



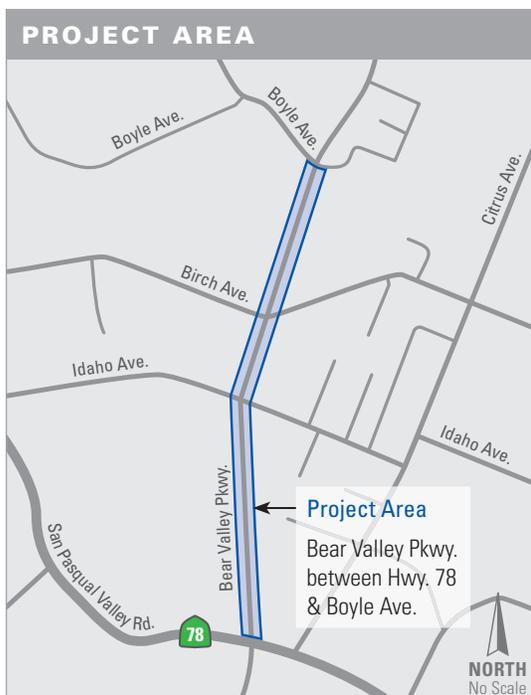
Safety and Shade: Two Natural beauties

In June, the County crews will finish installing a new irrigation system along Bear Valley Parkway and will begin planting native, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs within the road right of way. In all, six types of tree species and 20 types of shrubs will be planted. In addition to replacing the landscaping that was removed when the project broke ground, these new trees and shrubs will provide other benefits such as:

- › **Protecting Travelers:** Landscaping in the plant beds will separate pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicles. As a bonus, the trees will help shade sidewalks to make walking enjoyable and appealing all year around.
- › **Supporting Ecosystem:** Planting trees and shrubs along the parkway will promote the natural growth of the ecosystem in this neighborhood. These native plant species in particular will create an environment that supports everything from small critters that live in ground cover to the birds that fly over them. This habitat will also bridge and connect with other neighboring ecosystems.
- › **Reinforcing and Benefiting from Conservation:** By planting native, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs in the area, maintenance costs for irrigation and trimming will be reduced. The landscaping for this project includes specific plants that feature slow and steady growth and require minimal watering once established.

Native, drought tolerant plants and shrubs not only put the finishing touches on the project's roadway, utility undergrounding and pedestrian improvements, they also give the corridor a beautiful start to a new future. To learn more about native, drought tolerant plants, visit:

watersmartsd.org/content/nifty-50-plants-watersmart-landscapes



Project Update: Current Construction Activities

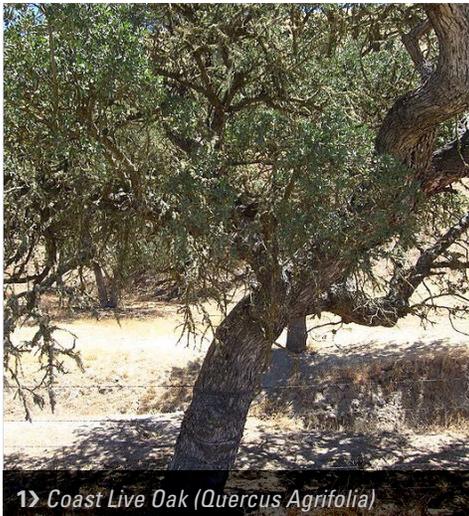
In June, crews are:

- › **Improving Connections to Driveways:** Crews are continuing to “tie-in” driveways to Bear Valley Parkway. This work levels the point where private driveways and side streets meet the road and paves that connection to create an even surface .
- › **Landscaping:** Crews are planting plants on the west side of Bear Valley Parkway where irrigation is installed.

