

Rancho San Clemente

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Newsletter

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Community Association

Summer Season Fire Zone Maintenance

OCFA Community Wildfire Specialist, Jonathan Lim indicates that RSCCA is in compliance with OCFA's vegetation management program regarding maintenance of defensible fire zone areas. RSCCA has been working year round with Jonathan Lim to maintain 100 foot defensible fire zones around homes in the non-irrigated Common Areas surrounding the community. In addition, our Fire zone crews have removed acacia from irrigated Common Areas located on interior slopes throughout the community. Jonathan Lim also invites individuals to follow the OCFA maintenance guidelines posted on [www. ReadySetGoOC.org](http://www.ReadySetGoOC.org). and offers free home assistance. Jonathan Lim: jonathanlim@ocfa.org.

Insurance Rate Increases

According to Ricardo Lara, Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance, major insurance companies have canceled coverage of home owners insurance due to the billions of dollars of fire damage claims that have been filed with most, if not all, of the major insurance companies. After Commissioner Lara issued a 6-month moratorium prohibiting cancellation of policies, upon annual policy renewals, insurance companies increased deductible rates that would be applied to future claims. Since the moratorium has been lifted, insurance companies may resume cancellation of policies upon annual renewal. (See SCTimes • Fire Zones • Insurance Rates Soar, <https://www.sanclementetimes.com/homeowners-grapple-with-increased-fire-insurance-costs/>)

OCFA Jonathan Lim adds that coverage has been canceled in fire zone areas for no other reason than their proximity to fire prone areas identified by zip codes.

Water Use & Rate Increases

To address drought conditions, the City plans to increase monthly bills of about \$4 in surcharges (variable rate of \$0.30/cubic centric foot and a fixed rate of \$0.74 per meter). Even numbered residential address are to irrigate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from March through November, and on Mondays in the Winter. Odd numbered addresses are to irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, and on Saturdays in the Winter. (See Staff Report; <https://www.sanclemente.org/home/showpublisheddocument/69249/637898715744310670>).

City Tree Project Update

RSCCA requested that the city complete removal of 21 remaining diseased Street Trees along Calle Del Cerro. The city has responded that they only maintain the referenced trees 5 feet from the curb; but RSCCA's Specific Plan indicates that Street Trees are within 15 feet of the sidewalk on Calle Del Cerro and are to be maintained by the City. The city also has a long history of maintaining these trees.

RSCCA's requests for the city to complete removal of the remaining diseased/problem trees along Calle Del Cerro are still under review.

To view RSCCA Board President Vonne Barnes' powerpoint at the City Council hearing on June 7, 2022 go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnnUGxWx6as> @ 13.08/4:59:47

Special thanks to Bob Carson from Rancho Cristianitos and Ross Aimer from Bella Vista for speaking up at the hearing in support of removing and replacing the trees in a timely manner.

Tree Replacement Update— Kiel Koger, Director Public Works has indicated that, depending on availability, tree replacements are expected to begin at the end of June.

Questions may be directed to the city:

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