

ANALYSIS OF SUNRIVER OWNERS' COMMENTS RE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON PLANT PROTECTIONS

INTRODUCTION

This document initially provided an analysis of comments submitted by Sunriver owners regarding proposed restrictions on native plant protections. The data was drawn from records provided by the SROA on January 9, 2024, and six additional records from SROA Board meeting minutes. See:

<https://sunriverneighbors.files.wordpress.com/2024/01/sunriverownerscommentsreplantprotections9jan2024.pdf>

There were four types of comments submitted to the SROA:

1. 10 Email submissions
2. 39 Postcards containing a poll that were sent to owners of 171 randomly selected Sunriver residential properties on May 16, 2023
3. 19 Postcards expressing the proposed rules were “unreasonable”
4. 11 Postcards expressing “allow reasonable” protection of “trees, shrubs, and wildflowers”

RESULTS

1. **Email submissions from 10 owners:**

- (a) 9 Opposed the proposed rules
- (b) 1 Supported the proposed rules

2. **39 returned postcards** containing a poll that were sent to owners of 171 randomly selected Sunriver residential properties on May 16, 2023:

- (c) 1 **PROHIBIT** any and all plant protections of any kind
- (d) 13 **ALLOW** all plant protections of any kind.
- (e) 20 **ADOPT BALANCED STANDARDS** that allow adequate protections for native plants while mitigating visual impacts.
- (f) 1 **I don't have enough information** about plant protections to state an opinion.
- (g) 1 **Other**
- (h) 3 Duplicates from email (#1, above)

3. **19 returned postcards** stating “we feel the Design Committee has proposed unreasonable restrictions on protecting our environmentally beneficial landscape.”

- (i) 18 Opposed to the proposed rules
- (j) 1 Duplicate from email senders

4. **11 returned postcards** stating “allow reasonable use of appropriate fencing materials to protect trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.”

- (k) 5 Opposed to the proposed rules
- (l) 6 Duplicates from other postcard (#3, above)

ANALYSIS

There were 67 unique submittals that expressed a clear opinion (a, b, c, d, e, i, k), can be grouped as:

- **2 supported the strict plant protections in the proposed rules**
 - (b) 1 Supported the proposed rules
 - (c) 1 Prohibit all plant protections
- **65 opposed the strict plant protections in the proposed rules**
 - (a, i, k) 32 Opposed the proposed rules
 - (d) 13 Allow all plant protections
 - (e) 20 Allow adequate protection of native plants

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On March 6, 2024, another set of owner comments were submitted. The following reflects the additional opinions of owners of lots that were not present in the earlier analysis. These included:

- **Owners of 8 lots supported the proposed rules.**
 - Of these supporters, owners of two lots are current members of the Design Committee, and an owner of one lot is on the SROA Board.
 - The owners of two other lots (of the 8) generally supported the Design Committee proposal, but did not agree with a few specific rules.
- **Owners of 39 lots opposed the proposed rules.**
 - Of these supporters, an owner of one lot is a current member of the Design Committee.

UPDATED ANALYSIS SUMMARY

There were 114 unique submittals that expressed a clear opinion:

- **10 (9%) supported the strict plant protections in the proposed rules**
- **104 (91%) opposed the strict plant protections in the proposed rules**

**ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VALIDATE THESE STATISTICS CAN OBTAIN
THE SAME SETS OF RECORDS FROM THE SROA ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER.**

Please contact me of any errors or omissions or if you want to discuss the analysis.

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