

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE
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Long-Range Landscape Development Project

It's been a while since we've posted an update to the website, but updates have been published in the Commentator, so hopefully you've been keeping current there. We are currently deep into phase three of the project, which we hoped to have completed by July. Clearly, we have not met that target, but the schedule is our most flexible constraint and one of the board directives has been that getting it right is far more important than meeting an inconsequential deadline. Vacations and summer activities hampered the efforts, and the methods of prioritizing the work is a bit more complicated than originally thought. Efforts are back in full swing now.

With that in mind, the Long-Range Landscape Development Project (LRLDP) team wants to remind you that since replacement of many of the plants is upcoming, while removal of dead, diseased, or otherwise problematic plant life will be done, there will be no replacement until a plan is in place. That plan is under way.

Here's what's currently happening with the landscape plan. By the time this is published, we will have completed the development of a zone map, dividing Village Four into zones to be addressed during the upcoming years. The work will be done by priority and as funding allows. The LRLDP team is currently developing a formula and criteria to establish the priority based on several factors (we will share those factors and the formula once it has been finalized). However, it is important to note, that the priorities can change over time based on circumstances. For example, if there is a major failure in an irrigation line or sewer line requiring tearing up a large area, that zone will likely move to the top priority.

Part of this phase is to create a "catalog" of wonderful plants, bushes, etc. to replace the existing plant materials that are no longer viable due to their age, sun exposure, general condition, or other factors. Homeowners will be able to choose replacement plants around their unit from that catalog. In other words, you will be able to design your area. Adjoining homes do not have to have the same design but must have a cohesive look. Using the catalog will make that very easy. The catalog is being developed by a professional, nationally renowned landscape designer and consultant that has assessed our landscaping and is making recommendations that are in concert with the goals and objectives that you as homeowners developed in the earlier project phases.

Keep checking the website for more information.

LANDSCAPING REMINDER:

Please remember that any changes to the landscaping that are outside your home's "footprint" must be approved through a Landscape Change Request. Failure to do so may require you to return the area to its original state at your expense. If you are unsure if the change is within your footprint, just contact the landscape committee (V4LRLDP@gmail.com).

Sacramento County is under a D4 Exceptional Drought classification, the highest level. Please water responsibly. It also means that the common area landscaping will be irrigated less, and it will suffer.