

# *Rancho San Clemente*

## *Community Association*

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Newsletter

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### ***SoCal Water-Smart Rebate***

In September, Rancho San Clemente received a rebate check in the amount of \$34,125 from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) for partially converting to reclaimed irrigation systems through SoCal's Water-Smart Program.

RSC Association Manager Sheryl Sharp, reports that rebates received for irrigation system upgrades and meter conversions total \$52,675, a substantial cost savings.

As MWDSC's rebate funding appears to have been depleted, RSC's proactive approach to submit applications early in the program assured a place in line to receive rebates while they were still available.

### ***Phase I Tree Trimming***

RSC plans to trim trees located on Master Association Common Areas in the cooler winter months when trees are dormant.

Areas include: the southwest side of Calle Del Cerro from Pico near the entrance of Montego; both sides of lower Vista Montana to Lobo Elementary School; and the northeast side of Calle Aguila and Calle Pastadero.

The city has recently trimmed numerous trees along Calle Del Cerro including trees in street medians. Trees located in rows adjacent to curbs along Calle Del Cerro and Vista Montana are owned and maintained by the city.

In response to RSC Landscape Committee requests, the city also removed parasitic mistletoe from numerous sycamore trees along Vista Montana near Pacific Shores.

### ***City Raises Water Rates***

The City has reviewed the costs to operate the Water and Sewer Utilities and has raised water rates by 4% (Sewer Rates remain the same).

Water rates for residential use were increased from \$2.65 to \$2.75 per unit (1 unit = 748 gallons). Billing for the new rates are reflected in the September billing.

The good news is that RSC has converted potable water to reclaimed water (non-potable) to irrigate 27 acres (36%) of the Master Association's Common Areas at a reduced cost of \$2.25 per unit, a savings of 50 cents per unit currently with no use limits.

Questions? Adam Kanzler (949) 361-8234

### ***City to Add 3 Signs***

Bill Cameron, Director City Public Works, says that 3 signs will be installed to identify a city paved utility easement from Calle Cordillera in the Business Park to deter unauthorized use (motorcycles, etc) from access to the Ridge Route Trail and RSC Common Areas near RSC's residential areas.

RSCCA has also requested the city to install signs at official entrances to the city's paved Ridge Route Trail with use protocols to promote safety, fire prevention, no motorized vehicles, stay on the trail, etc. to deter unauthorized entry and increase safety and security along RSCCA residential properties that border the Ridge Route Trail.

# RSCCA Phase I Tree Trimming Plan Map



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