



**Board Meeting Public Comment Q&A**  
**September 25, 2019**

- 1. Would the District look into sidewalk replacement/addition to the area in front of the mail kiosk in front of Three Creeks K-8 School? This would make it easier to access the mailboxes within that kiosk, as well as avoiding mud, snow, ice etc. There are areas on the sidewalks where it looks like it's been marked for possible work. What is happening with those? Additionally, why do some areas of the sidewalks in the community, including one on Flattop Way, stay wet?**
  - a. The Board directed the District engineer to investigate these concerns and assess them for possible improvement, including the mail kiosk located by Three Creeks K-8 School. He is working cooperatively with the City of Arvada to determine the specifications of the projects and cost effective methods to correct them.
  - b. The mail kiosk has been identified and will be scheduled for landscaping improvements next year, as part of the District's ongoing landscape maintenance program.
  
- 2. The pruning of some of the shrubs was not attractive or cost effective. These plants should be left alone to add to the decorative landscaping throughout the winter months.**
  - a. Matt Ward, with Environmental Designs, Inc. attended the board meeting. Next year, they will assess the costs and possible changes to the pruning of the shrubs in the medians to better align with the goal of keeping decorative native plants throughout the community.
  
- 3. Are some of the builders using the wrong type of rock in the new homes they are constructing? According to Candelas Residential Design Guidelines: "4.1 General Landscaping... Preferred mulch shall be a minimum 3" depth, 3/8" - 1 and 1/2" river rock (natural in color), over porous landscape weed control fabric." In addition, Candelas Residential Design Guideline 2.7.3 states that Street Planting Bed (Area between back of curb and detached sidewalk)... Bed: Shrub, perennial and/or groundcover plantings shall be installed to cover 75% of ground area at maturity. The entire area must be mulched with pea gravel, wood mulch, or rock mulch at a minimum depth of 3".**

- a. The builders' rock varies in natural colors and size, but they all adhere to having river rock, at the appropriate depth and between the required sizes of 3/8" to 1 1/2 ". The rock mulch requirement has been met as the guideline states that mulch **is** required. If there are questions regarding this, the District does investigate to make certain the rock falls within the guidelines and continues to follow up with the builders.

**4. Does the District receive multiple bids for projects, maintaining fiscal responsibility when it comes to contracts with vendors?**

- a. The District is very fiscally responsible and does multiple Requests for Proposals when putting a service up for bid. The bids are carefully examined for accuracy and cost and the vendors are then carefully chosen. Follow-up for job completion and quality are done before an invoice is paid as well.

**5. There are ongoing concerns about the Rocky Flats issues. What does the District plan to do in order to support the Candelas homeowners and balance out any negative press and sales the community is seeing as of late?**

- a. The District supports the dissemination and education of science-based information about the refuge's safety, as confirmed by every national and state health and environmental agency. It also stands in line with published, peer-reviewed scientific literature and offers printed and online resources to homeowners upon request.