

**TO:** CVCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

SUBJECT: Item 7b) Board Direction regarding CVCSD Development

Standards for road easement/common area landscaping, irrigation

systems and privacy gates

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Provide input on standards to be applied in the design of the next phases of land development in Copper Valley to provide direction to staff in the review of design for future phases of community development.

## **BACKGROUND**

The District is adopting standards for infrastructure such as roads and encroachments, but currently has no standards for new landscaping, irrigation or gates installed by the developer and intended for acceptance by the District for future ownership and maintenance.

CV Properties will soon be preparing improvement plans for the next phase of the lot development in Copper Valley, and since the CSD taxpayers now and in the future will be responsible for the cost of maintenance of accepted improvements, it is important that we agree not only on what types and extent of improvements we are able to accept, but also the quality of the plantings, irrigation systems, drought tolerance and other factors that affect landscape longevity and maintenance costs.

We seek an initial conversation on this topic with the Board to determine if we need professional expertise from a landscape architect, or whether we can adopt self developed standards that we require CV to use in project design and construction.