



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
OCTOBER 2013 STAFF REPORT**

Ornamental Landscaping

- Fighting weeds is an ongoing issue however this year Blue Skies did an amazing job of keeping them under control.
- Please contact Grounds Maintenance Manager Jaime Diez if you have suggestions on ways to improve maintenance activities within the district.

Tree Trimming

- A new tree contract for Park and Recreation managed MADs was placed out to bid in September. The bid period closes in October and it's anticipated that the contract will be awarded and implemented in January or February 2014. Staff has set aside tree trimming funds with Atlas Tree Service in case of any emergency work that may need to occur between now and award of the new tree contract.

Mini-Parks

- Butterfly Park had its entrance restored with a major scheme change in front of the monument sign. The plants in front of the monument sign had reached their life cycle so the opportunity presented itself to create a small but dramatic improvement. The nozzles on the existing pop-up sprinklers were swapped out to water conserving Hunter MP-Rotators; 10 yards of Palm Springs gravel was used to accent two extraordinary Madagascar Palms and a variety of succulents were planted throughout. Before and after pictures are attached. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Attachments

1. Before and after pictures of Butterfly Park monument

Respectfully submitted,

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