



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
MAY 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 operating at a minimum, depending on weather and type of plant material that is being watered.
- Weed removal becomes first priority throughout Miramar Ranch North MAD.
- Dead brush and trees has been removed on the slope area of Scripps Ranch Blvd. & Farmingdale.
- Removal of Xylosma shrubs on Spring Canyon Rd. on the ROW, near the parking lot of Innovations Academy, to define landscape.
- Bougainvillea shrubs were removed on Scripps Poway Pkwy, which was too close to the sidewalk and or impeding the irrigation flow.
- Staff donated and volunteered to help plant a tree (*Arbutus unedo*, Strawberry Tree) for students on Earth Day at Innovations Academy.
- Ten bee hives were removed from valve boxes on an Open Space Easement near Scripps Ranch Blvd. and Miro Circle, on the top hill near the lake.

Tree Trimming

- Pines on the median of Scripps Poway Pkwy, were pruned.
- Twelve Eucalyptus trees, that had a lean or near death, have been removed throughout Miramar Ranch.

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.

- Baccharis pilularis, (Dwarf Coyote Brush) was removed at the Butterfly Park parking lot strip. Mulch will be placed down from the Pines that were pruned in the area.
- Renovations start at Dry Creek Fire Retardant Garden. Removal of groundcover and plant material began.
- The Dry Creek Fire Retardant Garden and the Fire Station has been awarded \$15,000.00 from council member Mark Kersey's office, for landscape restorations, which include plant removals and planting of fire retardant plant material.

Landscape Contract

- Blue Skies continues to provide services within budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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