



Sandia Ranchos Property Owners Association

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(one vacancy)

NEED VOLUNTEERS:

Board of Directors: There is one vacancy on the Board of Directors. Please consider participating in preserving the natural beauty of our quaint and peaceful community that is Sandia Ranchos. If interested, please contact Ralston Mgmt @ 951-296-9030.

Architectural Committee: The Board of Directors is currently serving as the Architectural Control Committee. Interested members are welcome and encouraged to serve on this Committee.

Submittal of Plans to the Architectural Committee: If you are planning an improvement on your property, i.e. fencing, gates, building a house, garage or barn, you are required to submit plans for review and approval by the Architectural Control Committee before you start. Plans may be submitted to the Ralston Management office.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity to the Sheriff. If it looks suspicious, it probably is.

Planting only avocado trees that have been registered and certified helps protect against avocado root rot and sunblotch viroid. Planting grape vines that have been registered and certified helps protect against virus diseases. It only benefits you the grower to do so. For more information concerning the foregoing as well as issues concerning the planting of citrus please go to the Calif. Dept of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) web site to access their plant health, nursery stock registration and certification programs. The main CDFA web site is www.cdfa.ca.gov. Also UC Davis has pertinent information concerning these issues under its Foundation Plant Services program. The main UC Davis web site is www.ucdavis.edu.

The Association's CC&Rs require that prior to the planting of any Avocado Tree or Grape Vine that documentation be submitted to the Association that the trees or vines are certified.

There appears to be a lot of confusion around what living native plants can or cannot be removed from parcels located in Sandia Ranchos. The following is presented for your information, however, you should consult your own advisors before you make any final decision to remove any living native plant.

Sandia Ranchos CC&R addresses the preservation of trees as follows: "No living native oak (*Quercus agrifolia* or *Quercus engelmannii*) and no native California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*) with a trunk diameter of seven (7) or more inches at a point two (2) feet above the ground shall be removed without permission of the Architectural Control Committee. No permission shall be required for removal of shrubs and/or dead trees as a fire prevention measure." Additionally Riverside County Ordinance No. 559 (As Amended Through 559.7) regulates the removal of living native trees on any property greater than 1/2 acre in size and located in an area above 5,000 feet in elevation. Finally both the Federal (Federal Register, 50 CFR Section 17.11) and State (California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 670.5) governments publish lists of endangered, threatened, and rare plants in California.

PARADISE LOST

Don't let this happen to you.

The Board of Directors is taking a very strong stance in regards to properly maintaining your property, especially to minimize fire hazards. We want our community to be safe.

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