



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OPEN SPACE DIVISION
PACIFIC HIGHLANDS RANCH MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
APRIL 2015 STAFF REPORT**

Ornamental Landscaping

- Please let Greg know if you have suggestions on ways to improve maintenance activities within the district.
- Landscape Enhancement Projects:
 - ABM Electrical & Lighting Solutions are completed with the installation of (28) up-lighting fixtures in the medians along Carmel Valley Road where a significant amount of brass fixtures were stolen from the area. Staff decided to purchase the Polymer Composite Style Bullet Light Fixtures instead of brass units to hopefully mitigate future vandalism/theft. The polymer light fixture looks identical to the brass but is made out of a hard plastic.
 - Quotes from ET Water and John Deere landscapes for the conversion to smart controllers in the MAD were discussed and reviewed at the November meeting. The committee approved moving forward with the ET Water Hermit Crab's. Staff submitted rebate applications to the SoCal Water Smart Program and have received rebate checks. Installation of the ET Water units will begin this month.
 - Pardee Homes/Contractors are in the process of constructing the center medians just east of Rancho Sante Fe Farms Road. The plant palette will match the existing Carmel Valley Road medians in PHR and consist of drought tolerant plant material with water-efficient drip irrigation and bubblers. The target date of completion is scheduled for the end of June 2015, with the turnover date being towards the end of September, after the 90-day maintenance period. *(No change from last month)*

Landscape Contract and Budget

- Treebeard continues to provide services within budget.
- West Coast Arborists removed all dead palm fronds from the Washingtonia Hybrid palms throughout our areas of responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

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