SUSTAINABLE ELEMENTS:

WHAT IS CONTOURING FOR RAIN? WHAT IS A SWALE?

Your garden will feature a swale to INFILTRATE rainfall. This is an area that is lightly graded to infiltrate water into the planted areas and eliminate runoff from the landscape surface to the street.

Over time, the plants may grow over the sides of the swale, but it will still

The purpose of a swale is to allow soil to cleanse water as it passes through as groundwater. Water allowed to run off our landscapes and down our streets to the ocean creates dirty outflows and polluted beaches. Healthy garden soil has the ability to filter, cleanse and purify land based pollution before it gets to



Landscape contoured for rain infiltration

Paths/Boulders:

Decomposed granite path Shades of gold





Plant List:

*Please note: If plants pictured are notavailable, a plant with similar size, growthhabit



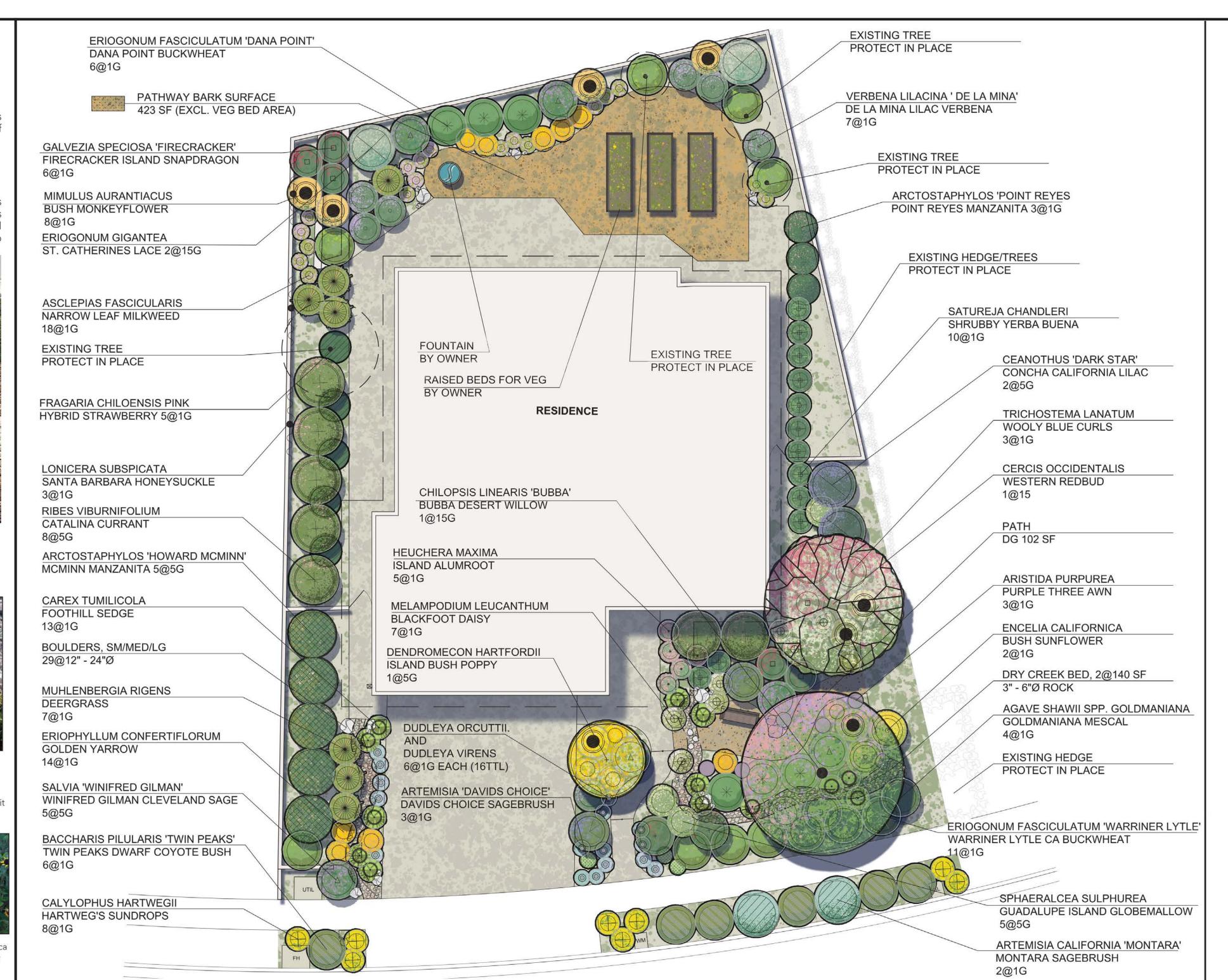
Baccharis sp. Coyote Bush (Evergreen ground



St. Catherines Lace (Flowering shrub, butterfly habitat)



Encelia californica Coast Sunflower





California Native Garden Congratulations! You are about to embark upon a fun, rewarding and ultimately important journey. The conversion of your lawn to a sustainable native garden. You are now part of a growing community of homeowners and garden-lovers returning a sense of place to the front and backyards of urban and suburban Southern California. Welcome home.

ADDING PERSONALITY TO YOUR GARDEN:

As Your Garden Grows...you will want to add personality and your own creative touch to your garden. Don't be afraid to experiment with containers, birdbaths, sculpture and other features to add your own unique touch to your garden. While the elements below are not included in your kit, they are all readily available throughout Southern California and beyond.



BIRDBATH



OUTDOOR ART

Partner With Nature! Installing rain barrels or creating a swale in your garden stores rainwater for your native plants to use. Consider incorporating these elements of sustainability into your new







Decorative Rain Barrel

Permeable Paving (3" gaps for plants 1.5" gaps for birds eye gravel or dg fill)

RAINWATER CAPTURE, RAIN CHAINS and SWALES



Cercis occidentalis Western Redbud

(Small flowering tree

nitrogen fixing to

improve soil)

deciduous, edible flowers,

(Evergreen shrub, ha













Dudleya pulverulenta





Salvia clevelandii

lummingbirds,

Flowering perennial

butterflies) Sphaeralcea sulphurea

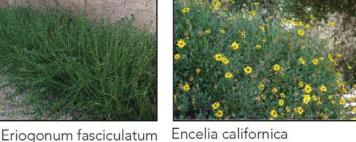






Dune Sedge





California Buckwheat Trichostemma lanatum

(Groundcover form, butterflies) Woolv Blue Curls



Satureja chandleri



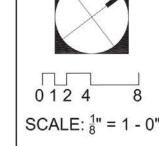


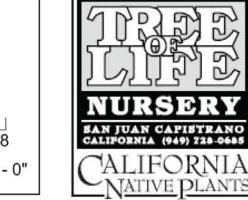


sland Bush











This garden is designed to thrive in Southern California communities where the typical coastal influence is not felt on a daily basis. This garden will feature great diversity in plant types and seasonal flowers, all of which will attract birds, butterflies, hummingbirds and beneficial pollinators. It will be completely drought tolerant and self-sustaining once established. This garden embraces the essence of our Southern California look with boulders, a pea gravel swale and contouring the land to allow rainwater to replenish the soil.







