



## AUGUST 2009 HOA NEWSLETTER

**Association Meeting:** The next community association meeting will be 6:30PM August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the East Valley Community Center.

**Level 2-Water Alert Condition :** In response to a water use allocation mandated by the City's water wholesaler, San Diego County Water Authority. The declaration of a water shortage level 2 stems from regional water supply challenges including drought conditions for the past seven years.



Outdoor landscape watering days will be restricted to three days a week as follows: From July through October, homes with odd-numbered addresses may water only on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Homes with even-numbered addresses may water only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Each customer must reduce their water use by 8% from the base period. Watering is restricted to no more than 10 minutes per station or valve. Stream rotating nozzles use less water than traditional spray heads because they operate with lower precipitation rates due to greater distribution uniformity. Systems with the rotating stream nozzles can water up to 25 minutes per station.

Outdoor Tips: Set lawn mower blades one notch higher since longer grass reduces evaporation. Leave grass clippings on your grass, this cools the ground and holds in moisture. Water your lawn and landscaping before dawn or after the sun sets when there's less evaporation. Adjust your sprinklers so they don't spray on sidewalks, driveway or street. (Can save up to 250 gallons a week.)

**Sharing our Time and Talent:** Volunteers are needed to help serve on or establish on of the following neighborhood committees:

- **Design Review** - reviews homeowner applications for exterior improvements. As required in the CC&Rs, all exterior improvements require prior approval by the DRC.
- **Water Wise** - the 'eyes' of the community and advises the management company of any landscaping needs. Special attention to be made to water meters and a consistent monthly usage.
- **Activity** - coordinates activities the entire family can enjoy. Past events included a summer picnic in the park at Frances Ryan Park.
- **Safety & Graffiti** - works with the local police department and helps form a neighborhood watch. Additionally, they identify any safety concerns and present possible solutions.
- **Communications** - This committee is responsible for content with the Hidden Trails newsletters and web site.

**Escondido's Heritage:** Robert Daley, an English immigrant who settled in Escondido in 1869, raised horses and cattle at Daley Ranch, where one of the ranch buildings still stands. Escondido bought the 3,060-acre parcel nine years ago. Now, supporters of Daley Ranch have their eyes set on Stanley Peak, a 2,000-foot-high mountain that already looks like it's a part of the preserve. It belongs to Doug Sylvester, an Escondido native who owns a local roofing company.

The city has had plans to buy the 103-acre parcel for several years because it serves as a wildlife corridor between the ranch and open space around Lake Wohlford. Environmentalists hope the city's purchase will dash any developer's visions of turning the peak, with a stunning view of the ocean, into million-dollar homes.



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**Design Review Committee:** Co-Chairs: Marcus Harrel (760) 740-9131 & Darryl Turner.  
Adjunct members: Rick Wood, Dennis Van Rumund. Meetings typically held 6PM, second Tuesdays at Soprano's Restaurant, 360 Midway Ave.

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