

## RESOLUTION 2015-XXXX

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GUSTINE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) ESTIMATE EXCHANGE FUND CLAIM FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

**WHEREAS**, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will entered into a contract to exchange unobligated balances of federally funded Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds with non-federal State Highway Account funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Caltrans Division of Programming releases a 5-year ESTIMATE of RSTP Exchange Program apportionments for inclusion in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Programming document every 2-years to California Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs);

**WHEREAS**, MCAG is the designated MPO for Merced County;

**WHEREAS**, the Annual RSTP Exchange Program fund apportionment is an estimate and subject to change during the fiscal year (FY) due to many Federal Surface Transportation Bill variables including the annual appropriations act as well as other Congressional action (i.e. rescissions);

**WHEREAS**, a FINAL RSTP Exchange apportionment amount is published at the end of the FY14-15 and can be different than the ESTIMATE RSTP Exchange apportionment figure;

**WHEREAS**, Annually, Caltrans sends MCAG a Standard Agreement contract that includes an RSTP Exchange Program apportionment figure;

**WHEREAS**, MCAG applies a RSTP population based distribution formula using current Department of Finance (DOF) population estimates (May 2015) to the RSTP apportionment to determine the amount of RSTP Exchange funds to be distribution to MCAG member jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gustine has an ESTIMATE RSTP Exchange Program fund apportionment amount available to claim in FY14-15 is **\$59,209**;

**WHEREAS**, payment of the ESTIMATE RSTP Exchange fund claim will be subject to all conditions specified in the fully executed standard contract agreement between MCAG and Caltrans, as well as the MCAG RSTP Exchange Claim form requirements: Projects to be funded with this claim are only those projects that are defined under Sections 133(b) and 133(c) of Title 23, United States Code and Article XIX of the California State Constitution, implemented in accordance with the requirements of Section 182.6(d)(1) of the Streets and Highways Code.

**WHEREAS**, if the FINAL RSTP Exchange apportionment figure is higher for FY14-15 than the ESTIMATE RSTP Exchange apportionment figure, Caltrans would have to revise the RSTP Exchange Standard Agreement contract with the higher RSTP figure before MCAG could instruct the Merced County Auditor Controller's Officer to distribute a greater amount of RSTP Exchange Program funds to member agencies, than identified in this resolution;

**WHEREAS**, if the FINAL RSTP Exchange apportionment figure is lower for FY13-14 than the ESTIMATE RSTP Exchange apportionment amount, Caltrans does not have to revise the RSTP Exchange contract with the lower amount before MCAG could recalculate the available RSTP Exchange Program funds using the same population-based formula and then instruct the Merced County Auditor Controller's Officer to distribute the lower FY14-15 FINAL RSTP Exchange Program fund amount to member agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gustine has established special gas tax street improvement fund as a requirement to receive the RSTP Exchange Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed in the best interest of the City of Gustine that the City Manager is authorized to sign the FY14-15 RSTP Exchange Program fund claim form and to submit said claim form to MCAG for processing.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Manager of Gustine is authorized and directed to sign and file the above described FY14-15 RSTP Exchange Program fund claim on behalf of the City of Merced in the amount of **\$59,209**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council for the City of Gustine at a regular meeting held on July 7, 2015, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**APPROVED:**

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**MAYOR BRAZIL**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**



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June 19, 2015

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City of Gustine  
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Sean,

MCAG has received the FY 14/15 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange Program Standard Agreement contract from Caltrans. It is important to note that the Caltrans contract is based on an estimated RSTP apportionment figure that Caltrans has received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). If the FINAL year-end RSTP figure is determined to be higher or lower than the RSTP estimate for any number of reasons, the distribution amounts can be modified (in the current contract year or future year apportionments).

On June 18, 2015, the MCAG Governing Board adopted the FY 14/15 RSTP Exchange Program Apportionment Schedule and authorized the release of RSTP Exchange Claim Forms to the member agencies.

Member agencies are required to do two things to claim the RSTP funds:

- 1) Submit a signed RSTP Exchange Program Claim Form; and
- 2) Submit a city council-approved RSTP Exchange Program Resolution.

Samples of both items are included with this letter. Please return the signed RSTP Exchange Claim Form and city council-approved resolution as soon as possible.

The FY 14/15 RSTP Exchange Program amount available for the City of Gustine to claim is **\$59,209**.

Please contact me, 723-3153 x 309 or email ([ty.phimmasone@mcagov.org](mailto:ty.phimmasone@mcagov.org)), if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ty Phimmasone".

Ty Phimmasone  
Associate Planner

Enclosures: RSTP Exchange Program Claim Form  
SAMPLE Authorizing Resolution  
FY 14/15 RSTP Exchange Program Fund Apportionment Schedule



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**Claim to the Merced County Association of Governments  
 for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds in Exchange for  
 State Highway Account Funds FY 2014/2015**

**Claimant:** **City of Gustine**

**FY 14/15 Claim Amount:** **\$59,209**

**Claim Guidelines:**

Projects outlined in the table below to be funded with this claim are only those projects that are defined under Sections 133(b) and 133(c) of Title 23, United States Code and Article XIX of the California State Constitution, implemented in accordance with the requirements of Section 182.6(d)(1) of the Streets and Highways Code.

