



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

Ornamental Landscaping

- Blue Skies began planting 15 gallon trees in the medians and rights- of-ways, replacing trees that had been damaged by vehicle accidents over the past few years.
- Please contact Grounds Maintenance Manager Jaime Diez 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

- Thanks to a generous donation of \$4,000 from Council District 5 Councilman Mark Kersey, the MAD purchased two new benches that are located in the mini-park west of the Fire Station along Spring Canyon Road. Along with the benches, new decomposed granite paths are in the process of being installed.

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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