

## RANCHO BERNARDO MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT YEAR 2006/07 IN REVIEW

The Rancho Bernardo Maintenance Assessment District is a citizen's advisory board that works with city staff to manage landscaping in Rancho Bernardo. Maintenance is funded by a special assessment that is collected from the property taxes of residents and businesses (which were recently increased) in the maintained areas of Rancho Bernardo. MAD is also funded in part by special taxes not limited to gas taxes. The work is performed by a landscaping company who has a contract to perform the work.

The following issues were discussed and some projects were completed:

### **March 2006 – (summary from Steve Ewart's Chairmanship)**

**Goldkamp Landscaping** - awarded contract ...\$160,000 ... begins April 1

**Backflow** - two backflows including pressure regulators installed on Bernardo Oaks Dr. cost \$1,994.63 each.

**Bike Path W Bernardo Dr.** - cleaned - cost \$1,216.35.

**Solar irrigation Retrofit Bernardo Center Dr.** - reviewed ... estimated cost below \$3,000. If done estimated cost saving is approximately \$1200 per yr.

**Rancho Bernardo Rd. Uplights** - Sundown Electric working on rewiring – report due on April 1

**Pomerado Rd. median** - best to package project ... estimated low end cost \$2,796,641 and high end estimate is \$3,407,807. SANDAG may have grant

**Bernardo Center Dr. / Pomerado Rd. planting** - water truck \$208 mo.

**Conserve a Tree** - application submitted

### **April 2006 - Alethea Altenbern – new Chairperson**

**Backflows** – 2 backflows installed Bernardo Dr. - \$3,989

Bike Path West Bernardo Dr. – clean up completed – possible resurface of path

**Caminito Del Norte clean up** – Weeds, trash & tree limbs removed going into 4S Ranch

**Rancho Bernardo Road Uplights** – Estimate from Sundown Lighting & Electrical running conduit & wires on RB Road & Bernardo Center drive - \$15,916

Concrete pillars will be extra

**Tree Trimming – Oaks North medians** – trees had not been trimmed for 6 to 7 years - estimate cost \$2,235. Olive trees trimming will run approximately \$200.00 /tree

**Pomerado Rd. Median** - discussed various project options & related costs, such as pebbles, cobble stones, palms & various plantings - need four 2 inch water meters

**Bernardo Center Dr./ Pomerado Rd tree program** - discussed – may not have to remove trees

**Conserve a Tree Program** - application to be sent

## **May 2006**

**Backflows stolen** - discussion on protective measures

**Water meters** - MAD current cost \$104 mo. - suggest installation (7) water meters – cost \$50,134 to lower costs - Council will have to approve – motion was made to ask Council to approve one water meter at Paseo del Verano to see if there is much money saved

**Olive trees Rancho Bernardo Rd.** – sprayed

**Pomerado Rd. median** - still needs more discussion

**Conserve a Tree Project** - application approved

## **June 2006**

**Damage ... shrubs Bernardo Center Rd.** - repair cost \$536

**Water meter Paseo del Norte** - tabled until next month

**Tree trimming** - Western tree bid \$9,500/82 trees on Bernardo Center, RB Road and Pomerado Rd.

**Westwood Sound Wall** - Alethea to contact Joe re info. on maintenance program then formulate letter

**Keep RB Beautiful** - are we active in this program? RB Community Council working to develop a committee?

**Backflow cages** - no cages – rather will paint backflows blue to prevent theft - no new reports of stolen backflows

## **July 2006**

**Damage repair Bernardo Center Rd.**- repair completed

**Water meters** - installation cost \$7,000 ... takes 10 yrs. to recover cost

**Tree trimming** - tentative date Aug. 1

**Westwood sound wall** - letter to Westwood advising MAD only responsible if meter and water system is installed.

**Neighborhood Partnership Grant** - \$1,000 grant if we match ...how?

## **August 2006**

**Pomerado Rd & Rios Project** total cost \$11,765 for meter (no water trucks) - plants/trees were discussed - walk through in Sept.

