

**Santan Landscaping and Mitigation Community Working Group**  
**February 2, 2002**  
Minutes

**Attendance**

CWG Members

Richard Andrews	Absent
Michael Apergis	Absent, represented by Melissa Apergis
Maggie Cathey	Present
Nan Dawson	Present
Shane Donart	Present
Marshall Green	Present
Mark Kwiat	Present
Cathy LaTona	Present
Cathy Lopez	Present
Scott Morrison	Present
George Pettit	Present
Kimberly Pugh	Present

Other Attendees

Michelle Colores, SRP  
Randy Dietrich, SRP  
Russell Garrett, SRP  
Mary Orton, The Mary Orton Company  
Leah Manbeck, Ten Eyck Landscape Architects  
Dave Wilson, Ten Eyck Landscape Architects

Audience Attendees

Rebecca Cosseboom  
Saretta Perrault  
Jim Perrault

**Welcome**

The seventeenth meeting of the CWG was convened on the morning of February 2, 2002 in the Gilbert Municipal Building. Mary announced the proxy. She also introduced and welcomed Shane Donart, who will be representing Rancho Cimarron on the CWG in the place of Mark Bauman, who has resigned.

**Approval of Today's Agenda**

The group approved the agenda with the addition of Announcements right after Approval of Today's Agenda. Later, they decided to address South Side Mitigation and Identification of Removal of Existing Trees before Construction Entrance.

**Announcements**

Block color: Leah noted that the name of the block color chosen at the last meeting by the CWG, "Promenade Peach," was not correct. She is checking the correct name of the color and will report to the CWG.

Congress of Neighborhoods: Maggie announced that the next Planning Committee meeting of the Congress of Neighborhoods would be February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gilbert Municipal Building. She invited everyone to attend or send a representative. She noted that the Congress would be held in the fall.

Cell Tower: Randy noted that the cell tower would be moved to the southeast near the switchyard, where it should not be noticeable among the other, taller, towers and poles in the area.

Schedule: Randy discussed the schedule with the CWG. If the on-site planning is completed by the CWG by mid-March, it will mesh well with the power plant construction schedule. If the on-site planning is not completed until later, it will not be done in time to coordinate the earth-moving with the final landscaping plans.

Painting utility boxes: Michelle announced that there would not be a problem painting the SRP utility boxes to match the fence. SRP will wait until the fence is up and painted so they can match it as closely as possible. They are still checking into whether boxes belonging to other utilities can be painted.

Eucalyptus trees: Randy and Dave presented several concerns about the plan to include eucalyptus trees on the west side berm, and asked the group to reconsider that decision. Concerns included higher maintenance costs, need for more fertilization than other trees, and an insect infestation in parts of Arizona. The CWG decided not to re-open the discussion on the eucalyptus trees.

**Stack Paint Color**

The group discussed the stack paint color, and agreed that the issue of painting power poles would be addressed under the off-site mitigation plan.

**The CWG agreed that the stacks and HRSGs would be painted in the tan range.**

The CWG also agreed they would consider specific colors at the next meeting, and requested that Randy bring color samples to that meeting.

**Landscaping Mitigation Plan**

Wall pattern suggestions for east side walls: The CWG considered various options for a decorative wall pattern on the eight-foot and ten-foot walls that will run on either side of the trails on the east side. They reviewed some suggestions from Dave and Leah.

**The CWG agreed that the pattern for the walls on the east side would be as shown on Exhibit A dated 02.02.2002 for the eight-foot wall, and example B on that exhibit for the ten-foot wall.**

Revised West Side Mitigation Plan Review: Dave and Leah presented the new concept plan drawings for the west side. Dave pointed out that the changes made were the inclusion of the eucalyptus trees and a change in the gas easement, which now must be straight. This will not affect the mitigation efforts if the third diesel tank is removed, but will limit the ability to build a berm in front of the third tank if it is not removed.

**The CWG approved the West Side Mitigation Plan as drawn in Concept Plan WP3 dated January 23, 2002.**

South Side Mitigation Plan: Dave and Leah presented the updated concept plan drawings for the south side. Because of the new alignment of the gas line, some of the existing trees will be cut down to allow for the easement. Their recommendation is to close off the old gate access to the landfill, plant trees there to screen the view, and use the new gas line easement for the gated access to the landfill.

**The CWG approved the South Side Mitigation Plan as drawn in Concept Plan SP2 dated January 5, 2002, between the dashed lines drawn on the plan (which indicate that the Plan drawing does not include the end of the east side trails or the area northwest of the entry drive), and with the addition of trees to make the row of screening trees thicker at the gas easement opening.**

**The CWG agreed that if the fence at the southwest corner of the property can be placed behind the screening trees, it can be chain-link. Otherwise, it should match the decorative iron fence.**

The CWG discussed condition 41 regarding the ten-foot block wall surrounding the perimeter of the plant.

**The CWG agreed that a ten-foot block wall would be built to replace the chain-link fence on the south side of the property. They further agreed that this fence would match the east-side ten-foot wall.**

The remaining south side issue was the entry on Val Vista. Dave noted that after more study, he has determined that there is no room for landscape treatment at the Val Vista entry.

**The CWG agreed that it has completed the South Side Mitigation Plan.**

Identification of removal of existing trees: Dave said that there would be a survey of existing trees and those that are dead or dying would be removed. Ten Eyck will identify the trees to be removed, and will minimize the number to remove.

Construction entrance: The group discussed the issue of the construction entrance, but did not reach consensus.

**Agenda for the Next Meeting**

The group agreed that the following items would be on the agenda for the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

- color samples for stacks and HRSGs
- construction entrance
- plant sizes (when the planning for the south and east sides is completed)
- costs
- remaining items from the 42-item list

**Schedule the Next Meeting(s)**

The group agreed that the meeting after next would be held on Saturday, February 23, 2002, at the Gilbert Municipal Building, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Minutes from the January 5, 2002 meeting**

The CWG approved the minutes from the January 5 meeting with one change.

Cathy Lopez requested, and the CWG agreed, to add the following to the minutes: Member Cathy Lopez has decided to abstain from approving the meeting minutes. This decision is based upon the exhausting situation which is created when concerns over the accuracy of said minutes are addressed and to avoid this situation, member Cathy Lopez declines to approve the meeting minutes.

**Minutes from the January 23, 2002 meeting**

The CWG approved the minutes from the January 23 meeting with three changes.

Cathy Lopez requested, and the CWG agreed, to add the following to the minutes: Member Cathy Lopez has decided to abstain from approving the meeting minutes. This decision is based upon the exhausting situation which is created when concerns over the accuracy of said minutes are addressed and to avoid this situation, member Cathy Lopez declines to approve the meeting minutes.

**Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

The meeting adjourned.