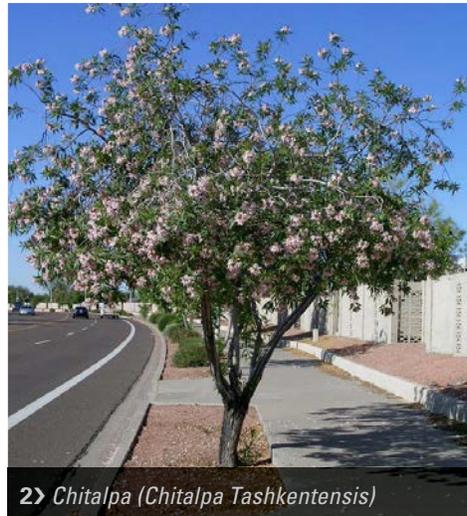
- › **Removing Utility Poles:** Utility company crews have disconnected cables from utility poles in the middle of the project roadway. Crews will now remove the standing utility poles to creating an unobstructed view that improves the aesthetics of Bear Valley Parkway.
- › **Fine-grading Sidewalks and Driveways:** Crews are grading the sidewalks and driveways that line Bear Valley Parkway and Boyle Avenue. Crews fine-grade over the rough-graded surfaces to balance sidewalks and ensure no pockets of air are trapped between the layers.



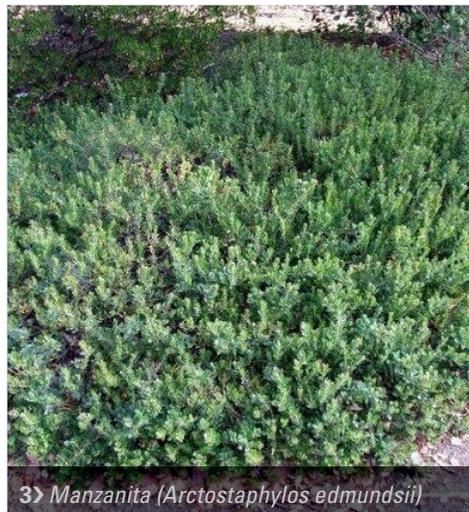
Crews prepare utility poles for removal



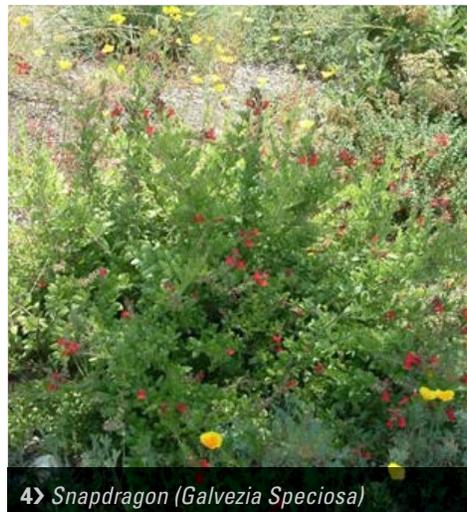
1› **Coast Live Oak** (*Quercus Agrifolia*)



2› **Chitalpa** (*Chitalpa Tashkentensis*)



3› **Manzanita** (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*)



4› **Snapdragon** (*Galvezia Speciosa*)

Two Green Thumbs Up!

The County is committed to planting landscaping that both compliments the local area, adds color and variety, and promotes conservation efforts. Some of the tree and shrub species being planted on Bear Valley Parkway include:

- 1› **Coast Live Oak:** This is only oak tree that thrives in the coastal climate west of the Sierra Nevadas. Locally, Native American tribes historically used the oak’s acorns to make flour.
- 2› **Chitalpa:** The Chitalpa is a hybrid of the Desert Willow and the Southern Catalpa. It is drought-resistant and produces 1” trumpet-shaped flowers.
- 3› **Carmel Sur Manzanita:** This ever-green, native, drought-tolerant shrub provides groundcover. It is planted to create a natural border or to line sidewalks.
- 4› **Snapdragon:** This colorful shrub is native to California, producing bright red flowers. The tubular flowers make it a favorite for hummingbirds.