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**I recommend you schedule future agenda item for review of Shoulder Improvement Policy SU20-ABC to make it more environmental and user friendly.**

In 2018, Environmental Commission developed and Council approved Shoulder Improvement Policy SU20-ABC. It is time to review use of this policy and recommend improvements based on resident, Design Commission, and staff feedback. Following are recommend elements of review:

- Visit residential homes who have installed SU20-ABC and get their feedback?
- How many months of supplemental “rain garden” watering is required? Packard Foundation uses supplemental “rain garden” watering 6 to 8 months per year. Los Altos Maintenance Staff appears to do the same with Foothill Expressway / El Monte three “rain gardens”.
- What is additional homeowner gardener cost for hand maintenance of rain gardens?
- Review with Design Commission Members on how SU20-ABC is used in their review / approval of new single-family homes. What exceptions have they allowed? New home drawings do not show details of SU20-ABC.
- Review with Los Altos Engineering staff on how SU20-ABC is applied in their single-family home detail drawing review? What exceptions have they allowed?
- Are exceptions allowed to not install pavement base water barrier when it interferes with underground utilities? Exceptions to not install water barrier in zones that do not include “rain garden”?

Thank you for your consideration.

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