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## **CANCHA DE GOLF LANDSCAPE MEDIAN RENOVATION PLAN – FACT SHEET**

- The Whispering Palms Community Services District is a government agency formed in 1987 to provide the Whispering Palms community with sewage collection and treatment services, and landscape maintenance services for the common areas within the community road right-of-ways. We are responsible for the roadside landscaping at: 1) the entryway to Whispering Palms, including the fountain; 2) along the east side of Via De La Valle from the polo fields to the golf course maintenance shack; and 3) the medians and adjacent landscaping in Cancha De Golf.
- The District is governed by a locally elected 5 member board of directors.
- The District has developed plans to replace the aging and diseased Queen Palms in the Cancha De Golf median with King Palms, along with some Peppermint Willow trees. These King Palms will match the palms planned for the perimeter of the shopping center selected by the developer of Palma De La Reina. The new King Palms will be younger, healthier, self-cleaning, and more attractive than the existing Queen Palms. New energy efficient LED up-lighting will replace the existing lighting.
- Governor Brown's emergency drought guidelines banned the watering of turf medians such as the medians in Cancha De Golf. Therefore, the turf in these medians will be replaced with new low lying drought tolerant shrubs.
- Attached is an artist's rendering of the new median plantings.
- The District has held over 20 public meetings to discuss the new planting plan, including a noticed community meeting on March 29, 2016, attended by over 70 residents. Pat Caughey, one of the most respected landscape architects in San Diego, presented three preliminary landscape design options at that meeting, A, B, and C. Plan C, the design incorporating the most median palms, got over 70% of the vote of those in attendance.
- The District will also be relocating the sidewalk along the west side of Cancha De Golf, and will be planting a new privet hedge along the sidewalk. We have received a bid of \$39,000 for the sidewalk relocation.
- The new median landscape plan is currently out to bid. The landscape architect's estimate for the median project is \$334,000, and \$28,000 for the privet hedge.
- As of June 30, the District has \$860,000 in reserves.
- The District is in the process of getting our permits now, and we hope to begin planting this new design in October 2016.
- Phase 2 of this landscaping project will address the entryway landscaping and the landscaping along the east side of Via De La Valle. Design plans for this work are still in the conceptual phase.