**Claim Instructions:**

1. List (print or type) each **INDIVIDUAL** project to be funded with this claim.
2. List the amount of funds to be used for each project.
3. If the project is not a capacity expanding project and is exempt from the air quality conformance analysis check the "Exempt" box. (☒)
4. If the project is a capacity expanding project and the "build" alternative of the air quality conformance analysis has been completed for the project as required check the "Air Quality" box. (☒)

Project	Cost of Project	Air Quality	Exempt
1.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## FY14/15 ESTIMATED Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Exchange

### DRAFT Apportionment Schedule - May 2015

<b>FY14/15 Estimated Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 3,110,142</b>	Figures are always estimates until Caltrans provides "Final" year end figures
State-Mandated Merced County "Lifeline" Apportionment	\$ (526,686)	Merced County has separate contract with Caltrans and funds are distributed direct to Merced County.
<b>Balance after State-Mandated Merced County "Lifeline" Apportionment</b>	<b>\$ 2,583,456</b>	Amount of MCAG RSTP State Exchange Contract
Total City "Lifeline" Apportionments	\$ (356,305)	
<b>Balance after City "Lifeline" Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 2,227,151</b>	

City	** City Lifeline Apportionment
Atwater	\$ 61,284
Dos Palos	\$ 11,144
Gustine	\$ 12,194
Livingston	\$ 28,341
Los Banos	\$ 74,341
Merced-City	\$ 169,001
<b>Subtotal: Total City "Lifeline" Apport.</b>	<b>\$ 356,305</b>
Merced County "Lifeline" Apport.	\$ 526,686
<b>TOTAL City and Merced Co. Lifeline Apportionments</b>	<b>\$ 882,991</b>

Jurisdiction	* Population based portion	Percentage	FY 14-15 RSTP funds distributed by population
Atwater	29,023	10.91%	\$ 242,880
Dos Palos	5,023	1.89%	\$ 42,035
Gustine	5,618	2.11%	\$ 47,015
Livingston	13,735	5.16%	\$ 114,942
Los Banos	37,145	13.96%	\$ 310,849
Merced County	81,722	30.71%	\$ 683,893
	93,868	35.27%	\$ 785,537
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>266,134</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 2,227,151</b>

\*May 2015 - Depart. of Finance Population Figures

Jurisdiction	**City Lifeline Apportionment	FY 14-15 RSTP funds distributed by population	TOTAL FY 14-15 ESTIMATED RSTP funds
Atwater	\$ 61,284	\$ 242,880	\$ 304,164
Dos Palos	\$ 11,144	\$ 42,035	\$ 53,179
Gustine	\$ 12,194	\$ 47,015	\$ 59,209
Livingston	\$ 28,341	\$ 114,942	\$ 143,283
Los Banos	\$ 74,341	\$ 310,849	\$ 385,190
Merced-City	\$ 169,001	\$ 683,893	\$ 852,894
<b>Subtotal: Total City "Lifeline" Apport.</b>	<b>\$ 356,305</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,614</b>	<b>\$ 1,797,919</b>
Merced-County "Lifeline" Apport.	\$ 526,686	\$ 785,537	\$ 1,312,223
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 882,991</b>	<b>\$ 2,227,151</b>	<b>\$ 3,110,142</b>

\*\* Jan 2011, Depart. of Finance Population Figures

Jurisdiction	13-14 Apportionment ACTUAL	14-15 Apportionment ESTIMATED	Difference between years
Atwater (includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 305,844	\$ 304,164	\$ (1,680)
Dos Palos (includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 53,714	\$ 53,179	\$ (535)
Gustine (includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 59,752	\$ 59,209	\$ (543)
Livingston (includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 142,815	\$ 143,283	\$ 468
Los Banos (Includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 387,254	\$ 385,190	\$ (2,064)
Merced (includes City Lifeline apportionment)	\$ 850,321	\$ 852,894	\$ 2,573
Merced County (includes State-mandated apportionment)	\$ 1,302,073	\$ 1,312,223	\$ 10,150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,101,773</b>	<b>\$ 3,110,142</b>	<b>\$ 8,369</b>



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**JULY 7, 2015**

**PREPARED BY:** Kathryn Reyes, Director of Public Works  
Sean Scully, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Marquee Landscaping, Service Club Sign Modification and  
Downtown Directional Sign Discussion and Direction**

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### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In March of last year, the City and the Gustine Unified School District partnered together to purchase an electronic marquee sign that would serve the schools and the community. The electronic marquee sign was a standalone project that did not incorporate any site improvements. The marquee sign was installed and is functioning as intended. There are several issues that remain to be addressed at the site.

1. Staff has received community feedback indicating that the service club sign height blocks the view of the bottom of the marquee sign.
2. The landscaping is high use turf that should be converted to a drought tolerant aesthetic landscape with a decorative aspect. Council directed staff to bring options with regard to landscaping this location during goal setting this year.

Staff has coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce to come up with ideas to address these concerns.

#### **1. Top of the Service Club Sign:**

For the past few months Chamber of Commerce staff have been working with City staff on the possibility of a downtown sign placed at the south end of 5th Street (adjacent to the highway). The sign would be a directional sign alerting drivers of historic downtown Gustine and the services offered. As staff considered solutions for lowering the height of the service club sign, the chamber suggested that the "Welcome to Gustine" portion of the sign could be removed from the top half of the service sign and incorporated into the design of the downtown sign (preliminary design attached). This process would be fairly simple, and would only require minimal cutting and welding of wrought iron on the service club sign. The chamber has obtained approval from the property owner for use at that location, there may also be public right of way available for placement.

