



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

Ornamental Landscaping

- Several Pine trees on the corner of Spring Canyon Rd. and Scripps Ranch Blvd. have been struggling. The needles have turned brown and the trunks are bleeding sap. *The City Arborist reported that the trees are in fairly good health and to keep a watchful eye on them just in case they turn for the worst.*
- Brush clearing behind the homes on Scripps Ranch Blvd has been taking place the past 4 weeks and completed as of July 26th. If you believe the brush behind your home is overgrown and is in the Miramar Ranch North MAD and not part of the HOA, or if you are not sure, please contact me so we can have it evaluated as quickly as possible.
- Over the years the district has lost several trees to car accidents and the trees were never replaced. Since January we lost five Crape Myrtle Trees, two Podocarpus trees and one very large Pine Tree. We will begin to replace these trees within the next few weeks with 15 gallon trees of the same species. The District has recovered revenue from the various insurance companies for several of these accidents and is currently waiting on responses for two major accidents that took place within the last month; one on Scripps Poway Parkway in front of the Taco Bell and the other on the corner of Scripps Ranch Blvd and Spring Canyon Rd.
- We are currently battling weeds which are a yearly issue but should have them under control within the next two weeks.
- Please contact your Grounds Maintenance Manager if you have suggestions on ways to improve maintenance activities within the district.

Tree Trimming

- Three intent to award letters were issued in October of 2012 for the new Citywide tree service solicitation that was placed out to bid in July of 2012. Three vendors were notified of pending award. The contract was placed onto the City Council's Budget Committee agenda for approval on March 13, 2013 but the item was pulled from the agenda due to a City Attorney's opinion. There currently is no timeframe for award however purchasing and Contracting is working on a solution for interim needs. 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. *(No change from last month)*

Mini-Parks

- Butterfly Gardens Park has been having issues with its lighting. Repair ticket #36010 has been issued to the Facilities Maintenance Division. The blown light bulbs need to be replaced and the light timer will be adjusted to come on at sunset and turn off at sunrise. *(No change from last month)*
- Thanks to a generous donation of \$4,000 from Council District 5 Councilman Mark Kersey, the MAD will be purchasing two new benches which will be located in the mini-park west of the Fire Station along Spring Canyon Road. A purchase order has been submitted for the two benches. *The Benches have been ordered but will take three weeks to be delivered.*

Open Space

- No Change

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaime Diez
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