

Rancho San Clemente

Community Association

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Winter
2017
Newsletter

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

RSCCA Board Election

The November 14, 2017 election had 3 seats to fill. Board members elected are: Vonne Barnes, Marjie Butterworth, and Henry Lobdell.

Holiday Lights

Enjoy the display of beautiful holiday lighting by South Coast Gardening at RSCCA's entry at Avenida Pico and Calle Del Cerro.

Knob Hill Fire

A brush fire at the north end of the city's Ridge Route Trail on 11.25.2017 ended after the quick response of 50 firefighters and 2 helicopters dropping water on the hill.

Board President Vonne Barnes and South Coast Gardening reviewed the 7 acre burn area and found numerous filter tipped cigarette butts by the public bench at the end of the Ridge Route Trail at Knob Hill.

On December 5th, Barnes presented a powerpoint of photos and findings at the City Council hearing and asked the city to install trail fencing and signage on the Ridge Route Trail (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDmfVOSmYE> 1.50.33).

RSCCA wishes to thank the Community Problem Solvers Club (CPSC) of San Clemente High School for exemplary leadership in addressing the City Council. Co-Presidents Sophia Mains and Chloe Kamp with members Ishaan Mody and Nick Petrocelli presented a design plan for trail fencing and signage along the Ridge Route Trail to improve safety, fire prevention and preservation of Open Space and cited funding as provided in the 1995 Easement Agreement. Mayor Tim Brown invited CPSC to a meeting to discuss details.

Fire Prevention

To comply with Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), additional maintenance crew members have been added. OCFA has redirected crews away from working in the scheduled maintenance areas to revisit target areas that have been experiencing robust regrowth in fire zones. Maintenance has also been challenged with additional tasks of removing illegally dumped hazardous materials such as tree trimmings, mattresses, appliances and other items into the fire zones, as well as clearing out transient camps in the Open Space and fire zone areas.

Richard Halsey, Director of the California Chaparral Institute informs that building standards should require external under-eave/roof top sprinklers, to save homes from wind-driven embers that can blow over defensible zones :(<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-halsey-socal-fires-why-20171207-story.html>).

Concerned RSCCA members may want to consider adding exterior sprinkler systems to their own homes for this type of added protection.

Rainy season

Remember to flush out yard drains, clear debris from roof gutters, and consider purchasing flood insurance for homes located at the base of slopes.

Toll Road

The Saint Andrews Church bluff-top parking lot on the north side of Pico at the I-5 has caved in decimating 20 parking spaces above where Caltrans moved the base of the slope to widen Pico. According to Caltrans, the city's geological map, and the TCA's 2005 Supplemental Environmental Report, this area is part of the "Monterey Formation," a northwest alignment extending from Pico to the ridge top south of the Prima Deschecha Landfill. The EIR concludes that the stability of the Monterey Formation is generally poor for natural and cut slopes and poorly suited for landfill.

TCA's proposed Toll Road Route 14 runs along the Monterey Formation on the north side of Pico below many bluffside homes.

RSCCA Board President Vonne Barnes will be showing the geologic map and slides of the landslide in the parking lot along the Monterey Formation to the TCA board at the 12.14. 2017 meeting.

The Resolution Revolution is still growing and has now reached 24 participants. All are listed on the city website: <http://san-clemente.org/about-us/city-news/toll-road-extension-information/resolutions-and-statements>

Water Rate Increase

The city has raised the rates (water and meter) with annual increases up to the year 2022. RSCCA and Sub Association, Pacific Shores formally protested the rate increases. On January 1, 2018 the city will increase: Single Family Residential rates by 30%; Master Association rates by 36%; and Sub Association rates by 37%.

To calculate the 2018 budget for your Sub-Association @ same Use as 2017, add up the Units used for the last 12 months, and multiply the total by \$4.66/ Unit. Then add the annual costs for your meter(s).

*Example: Annual Use (20,000 Units), 3 meters (2"size @ 69.70/meter/mo, Jan 2018).
20,000 U * \$4.66/U = **\$93,200**. Add: 3 meters * \$69.70/meter/mo*12 mo = **\$2,509**.
Add the two: \$93,200 + \$2,509 = **\$95,709, projected annual cost for year 2018.***

Special thanks to Bill Rhodes, Pacific Shores for addressing the City Council, conferring with the city, and correcting spreadsheets for RSCCA; and to Kathlene Bruen, Richmond Pointe, for reading Barnes' letter of protest at the City Council meeting on 11.7.2017.

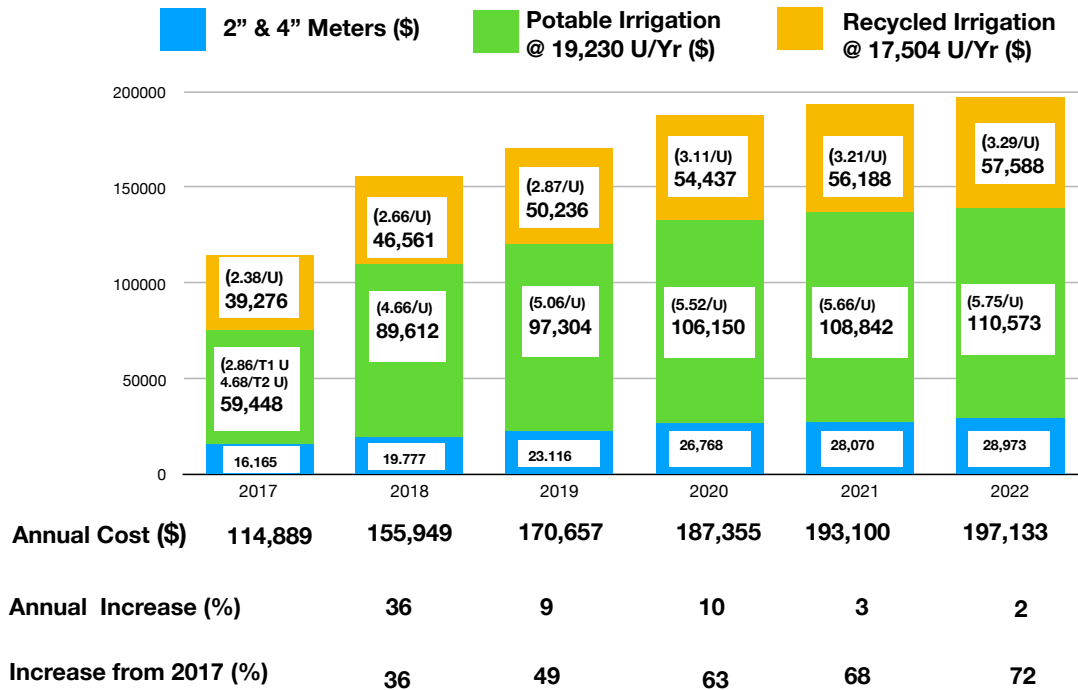
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RSCCA's Meters, Potable & Recycled Irrigation Annual Cost Projections— Years 2018-2020



Single Family Residential (SFR) Meter and Potable Water Rate Increase Projections Years 2018-2020

