



# Sandia Ranchos Property Owners Association NEWSLETTER

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## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE- 2023-2024

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## HELPFUL REMINDERS

Dead vegetation poses a health and public safety risk and should be removed promptly. Please do not simply have your water turned off and let your trees / vegetation die. **Do not become another Paradise or Lahaina.**

**REMEMBER:** “One year of seed means 7 years of weeds.” **All weed abatement work should be done before the weeds go to seed and certainly no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.** Weed abatement is a requirement of both the Association’s governing documents and the Riverside County Code.

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](http://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](http://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.

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:** Board Meetings are usually held quarterly on the second Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. Board meeting are held via Zoom and telephone and at the physical location of Ralston Management, address located at bottom of this Newsletter. Agenda and instructions for joining the meeting are sent via email, posted on the website and posted on the bulletin board at Sandia Creek and Via Vaquero.

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**  
March 13, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. @  
Ralston Management Office & Via Zoom

**Avocado Cafe:** To learn more about avocado management, contact [CafeAvos@gmail.com](mailto:CafeAvos@gmail.com), state your intention to attend a meeting and an email will be sent to you.

**Fire Safety:** SCE has implemented the PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff). If you wish to receive personal notifications you may contact SCE at (800) 250-7339 and provide your phone number, or visit [www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp](http://www.sce.com/safety/wildfire/pssp) and click on “Update Your Contact Info.”

**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 are to be submitted to the Ralston Management office at the contact information below.

## PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON

**CAL FIRE responds to more than 1,600 fires started by using equipment the wrong way. A flyer prepared by Cal Fire concerning using equipment safely is on the association’s website under fire safety. No open fire.**

Under a California Department of Insurance’s program by participating in a Firewise Community homeowners can receive a discount on their insurance premiums even if in the Fair Plan. If interested in participating in a Firewise Community or have questions contact Alfred Visco, [visco@linkline.com](mailto:visco@linkline.com), 310-541-8927 (landline), 424-397-9248 (cell).

## **HIGH FIRE HAZARD PLANTS**

The following are high fire hazard plants: Acacia (Shrub), Eucalyptus, Juniper, Palm, Pine, and Pampas Grass. In order to protect not only your own property but your neighbors, the Board highly recommends that you remove all of said plants from your property.

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