



## CREEKVIEW COMMONS GROUNDS COMMITTEE 2023-2024

### VISION:

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- To work in concert with homeowners and the board to increase property values while improving the aesthetic appearance of Creeksview Commons and the quality of life for those who live here;
- To carefully select landscaping specifications that will enable our HOA to obtain the most cost-effective maintenance contracts;
- To develop a long-term modification plan to enhance our current common area landscape.

### GOALS:

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- To maintain property values and curb appeal;
- To maintain harmony and integrity of our property;
- To be water-wise;
- To be mindful of the ecosystems and wildlife with which we share our property;
- To maintain enough shade to keep our cooler microclimate.

### STRATEGIES:

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- To reduce amount of lawn areas (turf);
- To increase areas of drought tolerant, low maintenance plants;
- To replace spray irrigation with drip irrigation, where appropriate;
- To reduce irrigation in general;
- To plant appropriate trees in appropriate locations.

### ACTIONS:

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- To create a list of drought tolerant, low-maintenance plants, which we can use as a reference when planting throughout the property, as needed;
- To create a similar list for homeowners;
- To establish a sustainable and responsible landscape plan with an eye toward reducing water used for irrigation;
- To replace some of the existing turf and ivy with drought tolerant, low maintenance plants;
- To choose and replace trees, as needed and establish a watering schedule for them;
- To ask the City of Petaluma to assume responsibility for their property along Monroe Street that our HOA has been maintaining;
- To allow homeowners to remove ivy and plant in the common areas, immediately in front, behind, and alongside (when applicable) their homes in a manner that is consistent with waterwise landscaping.

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Grounds Committee:

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