

## CONSENT ITEM 14

### Oak Park MAC Landscape Committee Report Out Submitted by: Brian Trushinski, Oak Park MAC Chair

#### CSA4 Landscape Committee

- **Landscape contractor for Oak Park CSA 4 services for 2024/25.** Ventura County Public Works is currently in the process of finalizing its consultant selection.
- **Ventura County Public Works (Transportation), regarding their discussions with California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).** Over the past 5 months, no update has been provided by Public Works to the Landscape Committee regarding the significant vegetation removal that was done on Medea Creek (Kanan Road/ Oak Hills Drive) in October 2023. At the May 2024, MAC meeting, Brian Trushinski reported that after reviewing County Transportation's CDFW Routine Maintenance Agreement, it appears that this specific reach of Medea Creek, as well as the creek vegetation removal was conducted without CDFW's awareness or approval.
- **Juniper hedge line trimming at southeast corner of Kanan Road & Tamarind Street.** Ventura County Public Works investigated and said that the juniper hedge at 6304 Tamarind Street had been trimmed by the property owner approximately a month ago. Brian Trushinski received a subsequent community complaint that the junipers were still too tall and still causing a vehicular and pedestrian safety issue. Public Works investigated and concluded that the hedge is situated in Los Angeles County; not located in Ventura County. Therefore, this should be a matter for LA County to address.
- **Solar lights for the Kanan Road center median "Welcome to Oak Park" monument sign.** County Public Works has replaced the lights.
- **Revitalized planting areas along Hawthorn Drive (both sides) between Cremona Way and Kanan Road.** These specific planting areas were in the Steiner report (2024) as Areas J, K, L, M, and N. The MAC supported this project in April/ May 2024. There are approved budget funds. County Public Works has not yet authorized Enhanced Landscape to prepare a planting plan and cost estimate.
- **Irrigation Boxes/Stations Painting.** Enhanced Landscapes is updating and painting landscape irrigation boxes/stations in CSA 4. The most recent was at Nobletree Court and Hawthorn Drive.
- **Landscape Area Improvements.** Brian Trushinski received resident complaints and requests for removal of dead plants and trees, new plantings, and weed

removal along the east hillside between Bowfield Street and Rockfield Street. There are several large areas of unsightly and baren soil that need planting and mitigation to address irrigation erosion impacts to the adjacent pedestrian sidewalk.

Residents have asked how the County Public Works Agency responds to community complaints about unsightly and public safety landscaping issues that are on private homeowners' association properties immediately adjacent to public sidewalks and roads.

- **Street Sweeping.** No citizen complaints received.

#### **Rancho Simi Recreation and Parks District (RSRPD)**

- **No update to report.**

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