Steele Canyon HOA
Jamul, CA 91935

Steele Canyon HOA converted 92,115 square feet of unused turf grass around the community's entrance to mulch, native plants, trees, and drought-tolerant landscaping. Two rock-lined swales were installed following the natural terrain to prevent stormwater runoff. A new decomposed granite walkway provides accessibility to the upgraded landscape while providing permeable surfaces.

PRE-PROJECT PHOTO

Yellow areas converted from grass to sustainable landscaping.

COSD WRP PROJECT

Environmental **Incentives**

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Area treated:
92,115 sqft

Native plant* area installed:
22,300 sqft

PROJECT OUTCOMES

Irrigation runoff* reduced:
440,000 gal/yr

Water saved:
4,400,000 gal/yr
Enough water to serve 40-41 San Diego households per year

Estimated participant cost savings:
$290,000 over ten years

NATIVE PLANT PROFILE

The *Salvia spathacea* (common name: Hummingbird Sage) is a small clumping sage that emits a sweet fragrance attracting hummingbirds. In the spring, the reddish pink flowering spikes become a deep fuchsia color adding to its beauty. It is a great plant for dry shade.

*****Native plant benefits:** Native plants help support working ecosystems in California. They attract butterflies, birds, and other pollinators, require little or no artificial irrigation when established, and help reduce or eliminate pesticide use.

Irrigation runoff reduction: Irrigation runoff from landscapes carries pollutants like oil, paint, pesticides, fertilizers, and pet waste into the storm drain system, and is not treated before entering local waterways.
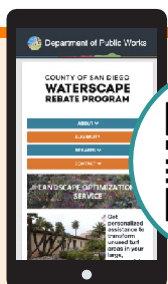
> "Program staff were amazing to work with and helped save our community a lot of money through the LOS program. They are very knowledgeable and professional. I highly recommend their services and look forward to using their services in the future.

– ANDY BRIKHO
Board Member

UPGRADE YOUR LANDSCAPE TODAY!
The Landscape Optimization Service can help your unincorporated HOA or commercial property transform large grass areas into sustainable, low water use landscapes with technical assistance from start to finish.