**Paseo Del Verano water meter** – a temporary water meter was suggested and approved by Council - cost \$296

**Tree trimming** - postponed – waiting for purchase order - Western Tree Service

**Westwood Club letter re sound wall** - no response

**Neighborhood Partnership Grant** – proof of project and solicitation for money requested - no action is in the works

## **September 2006**

**Pomerado/Rios Tree Project** - all items and costs identified – changes have been made & approved to put in new fence, water meter & backflow (changed from water truck) monies are designated for this project

**Olive Tree trimming** - completed

**Bernardo Center Dr. light damage** - repaired - no invoice received from Sundown Lighting & Electrical as of yet

**Bernardo Gardeners Club** - request opportunity to discuss Pomerado medium project

**Native plants for Westwood sound wall** – water trucks are watering once a month - Alethea to contact Courtney Smith for assistance in maintaining plants

## **October 2006**

**Conserve a Tree Nomination RB Rd.** - approved

**Medium E & W of Fwy. 15 on RB Rd.** – Cal Trans will fix damage caused by their construction

**Street sweeping** - not done properly – Cory will contact for correction

**Pomerado/RB Rd. Project** - unanimously passed with detail on all items at the September 28 Community Council meeting – Indian Hawthorn bushes, Crape Myrtle trees and Jasmine vines will be planted

**Pomerado Rd. medium** – Frank Auwarter photo shoot to be presented to planning board

**Westwood sound wall** – Alethea to contact Courtney Smith - not available

**Replacement of some olive trees RB Rd.** – Cory Peterson will identify how many need replacement

**Issues log** – final draft of log presented – all agree that this log is a must to record what items were on the MAD agenda and what has been accomplished

## **November 2006**

**Rios Road Project** – Most pvc pipes have been installed. Meter, backflows, etc will be installed next – waiting approval of black coated fencing – total cost approximately \$41,003

**Westwood Sound wall** - review of all costs have been made – (water needed to keep plants from dying) now estimated at \$132,042 - no solution made

**RB Rd. mediums at Freeway overpass** - Cal Trans has connected irrigation and wiring on the West side of overpass – tree on East side of overpass in bad shape – we will be receiving a replacement from Caltrans

**Olive tree replacement RB Rd.** – approved by Council -10 or 12 trees must be replaced - all costs have been detailed – money available

**Pomerado Rd. median** – landscape architect - estimated cost \$5,000

**Holiday lights on RB Rd.** – discussed installation, removing, storing, etc.

**Storm drain Pomerado Rd. near Rios** - clean up needed - staff pursuing action

## **December 2006**

**Pomerado Rd and Rios** - continue to review City of San Diego variances also reduction in city staff is slowing down progress

**Solar Timers** – solar timers for both Rios Rd and Bernardo Center median irrigation retrofit will go in at approximately the same time

**Olive Tree Replacement** - will begin January

**Update on Pomerado Median Project** – No update by Frank Auwarter – trying to obtain names of architects to contact

**Annual Budget Review** – Suggestions for proposed projects were discussed – upgrade of RB Road median, holiday lights, new “welcome” signs

## **January 2007**

**Pomerado Rd and Rios** – Water meter location has been marked – selection of fence still not approved by City

**Olive Trees** – A total of 11 Olive trees have been earmarked as needing to be replaced

**Free Mulch Offered** – Staff covered right of way adjacent to bike path on West Bernardo Drive and around Olive trees on RB Road medians

**Budget FY08** – to be forwarded to Community Council and ask for approval at January 25 meeting

**Update on temporary water meter** – request a report from staff as to the water consumption at Del Verano Norte

## **February 2007**

**Budget FY08** – Budget unanimously approved by Community Council

**Pomerado Rd and Rios** – water meter installed January 30 – backflow and valves work to begin – waiting for approval on fence – City is stating a six foot fence is required instead of a five foot fence – that would require the posts to be changed also. (Later in week, Joe Henderson sent an E-mail saying we had an approval for a five foot black vinyl coated fence)

**Olive Trees** – Trees have been identified as diseased with Verticillium Wilt - Beginning removal closest to Bernardo Center Drive

**Light repairing** – Six lights by the Fire Station in the medians on Bernardo Center Drive repaired by Sundown Lighting – approximately \$400

**Pomerado Median Project** – Frank Auwarter reported on a meeting with an architect from the Lightfoot Planning Group. The cost would be \$4000 to present a proposal for landscape services. Joe Henderson will check to see if approval can be obtained for this company to proceed with architectural services

**Sound Wall plant watering** – water truck will be needed if a meter is not installed – remind staff in April

**Temporary water meter report** – Cory presented an estimated charge for water per month – if meter is installed, cost would be \$22.00 or \$34.00 per month if backflow is installed. Our current charge is \$107.56 per month. The cost of a meter would be approximately \$7,000 – it would take approximately eight years to make this change worthwhile. More discussion needed.