

Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District Advisory Committee (HMDAC)  
Informal meeting at the waterfall, 9:00 am, January 24, 2013

In attendance – Mike Baldwin, Joyce Estes, Jane McWhorter, Don Burton (LMD), Brian Kilian (Borrecco-Kilian).

The objective of the meeting was to review, revise and simplify the entryway plans previously drawn up by BK at the direction of James Nichols. HMDAC members were advised that the plans would be subject to review to determine whether they comply with California Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances. This is a new requirement throughout the state and applies to all developments greater than 2,500 sq. ft. This could restrict the permissible plants, areas of lawn, etc. To meet this requirement each project needs a City permit costing \$3,000, and there may be additional auditing costs.

It was agreed that plans will be based on the region from the waterfall to the start of the median as phase 1 and the remaining area up to the large Hiddenbrooke sign as phase 2. There will be consistency in design and the same themes might be continued down the Parkway at a later date.

HMDAC members requested that wherever possible, the existing lawns in the entryway should be preserved. They might not meet the terms of the California Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances but they might possibly be “grandfathered in”. It was agreed that if we must sacrifice some lawn, the median would be the first choice. Lawn beneath the olive trees in front of the v-ditch on the outbound side and in front of the photinia hedge on the inbound side might also be replaced by bark.

The corner opposite the waterfall.

- It was agreed to return to the more limited plans for the rock walls as originally proposed by HMDAC. It will be necessary to move the existing stone column 3' nearer to the freeway to allow the new wall to clear the concrete pumping station.
- It was agreed to preserve all olive trees and oak trees that are healthy. New up-lighting may be installed. Most other trees and shrubs will be removed and replaced. It is hoped to establish new trees behind the white fence subject to soil tests to learn why trees have not thrived there.
- The current photinia hedge that screens the street side of the pumping station will be retained or replaced with an alternative hedge.
- A new footpath will be provided around the pumping station on the side away from the street, possibly decomposed granite. The white fence will be extended several yards to the PG&E box.

The waterfall side.

- A new wall will be built from the column to the waterfall. It is not necessary to move the column to match that across the street as the two sides will not be symmetrical mirror images and the desired overall effect is informal.
- Plans to install steps and a path to the waterfall have been dropped to discourage outside users.
- Flowers in front of the waterfall will be replaced with low-growing greenery (to be selected). New lighting will be reviewed.
- All olive trees and oak trees that are healthy will remain. Most of the plants around and behind the waterfall will be removed and replaced, except for established trees higher on the hill.
- The low-growing shrubs along McGary Road will be replaced by trees.
- The Rosemary hedge behind the v-ditch along the Parkway will be replaced with carpet roses set further back from the ditch.
- The “vineyard” on the hillside will be removed and new trees will be planted.
- A new more secure enclosure will be constructed for the waterfall pumps.