



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

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 currently off due to the recent and on-going rainy weather.
- *Baccharis pilularis* (Coyote Bush) and other encroaching plant material in the landscape continue to be removed on Scripps Poway Parkway along the SDG&E power lines.
- Mulch has been placed down on Spring Canyon Road & Blue Cypress going east.
- Toyons that have been pruned as a small shrub have been painted with an orange spot and are set to be removed for landscape improvements.

Tree Trimming

- Nine (9) Eucalyptus have been removed because of serious and hazardous leans or death after having been reviewed by our consulting arborist.
- Ten (10) *Arbutus unedo* (Strawberry Tree) on Spring Canyon Road had their stakes broken from vandalism. All trees were re-staked the following day.

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.
- Red Apple Iceplant and *Myopium parvifolium* have been removed in areas of Dry Creek mini-park and mulch has been placed down. Removal of *Baccharis pilularis* (Coyote bush) along the open space border to define the native plant material has been completed.
- Large shrubs of *Echium* (Pride of Madeira) in the planter beds of Canyon View Conservation Garden have been removed and existing shrubs pruned to define the planter beds and increase visibility.

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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