## **2. Marquee Landscaping Design:**

The landscaping is a large project with a significant amount of Bermuda turf. City and Chamber staff have worked on a few different landscaping concepts that could be incorporated into the final design that would improve the aesthetic appeal of this intersection while also acting as a complimentary design to the new marquee sign. The power point attached addresses several ideas for use in an upgrade. A presentation of possibilities include the following considerations:

- a. Size of improvement project- entire site or partial improvement
- b. Turf including artificial turf or use existing
- c. Dry creek bed
- d. Drought Tolerant Plant and Shrubs
- e. Sitting area
- f. Materials

At the time of the Council meeting staff will present the presentation in order to obtain direction from Council on desired design elements to incorporate within the project. Then with Council direction staff will seek out a landscape design technician who can incorporate the desired elements into a landscape plan which can be used to obtain bids for completion of the project.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Unknown at this time. Cost will largely depend on the desired elements of the landscape design.

### **RECOMENDATION:**

1. Council provide direction on sign modification of service club sign. Council provides direction to move forward with the sign modifications as discussed within this staff report staff will work on an agreement with the chambers on the specifics of a downtown direction sign.
2. Council provide direction to staff on conceptual design of the marquee landscaping and direct staff to move forward with landscape plan.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

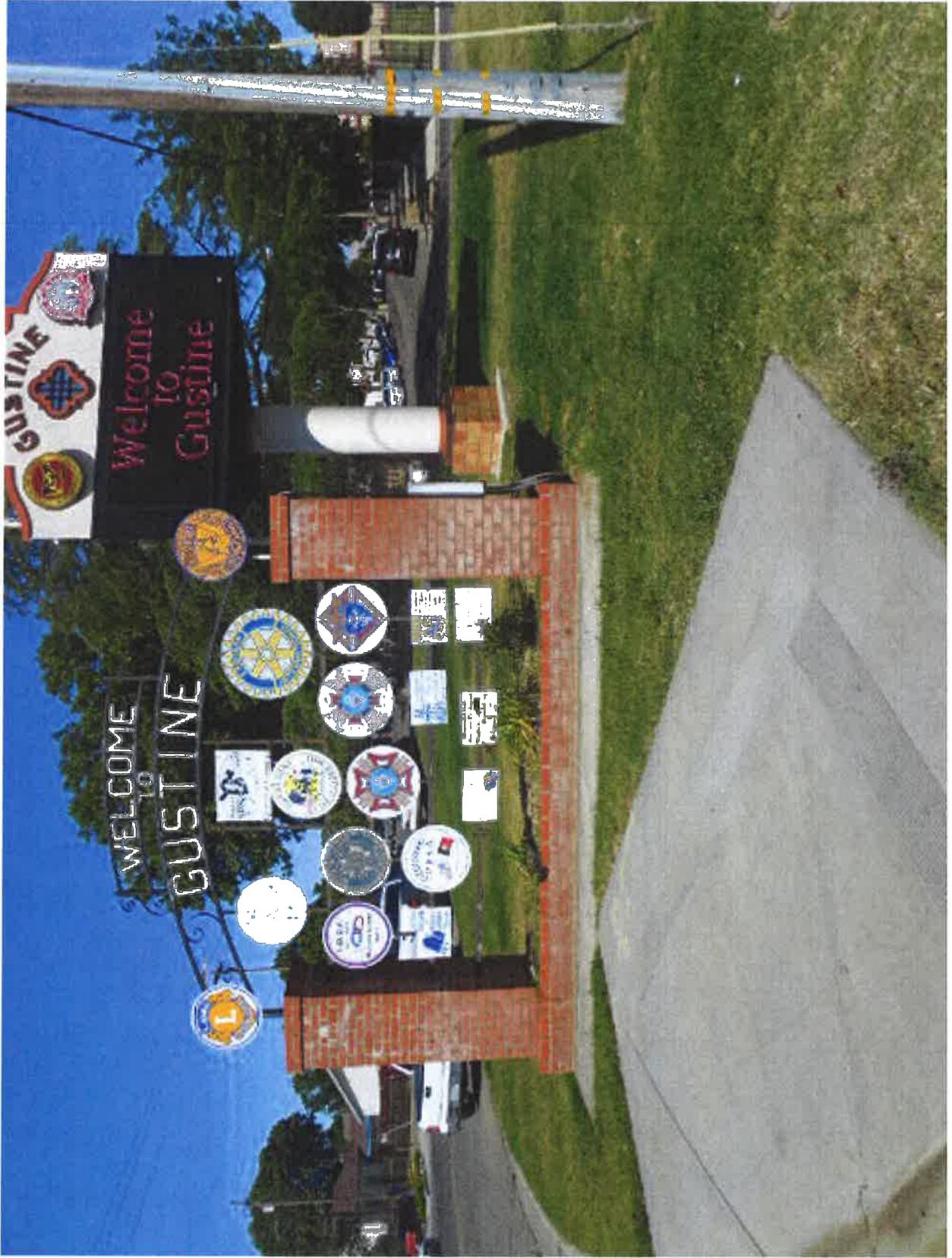
- A) Presentation on Landscaping Materials
- B) Proposed sign 5<sup>th</sup> Street sign

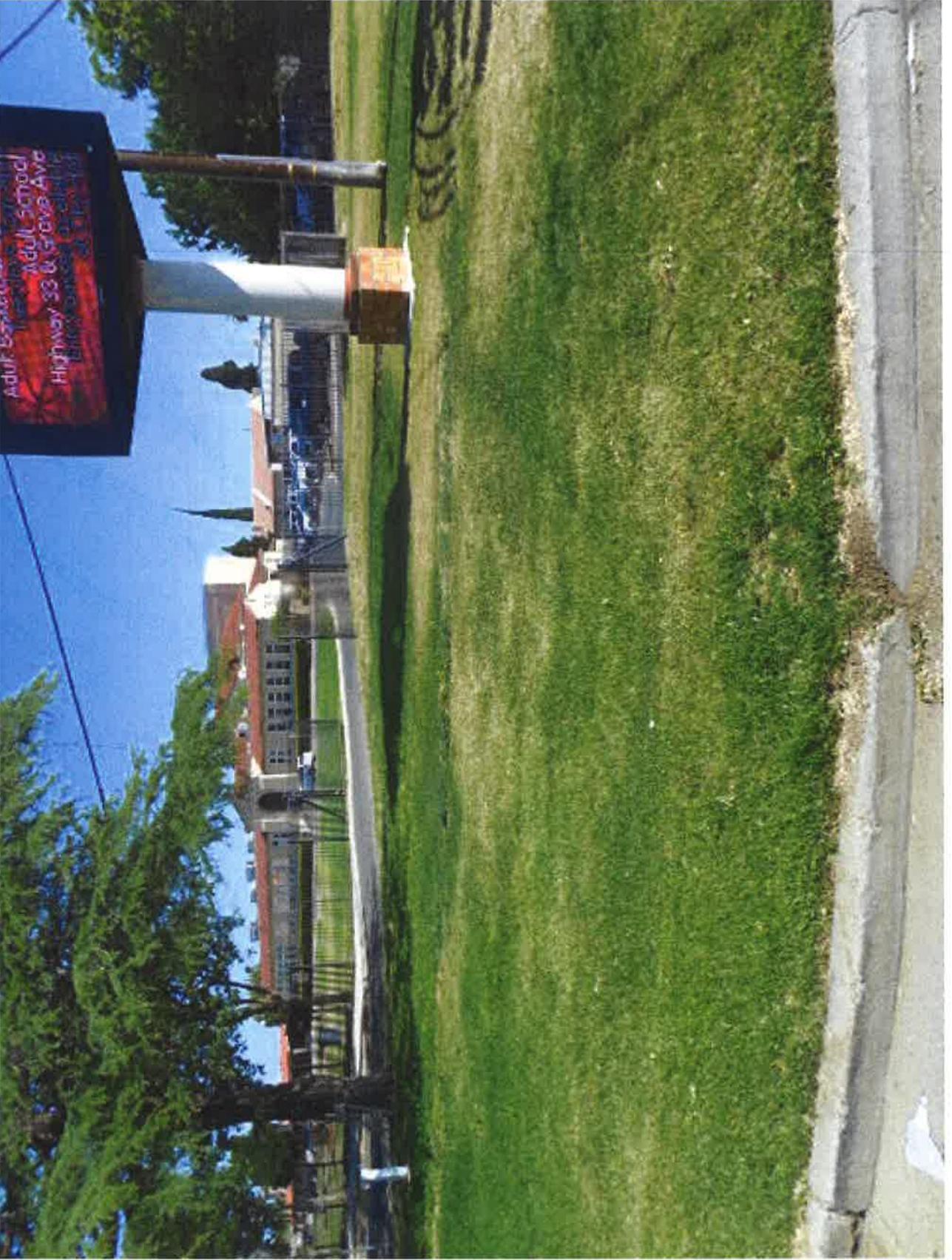


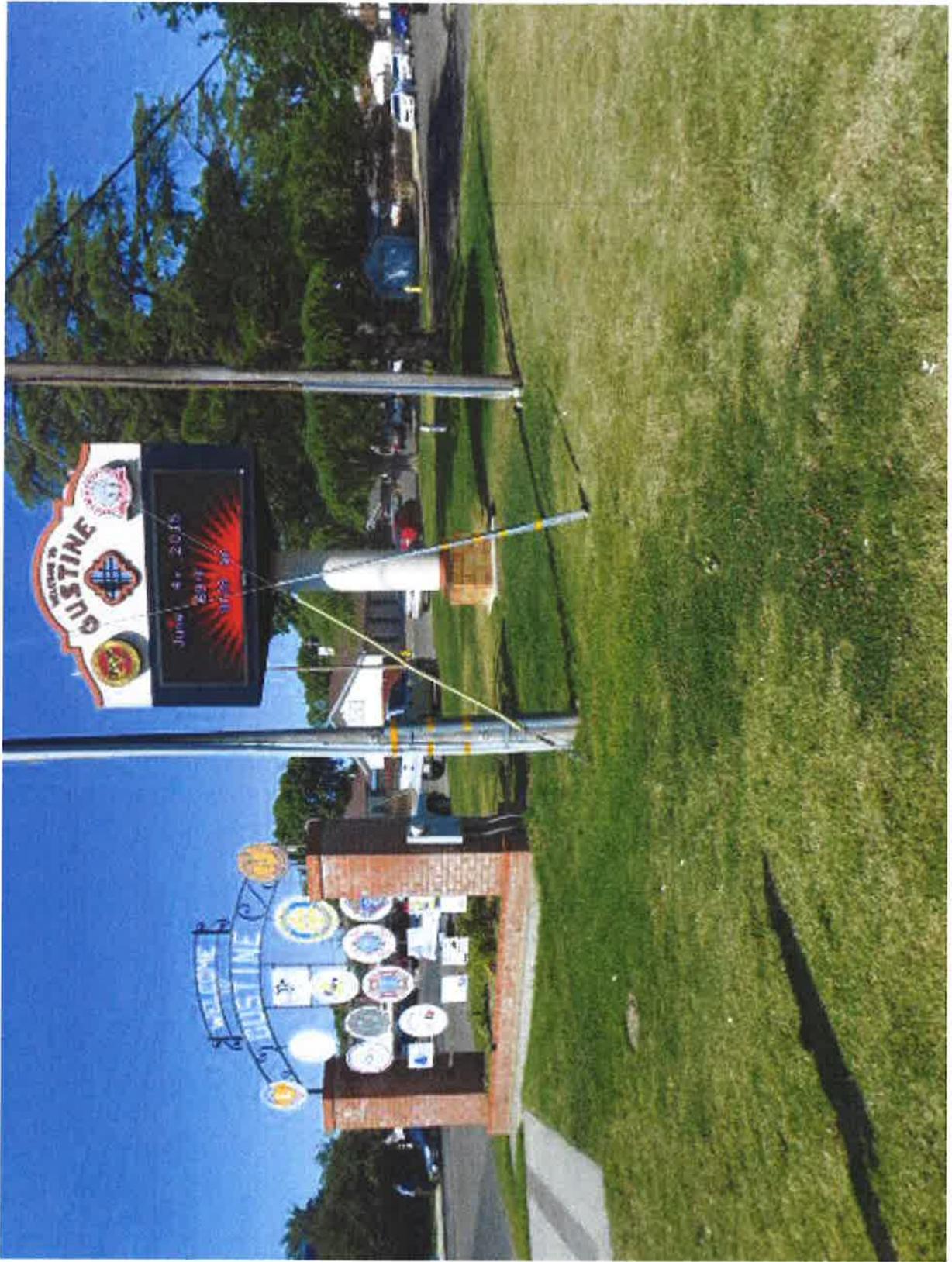
# City of Gustine



# MARQUEE LANDSCAPE PROJECT

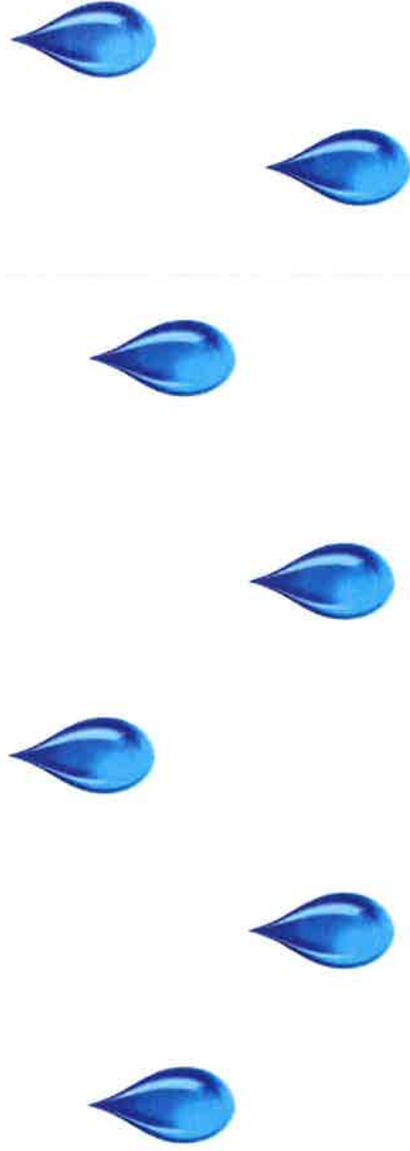






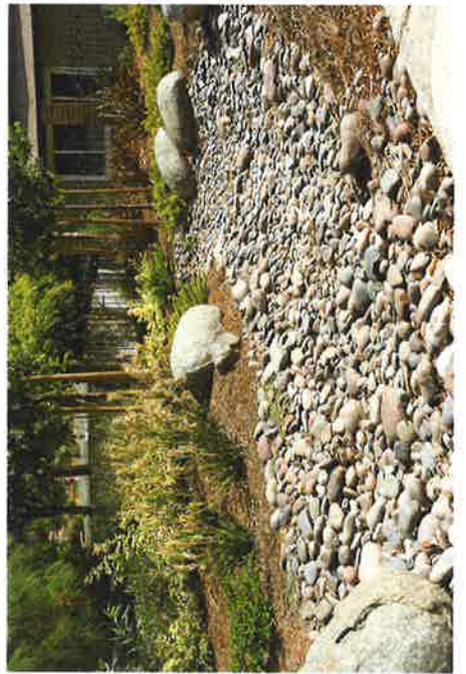
# GOALS:

## LANDSCAPE USING DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS

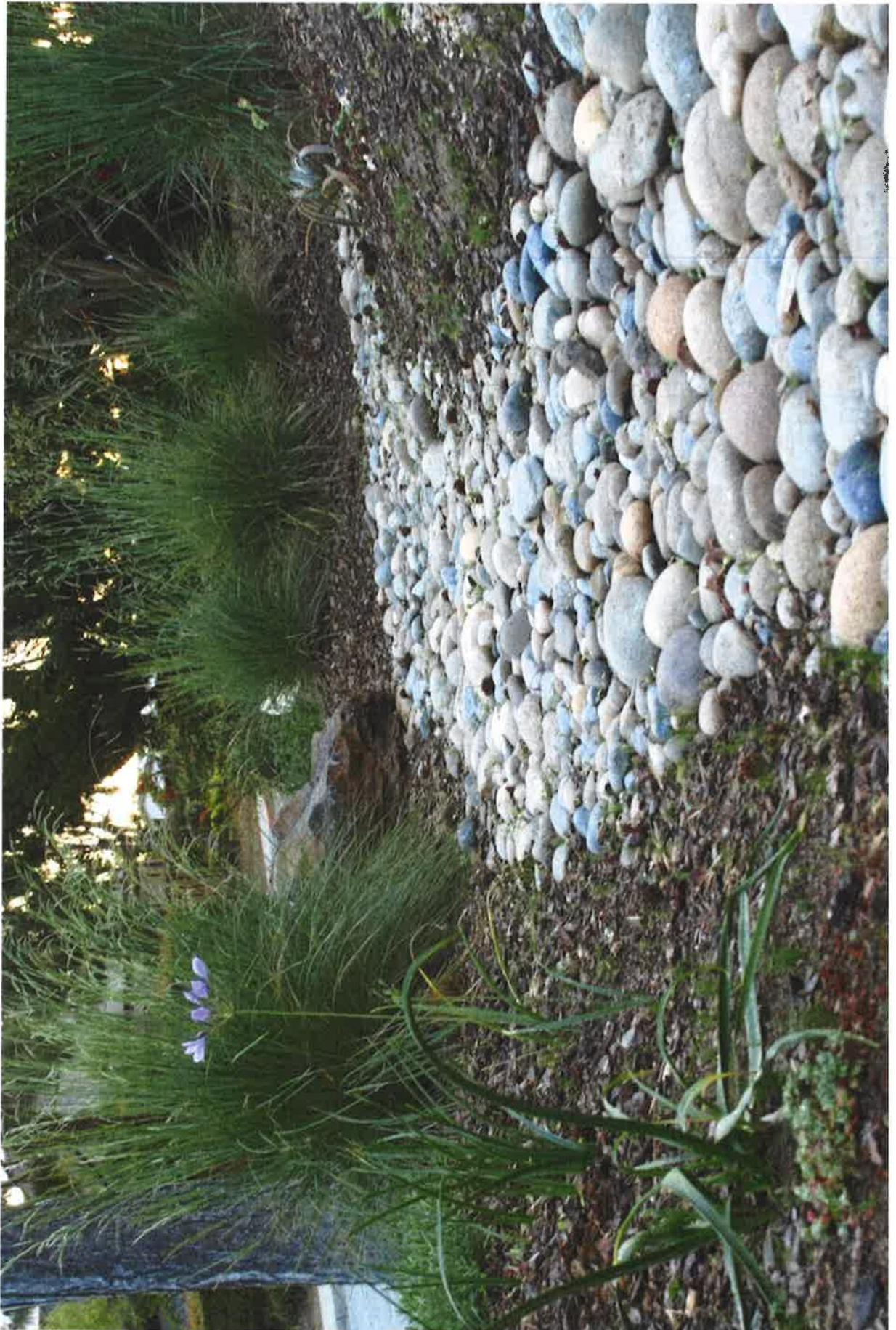




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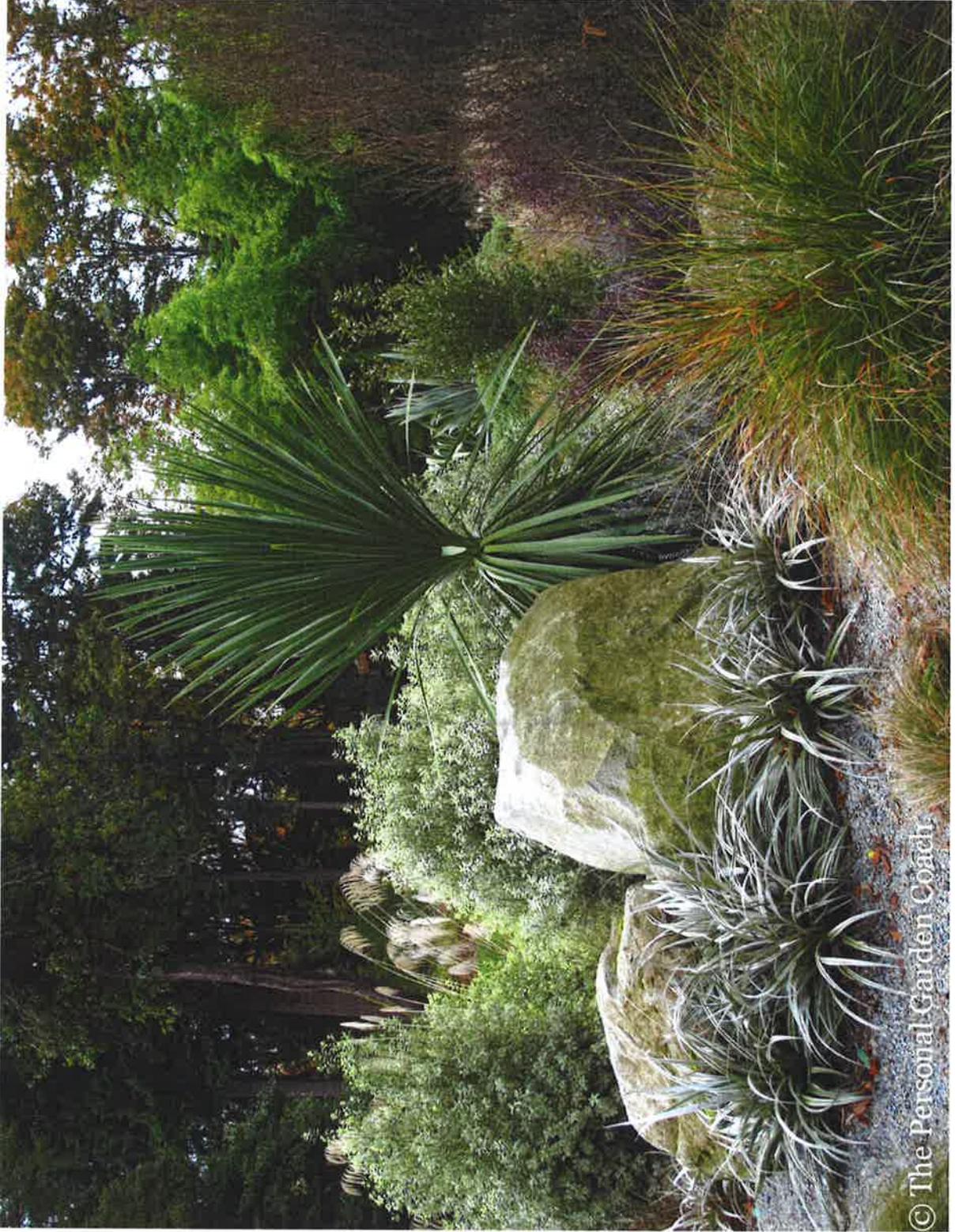






# **Large Landscape Rocks & Boulders**





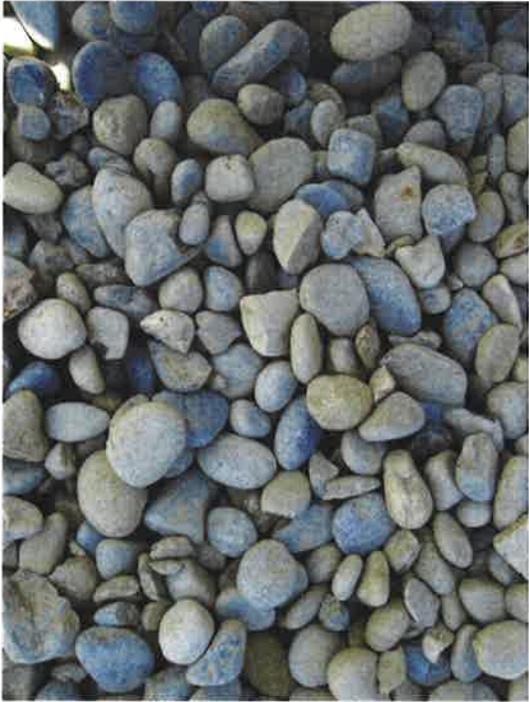
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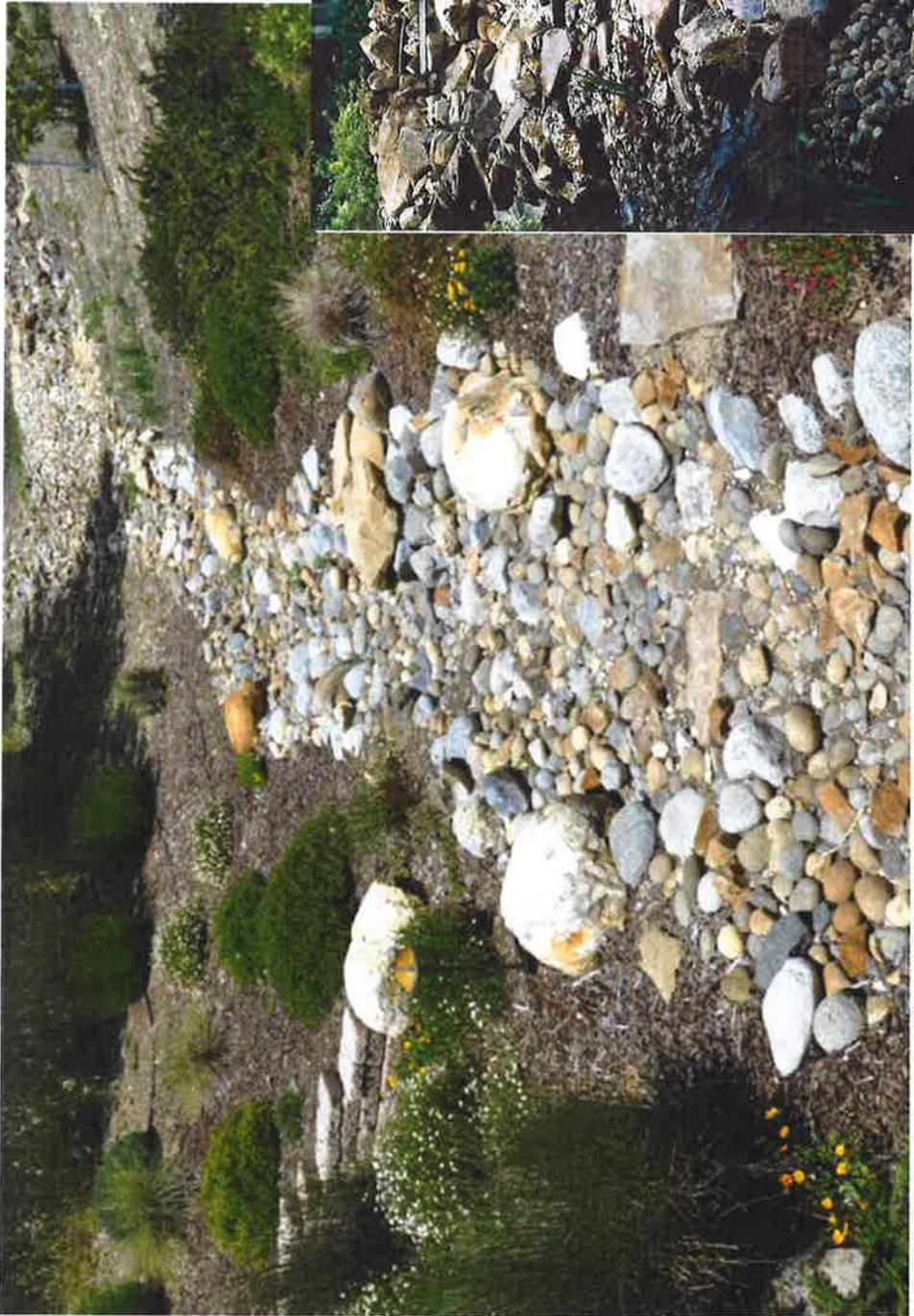


# River Rock

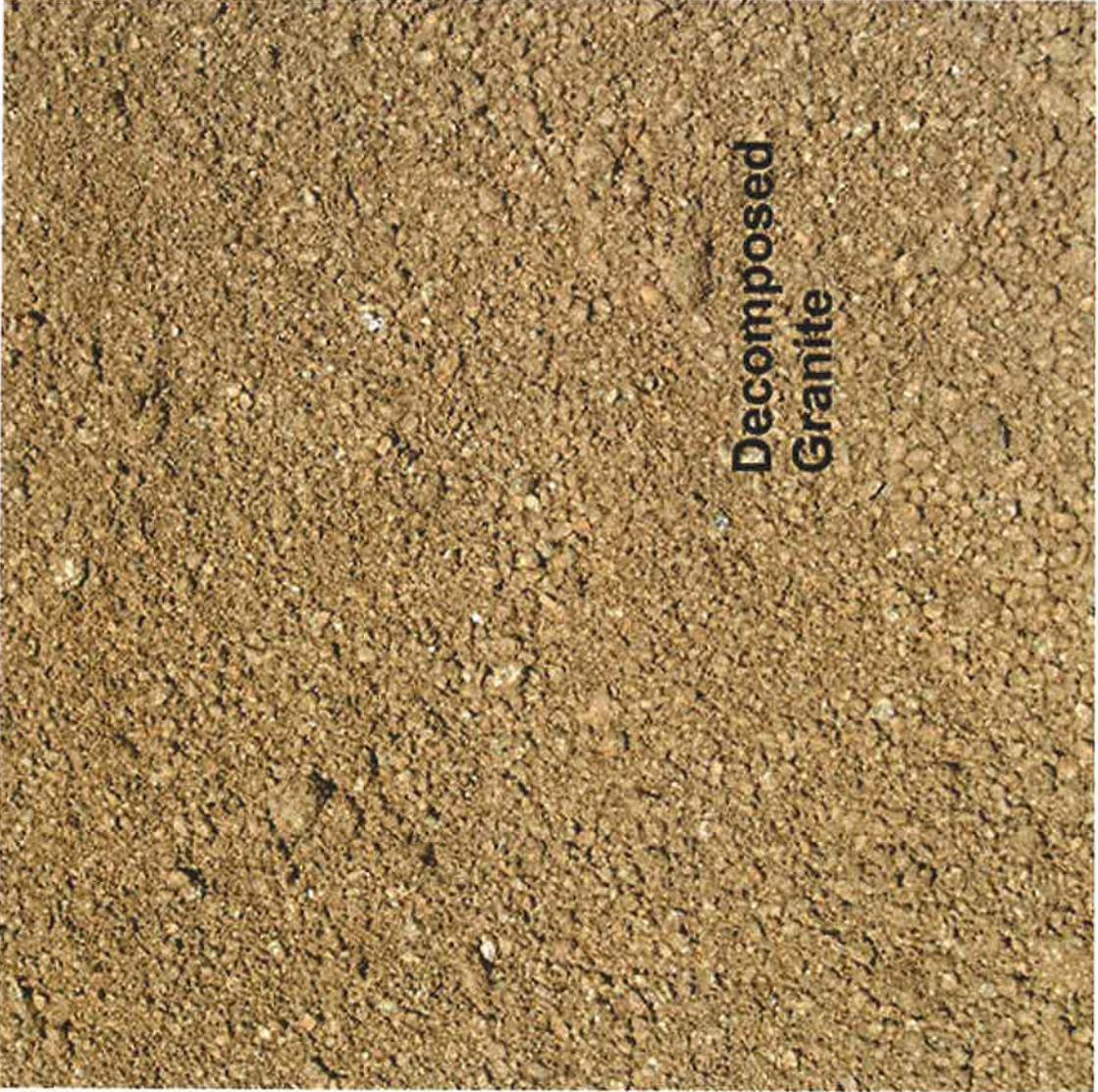


# Drain Rock





**Decomposed  
Granite**









# **SITTING AREA & BENCHES**





**F D R E**

**A R T - F I C I A L**





**BARK**

**LANDSCAPE**







# MEMORIAL & DEDICATION BENCHES





# MEMORIAL & DEDICATION TABLES





# EXAMPLES OF DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS





# AFRICAN IRIS



# SILVER GRASS



Valley News

Linda McDonald-Gash, photo

# BUDDLEIA



# BLUE GRASS



# CARPET ROSES





# FERNS



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**FLAX**





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