies will be placing mulch in certain areas to provide weed control, water retention and soil enrichment.

Tree Trimming

- During the month of May strong winds caused several established trees to fail. Overall sixteen (16) trees fell and needed to be removed. The trees were located in the following locations: Scripps Poway Parkway- 12 Eucalyptus nicholii, 1 Pinus radiata, 1 Brisbane box; Cypress Canyon Road - 1 Eucalyptus sideroxylon; Scripps Ranch Blvd.- 1 Eucalyptus sideroxylon.

Mini-Parks

- After inspections by two arborists and research by City staff in March it was apparent that several eucalyptus trees at Oak Glen Mini Park were suffering from infestations of Red shoulder Bugs and Tortoise Beetles. In order to ascertain if there were issues with the soil conditions Blue Skies submitted soil samples to a private lab. We are currently awaiting the results. Insecticides were applied to the trees to address the bug and beetle infestations in March. It will likely take several months for the trees to recover and staff is actively monitoring the trees. *(No change from last month.)*
- 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.

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Staff Changes

- I am very happy to have started in the Miramar Ranch North MAD. I have many ideas which could be implemented over time. My first objective is to inspect the irrigation systems and find any way possible to save water and prevent run off. I would like to recreate the mini parks into small educational botanical gardens; touching on drought tolerant plants, fire resistant plants and California Native plants.

Respectfully submitted,

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