CHILD FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE
TYPICAL WATER SMART RESIDENTIAL PLAN

LANDSCAPE ARTIST STATEMENT

My approach to designing a water smart, child friendly environment was to make the space both interesting and low maintenance. This yard is designed with small children in mind with three different areas: an active play area, a bicycle path and a sandbox. While the path can remain for strolling through the garden, the sandbox can convert into another patio or a fire pit for future enjoyment. There is also a small lawn area, Yes, you can still have a lawn and be water-wise. The key is to make sure the lawn is a reasonable size and is in a usable spot on the property. This lawn is just large enough to play some games and positioned at the back yard next to the patio extending the usable area. Smart planting will help keep down maintenance which gives you more time to spend with your family. By designing a yard with the mature sizes of plants in mind, I have eliminated the necessity of pruning circles back from walkways and avoided the very common practice of pruning shrubs into squares and globes. The plantings of this yard utilize ornamental grasses and Mediterranean flora as well as funk-looking plants like the Pongol Palms and Matilija Poppys (also called the Friedegg Bush), all of which are low water usage and require low maintenance. This yard is a great place to relax and play and it can grow and mature as your family does.

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INFORMATION SHEET
**Planting Legend**

**Symbol** | **Botanical Name** | **Common Name**
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Trees | Arbutus unedo Marina | Strawberry Tree
Beaucarnea recurvata | Ponytail Palm
Cercis occidentalis | Western Redbud
Pepo a pellucida | Pineapple Guava
Olea europaea var. sungum | Fruitless Olive
 Shrubs | Alstroemeria aurea | Blue Iris
Angiospermus flavus | Kangaroo Paw
Cotoneaster horizontalis | Rock Cotoneaster
Lavandula dentata | French Lavender
Lavandula stoechas | Spanish Lavender
Limonium fruticosum | Lavender Statice
Muglans.parsers | Deer Grass
Nassella cerena | Nodding Needle Grass
Nassella pulchra | Purple Needle Grass
Panfiguregatum | Switch Grass
Pennisetum setaceum | Purple Fountain Grass
Romneya coulteri | Matula Toppy
Santolina chamaecyparissus | Lavender Cotton
Spartium jasminoides | Feather Grass
Vines | Rosa california | California Rose

**Soil Amendment & Gardening Tips**
- Tailor soil with the following:
  - Octogon Organic Soil Building Compost
  - Octogon Powdered Humate, soil conditioner under all plants monthly for the 1st year
  - Plant organic compost as planting fuel, readily annually
  - Early spring mulch, prune back all shrubs for the compact and healthy growth
  - Early spring & fall planting, cut back ornamental grasses above ground to encourage new growth

**Notes**
- Lawn, cause a water-friendly variety such as St. Augustine Fescue, Zoysia grass, Sand Dune Bluegrass, and Zoysia Victoria Victoria Zoysia grass
- Many nurseries carry these plants. For a list of nurseries visit www HàngENC.org
- You will recieve may be iterated available for water wise plants, check their website regularly for updates

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**Scale**