

**Oak Park MAC CSA 4 Landscape Committee Report: September 2025**  
**Submitted by: Brian Trushinski, CSA 4 Landscape Committee Chair**

- The Committee met on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Attendees included Oak Park MAC Vice Chair Michelle Santucci (Chair Brian Trushinski was attending a professional conference), Supervisor Gorell's staff (Crystal Stratton), Ventura County Public Works Agency staff (George Andrade, Madinah Edwards) and Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.
- Public Works Agency staff said that if residents have a concern about landscaping issues, they need to go online and submit a Public Works Request for Service Ticket at: <https://publicworks.venturacounty.gov/report-a-concern> Received tickets will be used as part of the Committee's monthly meeting agenda and problem areas will be visited by the Committee.
- The Committee observed that someone placed several piles of woodchip mulch with green-colored meshing intermingled on a Golden Eagle hillside. County staff and Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. said that they were not responsible for these actions, therefore, the work was not authorized by the County.
- Irrigation runoff to adjacent public sidewalks continues at Golden Eagle Drive. Additional groundcover is required.
- An excessive amount of fallen pine needles was observed on sidewalks in the Golden Eagle Drive area. Public Works Agency staff (George Andrade) said that he would be responsible for preparing a list of problem area locations in the CSA 4 and provide it to Mariposa Landscapes, Inc. for their follow-up action. The Committee will also receive that list.
- Mariposa Landscapes, Inc., said that they were not prepared at the time of this meeting to respond to Brian Trushinski's previously identified landscaping issues. They did not provide an ETA when they would do this. Issues previously reported were also included in the Committee's August Landscape Committee Report) as follows:
  - Sidewalk sections along Hawthorne Drive and Golden Eagle Drive have significant dirt/ dried mud on the surface from improper irrigation runoff from adjacent hillside slopes. Brian Trushinski and the MAC have been asking since June how this will be resolved by Mariposa. This is a public safety issue and the problem regularly occurs.

- In early July, Mariposa committed to put together a planting design and project cost estimate to replace the existing annual flowers in front of the Kanan Road monument sign and the Oak Park Community board (Kanan and Tamarind) with perennial plants. Status: Pending design and cost estimate from Mariposa.
- In early July, Mariposa committed to inspect the plantings along the north side of Hawthorne Drive (Bowfield to Rockfield) to determine why most of the plants that Enhanced Landscapes planted died (soil conditions, irrigation supply, appropriateness of species planted). They said that they would provide a recommended planting design and cost estimate. Status: Pending design and cost estimate from Mariposa.
- In early July, Mariposa committed to put together a planting design and cost estimate for Phase 2 of the Hawthorne Drive planting project (for the obvious bare patches on the south side from Bowfield to Kanan, and on the north side from Rockfield to Kanan). Status: Pending design and cost estimate from Mariposa.
- Need to address the excessive leaf-falls that will occur on CSA 4 sidewalks and planting areas from September-December. This is a major public safety issue and should be done by Mariposa on a weekly basis for all of CSA 4 and not on the company's recommended 'quad section' schedule. Status: Pending design and cost estimate from Mariposa.
- Need to address erosion control from the adjacent hillside slopes (from the winter rainfalls) and resulting mud conditions on public sidewalks (potential pedestrian and cyclist slip and fall situation)? Brian said that this should be done by Mariposa on a weekly basis for all of CSA 4 and not on the company's 'quad section' schedule. Status: Pending design and cost estimate from Mariposa.

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