



**OPEN MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION  
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Diane Casey, Maggie Blackwell

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Annie McCary

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bunny Carpenter, Yvonne Horton, Joanna Kipper (Biologist from Chambers Group, inc.)

**ADVISORS PRESENT:** Lynn Jarrett

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Jayanna Abolmoloki

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Skillman called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**2. Acknowledgment of Media**

No press was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of the Meeting Report for June 6, 2022**

The report was approved without objections.

**5. Committee Chair Remarks**

Chair Skillman addressed the audience by reminding them that the GRF Landscape Committee typically highlights items of particular interest.

## **6. Department Head Update**

### **6a. Irrigation Control Project Update**

Mr. Wiemann stated that GRF owns the irrigation controls for the entire community and informed the audience that the current system is almost 25 years old. Mr. Wiemann updated the committee by stating that he is waiting on the first set of controllers to be delivered. Mr. Wiemann also reminded the committee that the new system is eligible for rebates.

Members made comments and asked questions.

## Reports

### **7. Update on the Creek (Presentation)**

Mr. Wiemann introduced Joanna Kipper, the Biologist working with Landscape Services to preserve Aliso Creek. Ms. Kipper presented a slide show containing images and information regarding the creek.

Members made comments and asked questions.

### **8. Drought Tolerant Plants (Presentation)**

Mr. Wiemann discussed the many drought tolerant plants depicted in the slide show presented. Mr. Wiemann also shared that Landscape Services will be replanting the Gate 1 area as a pilot to display multiple drought tolerant plants. Mr. Wiemann stated that United Mutual will soon have a passive park planted full of drought tolerant plants, and it will be pet-friendly. Mr. Wiemann recommends that residents purchase their drought tolerant plants from nurseries, in lieu of big box stores.

Members made comments and asked questions.

## Items for Discussion and Consideration

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

Several members made comments and asked questions. Topics included:

- The history of Conservators of the Creek
- Request to speak at a Fish, Game, and Wildlife Meeting
- Willow trees near Aliso Creek
- Request to re-plant butterfly-friendly bushes near Aliso Creek
- Informational brochures available at the History Center

### **10. Response to Members Comments**

Kurt Wiemann and Joanna Kipper both responded to member comments.

Concluding Business:

**11. Committee Member Comments**

Advisor Lynn Jarrett stated that she appreciates the presentations shared. She also stated that Bob Merget's previous presentation given should be turned into a YouTube video.

Director Blackwell stated that What's Up in the Village should soon contain information on drought tolerant plants.


Director Casey commented that she is doing good things with the United Tree Ad Hoc Committee.

Director Lewis stated he is happy that this information is getting to the public.

Director Karimi appreciates what Landscape Services is doing in Aliso Creek.

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

**13. Recess for Special Closed Session at 3:18 p.m.**

  
Juanita Skillman (Sep 26, 2022 11:19 PDT)  
Juanita Skillman, Chair

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