



**REPORT OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF THE
UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 26, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
Board Room and Virtual with Zoom**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sue Quam – Chair, Vidya Kale, Anthony Liberatore
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ellen Leonard, Georgiana Willis
ADVISORS PRESENT:	Mary Sinclair
STAFF PRESENT:	Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz

1. Call to Order

Chair Quam called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment of Media

No media were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Quam requested that the supplemental appropriation for United turf reduction projects be added as Item 16. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for January 22, 2024

The committee unanimously approved the meeting report.

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Quam announced the Urban Forest Management Plan passed at the last board meeting. The Tree Ad-hoc Committee will be dissolved at the next board meeting.

6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann notified the committee that staff has training on rainy days.

6a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann briefly discussed the project budgets, letting the committee know slope work has lost time due to weather, and working on catching up.

6b. Year-End Update

Mr. Wiemann discussed year end project log. Notifying the committee reserve expenditures were under budget by \$83,000.

6c. Water Use Comparison Chart

Mr. Wiemann notified the committee that irrigation water has been off for about a month, due to the amount of rain. Once the ground starts to dry up it will be turned on. This is saving United in water costs.

6d. Tree Work Status Report

None

6e. Plants Planted in United

Mr. Wiemann brought the list to the committee per their request.

7. Member Comments (Items not on the agenda)

None

8. Response to Member Comments

None

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. 29-D Landscape Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Liberatore made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to deny the request. Director Kale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.27-B Tree Removal

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Chair Quam made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Director Liberatore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11.180-A Tree Removal

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. An email was read from the member. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Liberatore made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Chair Quam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12.321-H Tree Removal

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Kale made a motion to table the item. The committee directed Staff to look into the trimming of the tree. Director Liberatore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.397-D Tree Removal

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Chair Quam made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Director Liberatore seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14.519-C Tree Removal

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Liberatore made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Chair Quam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Turf Reduction

Mr. Wiemann explained to the committee how these turf reductions were picked and why. He let them know due to AB 1572, these would have to be done eventually down the line. Budgeted funds will be used for these. Discussion and

questions ensued among the committee.

Director Liberatore made a motion to accept staff's recommendation on turf reduction locations. Director Kale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Supplemental Appropriation for Turf Reduction Projects

Mr. Wiemann discussed the staff report. Letting them know these were budgeted funds left over from 2023. Staff was recommending the funds be appropriated to the 2024 budget. Discussion ensued and questions were asked to Mr. Wiemann. Director Liberatore made a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Director Kale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Concluding Business

17. Committee Member Comments

Various comments were made.

18. Date of Next Meeting – March 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

19. Adjourned at 2:48 p.m.


Sue Quam, Chair

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