



OPEN MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center, 24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Ira Lewis, Ralph Engdahl, Brad Rinehart,
Cush Bhada, S.K. Park

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

ADVISORS PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Park made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Bhada seconded. The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of the October 11, 2023 Report

Director Park made a motion to approve the meeting report. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

4. Remarks of the Chair

Chair Lewis had no remarks.

5. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann provided an update regarding the Habitat Restoration project.

Mr. Wiemann gave an update on two new laws; AB 1572 (prohibition of potable water for non-functional turf) and AB 1372 (rodenticide material change).

Mr. Wiemann recommended that unbudgeted funds be used to contract for additional mulching throughout the Mutual. The Committee was in unanimous support.

Members made comments and asked questions.

5a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann discussed the provided Project Log in detail. Members made comments and asked questions.

5b. Water Use Comparison

Mr. Wiemann discussed the provided Water Use Chart in detail. Members made comment and asked questions.

5c. Tree Work Status Report

Committee member asked questions regarding labor hours

6. Member Comments

Two member made comments, topics included the following:

- Compliments on weed control
- West Creek
- Compliments to Landscaping Staff, Mission Landscape Staff, and the Board of Directors
- Prevention of wildfires

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann and members of the Committee responded to the comments.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration

8a. Owl Box Pilot Program

Mr. Wiemann discussed the provided presentation. He recommended that the Committee wait one year prior to beginning any work related to this potential project due to an existing group within the Village already making progress on the installation of Owl boxes in partnership with the Recreation Department. The Committee agreed unanimously.

8b. Wildflower Pilot Program

Mr. Wiemann stated that he will bring this item back to the Committee at the next meeting.

8c. Landscape Manual

Discussion ensued, the Committee asked for links to be added in the manual to help guide residents. Director Engdahl made a motion to send the Manual to the Board with the changes. Director Bhada seconded the motion. The Committee was in unanimous support.

8d. Urban Forest Management Plan

Mr. Wiemann explained the report to the new committee members. Discussion ensued among the Committee. The Committee agreed to have the images fixed for clarity.

Director Engdahl made a motion to submit the Urban Forest Management Plan to the Board of Directors for final approval and adoption. Director Bhada seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Items for Future Agendas

- Wildflower Pilot Program
- Costs to increase service levels
- Comparison of labor hours for shrub bed maintenance

10. Committee Member Comments

Several comments were made.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

12. Adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Ira Lewis


Ira Lewis, Chair

Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Megan Feliz, Landscape Administrative Assistant

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