



Sandia Ranchos Property Owners Association Newsletter

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2022-2023

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REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS: Board Meetings are held quarterly on the second Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom 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 and posted on the bulletin board at Sandia Creek and Via Vaquero.

Next Regular Board Meeting to Immediately Follow The Annual Meeting: June 14, 2023

Avocado Cafe: To learn more about avocado management, contact CafeAvos@gmail.com, state your intention to attend a meeting and an email will be sent to you. June through October is directed towards irrigation.

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/psps 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.

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.**

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 30th.** 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.cdffa.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

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 fires.

The Southwest Riverside County Fire Safe Council (SWRFSC) offers high visibility, high reflective address signs and other special circumstance signs. The SWRFSC has grant funds which will pay for ½ of the cost. Contact Diana Reese at dreese.swrfsc@gmail.com. The SWRFSC also conducts community brush collection projects and is looking for new community locations to hold collections and chipping events. There are specific requirements concerning same and volunteers are needed to monitor and collect a \$10 per truck load fee. The SWRFSC hires a chipping company at their expense. Contact Susan Hurst at joydzins@verizon.net.

DID YOU KNOW THE ASSOCIATION HAS A WEBSITE? SANDIARANCHOS.HOMESTEAD.COM

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.

Open bonfires in the community are prohibited.

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