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Update on Turf Replacement

If you look around the Saddle Creek Community, you will notice that the turf that had been devastated by drought and covered in weeds has been cleared and now consists of dirt and remains of the weeds that were taking over. Though it is not in its most attractive state at the moment, we at the District want to assure the community that we are doing everything in our power to make the landscape beautiful again.

The District has budgeted to replace the turf damaged by the drought related state water restrictions. Last year, the state required we stop watering the public median turf to save water. In order to do so and still be able to water the trees, we had to remove most of the turf sprinklers. Now, to reestablish the turf, we've had to reinstall hundreds of sprinkler heads. The brown areas you see now as you drive through the community are a result of our need to kill the weeds that had taken the area over where the turf had died from a lack of water. The cost and time required to reestablish the turf is more efficient if done by a contractor than by our staff. Because we are a public agency, this means we needed follow a specific contracting procedure to stay in line with public contracting code.

Most importantly, we want to make sure that the governor's permanent restrictions on watering public medians were not going to immediately require us to once again stop watering the newly installed turf just months after planting it. Now, weather and contractor schedules are playing a factor into the delay of the project. We are doing everything we can to make sure that Saddle Creek is a beautiful, peaceful place to reside and we WILL install new turf in the areas where there are currently dead weeds. This is of the utmost importance the District and we hope to be near completion in the next two weeks.

On behalf of the entire staff and Board at Saddle Creek Community Services, we thank you for your patience during this process and look forward to presenting a beautiful landscape to the community.

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