



August 21, 2023

Dear Community Manager and Board of Directors,

This year, California experienced significant rainfall from December 2022 to March 2023. While the water was a gift for Southern California's often parched land, the extended rainy period posed challenges. Over-saturated turf and planter beds become part of the scene. But what unfolds when a heatwave follows this rainy interlude?

Rapid Growth: The interplay of heavy rainfall and a subsequent heatwave spurs rapid plant growth. Moisture-rich soil provides nourishment, and the warmth stimulates development, transforming the landscape into a lush and vibrant scene. And now it is happening again after the rain and humidity of the tropical storm, the sun and heat take over, and weeds and plants alike will be on another rapid growth spurt.

Plant Stress: Transitioning from heavy rainfall to a heatwave presents a unique challenge for plants. The moisture, which was once beneficial, can become a stress factor. Excess moisture can lead to root issues, and the ensuing heatwave intensifies water loss through transpiration, potentially affecting plant health.

Increased Weeds: The combination of heavy rain and a heatwave can create optimal conditions for weed growth. Weeds thrive in moist environments and can take advantage of the warmth to grow rapidly, potentially competing with desirable plants.

Runoff and Erosion: If heavy rain saturates the soil and a subsequent heatwave dries it out, the risk of soil erosion and surface runoff increases. This can lead to topsoil loss and potential damage to the landscape's appearance.

You may have met our dedicated landscape team—braving daily heat with unwavering commitment. Their pursuit of excellence endures despite weather challenges. Navigating summer hurdles is a constant.

Thank you for your patience as we work diligently to maintain your beautiful surroundings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mindy Dent". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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