

# Fairways at Lake San Marcos HOA

San Marcos, CA 92078

Fairways at Lake San Marcos HOA replaced 23,000 square feet of common area turf grass with native and drought-tolerant plants. A rock-lined swale cascades down a slope to prevent stormwater runoff and provides an attractive entrance to the community. A butterfly garden with a gravel walkway near the clubhouse provides accessibility and education.



PRE-PROJECT PHOTO



*Orange areas converted from grass to sustainable landscaping.*

## PROJECT OUTPUTS



Area treated:

**23,000** sqft



Native plant\* area installed:

**10,000** sqft

## PROJECT OUTCOMES



Irrigation runoff\*  
reduced:

**100,000** gal/yr



Water saved:

**1,000,000** gal/yr

Enough water to serve  
9-10 San Diego households per year



Estimated participant  
cost savings:

**\$66,000**

over ten years

**\*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.

## NATIVE PLANT PROFILE

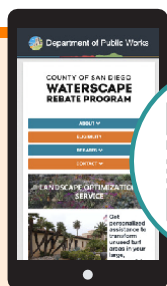


The *Ceanothus* (common name: Joyce Coulter) is a fast-growing shrub with tiny blue flowers in the spring. The evergreen leaves are glossy and oval shaped. This hybrid lilac grows to only about 3-5 ft high but about 8-12 ft wide. It tolerates clay soil and frost.

“The Program staff met with our board, answered all their questions and concerns, and handled all the proposals for the board to review and make a sound decision. The whole process from start to finish was great. The community is very happy with the results. I would recommend this program to any HOA.

— JEANNIE MARCANO

HOA Community Manager”



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