

# Update on Rosie's Garden

# