

HIGH DESERT RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Landscape Committee Charter

Adopted February 21, 2023

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Landscape Committee is to provide landscaping guidance and consulting to the greater High Desert community.

**Organization:**

The Landscape Committee shall consist of High Desert residents who have expertise in landscaping in a High Desert community, or other equivalent knowledge and experience. Non-resident members with particular landscape expertise may also be appointed to the committee. The chair of the committee and all committee members shall be appointed by the Board and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Responsibilities:**

The primary responsibilities of the Landscape Committee are to provide consulting services and guidance on landscaping matters to residents, the High Desert Board of Directors, the Modifications Committee, the New Construction Committee, and the High Desert property management staff. The Landscape Committee shall provide information and recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning landscaping and irrigation practices and projects, in accordance with the Landscape Master Plan and the Guidelines for sustainability. However, the Landscape Committee is responsible for supplementing that guidance with a prioritized emphasis on better balancing water conservation, vegetation selection, wildfire risk mitigation, topsoil conservation and preservation of natural wildlife lifecycles with esthetics to ensure the long-term future of High Desert's Vision for Sustainability in the face of changing environmental conditions.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Maintain and revise updates and/or changes to the *Approved and Prohibited Plant List*.
- Provide information and advice related to plans and modifications submitted by residents and contractors to the New Construction and Modifications Committees.
- Provide input, recommendations, and advice to the High Desert Property Management Staff, residents, and the Board of Directors concerning landscaping needs and arroyo maintenance.
- Development and use of communication strategies for educating residents on use of the Approved and Prohibited Plant List and general landscaping and arroyo maintenance practices to enhance and maintain their properties.
- Consider new ways to enhance landscaping in High Desert and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for such enhancements.

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- Work cooperatively with other High Desert committees in addressing landscaping needs.
- When requested by the Board of Directors, ensure approved landscaping special projects follow specifications and provide landscaping expertise to special projects.
- Meet periodically to discuss and assess High Desert landscaping policies and practices, keep records and report monthly to the board.