

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OPEN SPACE DIVISION TIERRASANTA MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FEBRUARY 28, 2015 STAFF REPORT

#### **Ongoing Projects/Completed**

- **Bench Project** Installed two new TS benches at Rueda/Zorta and replaced two bench seats at Via Temprano.
- <u>Clairemont Mesa Blvd</u> Received a quote to finish and complete the irrigation conversions and planting of the last four raised planters in the Medians. Estimated costs are \$6,021.20.
- <u>Santo Center Island</u> Between Oporto and Clairemont Mesa Blvd Planted a 24" box Coral Tree that was damaged due to a car accident. \$6,984.86 was recovered from the accident and the funds were deposited into the Tierrasanta MAD fund.
- <u>Community Park Sidewalks</u> The lifted sidewalks in the park area will be evened using a grinding machine.
- <u>Tierrasanta Blvd.</u> Turf Reduction The turf reduction proposal has been submitted to the SOCAL turf rebate program. The breakdown of square footage is as follows, Tierrasanta Blvd. 15146sq ft., Santo Rd. 8424 sq ft., Clairemont Mesa Blvd. 13440 sq ft. and Viacha Dr. 2250 sq ft. Approximate square footage total is 39,260 sq ft.
- Monserate Park Playground equipment was installed on February 13th (Two new spring Toys).
- <u>Turf Rebate Program</u>- Although the MWD has run out of funding for additional turf conversions at this time, all of the work in progress for Tierrasanta was already submitted and it is anticipated that we should receive approximately \$8,000 in rebates instead of the \$12,000 originally estimated. The reduced rebate is due to less square footage than first calculated.

## **Open Space**

- Grant Proposal- UPDATE- The new Right of Entry Permit was issued to San Diego Canyonlands on December 3 and will be valid for a period of 3 years. The removal of 60 non-native Mexican fan palms from Shepherd Canyon was completed on December 29. The removal of the mature palms by helicopter went very smoothly and without incident. The total cost for removal from Blackhawk Helicopters and West Coast Arborists came to \$22,059. The cost for the 15 dumpsters and landfill fees has not been invoiced at this time. Thanks to all who contributed in this effort.
- Vector Control Projects Grant- No new update.

- East Shepherd Canyon Water Main Breakplantings and plant ID's the Girls helped make. The planting was done before the rain.
- **Brush Management** Nothing new to report
- <u>Tierrasanta Trails Project</u>- Helix Environmental is currently working on the Tierrasanta Trails Master Plan. An additional amount of \$13,000 was added to the PO to complete the study.

# **Tree Trimming**

- West Coast Arborists trimmed (51) trees on Santo Road.
- West Coast Arborists removed 10 Mexican Fan Palms in the Open Space by 4296 Tambor CT.

#### **Neighborhood Code Compliance Issues**

• Nothing new to report.

## **Landscape Contract**

• Treebeard continues to provide services within budget.

#### **Budget**

• We are now working within our FY15 budget, with no issues to date.

#### Miscellaneous

Effective February 2, 2015 Ray Garcia, Sr. is the new District Manager for the Tierrasanta MAD.

Grounds Maintenance Manager – conditional offers have been made.

Bob Smith -619-685-1370 /cell 619-980-8108 is currently covering issues in the Tierrasanta MAD, until a permanent replacement is assigned.

Respectfully submitted

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