



**REGULAR MEETING  
GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE\***

**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.  
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING  
Laguna Woods Village  
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA**

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

*This Meeting May Be Recorded*

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Media
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Report for June 8, 2022
5. Chair Remarks
6. Department Head Update
  - a. Irrigation Control Project Update

**Consent:**

None

**Reports**

7. Update on the Creek (Presentation)
8. Drought Tolerant Plants (Presentation)

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)
10. Response to Member Comments

Concluding Business:

11. Committee Member Comments
12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
13. Adjournment

Juanita Skillman, Chair  
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer  
Jayanna Abolmoloki, Landscape Administrative Assistant  
Telephone: 949-268-2565

\*A quorum of the GRF Board, or more, may also be present at the meeting.



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION  
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 1:30 P.M.**

**BOARD ROOM/ VIRTUAL MEETING  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center  
24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair – Juanita Skillman, Reza Karimi, Ira Lewis, Maggie Blackwell

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diane Casey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Yvonne Horton

**ADVISORS PRESENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Jayanna Abolmoloki, Angel De La Torres, Maribel Flores, Juan Uicab

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Skillman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of Media**

No press was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Director Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Karimi seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report for March 9, 2022**

The report was approved without objections.

**5. Committee Chair Remarks**

Chair Skillman stated that she would like to bring attention to the two Landscape employees who were recently honored at the Village Management Services, Inc. Employee Excellence Award Ceremony. Chair Skillman recognized Maribel Flores, and Juan Uicab. Chair Skillman also addressed a recent publication from Letters to the Editor.

## **6. Department Head Update**

### **6a. Update on Master Control Irrigation System (MCIS)**

Mr. Wiemann stated that bids came in for the MCIS, slightly lower than expected. WeatherTRAK has committed to hold their bid prices as quoted during project development, despite the recent 20% increase in equipment costs. Mr. Wiemann explained that the benefits of a new system are numerous, such as, the efficiency of having finite control over the watering system from a mobile device or tablet.

Members made comments and asked questions.

### **6b. Discuss Village Tree Signage**

Mr. Wiemann discussed the history of tree signs in the Village, and he explained that nailing signs to the trees is not a healthy option. Mr. Wiemann stated that if the Committee wanted to replace them, he would recommend the construction of a tree signage plan, which would come with a significant cost.

Mr. Wiemann added that the Landscape Department has mapped trees in the community, and that map will be available on the website for residents in the future.

Chair Skillman stated that 3 publications of colored tree maps are available at the History Center, and the Village Library.

## Reports

### **7. Update on the Creek**

Mr. Wiemann directed the Committee's attention to the last two paragraphs of this staff report to highlight recent updates regarding wildlife in the creek, and cattail maintenance.

Members made comments and asked questions.

## Items for Discussion and Consideration

### **8. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

None.

### **9. Response to Member Comments**

None.

### **10. Angel De La Torres; Grounds Maintenance Landscape Manager**

Mr. De La Torres reviewed the PowerPoint presentation and provided insight into the daily operations of the Grounds Maintenance section.

Members made comments and asked questions.

Concluding Business:

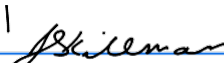
**11. Committee Member Comments**

Director Blackwell stated that we will see what happens over the next year, and that she believes it is a good idea to remove outdoor water spigot handles within the Mutual.

Director Karimi asked for an update on the plant nursery. Mr. Wiemann stated that the nursery will begin tracking data digitally, now that the office has received a computer and the network access necessary for this task.

**12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**

**13. Adjournment at 2:26 p.m.**

  
Juanita Skillman (Jun 16, 2022 16:31 PDT)

Juanita Skillman, Chair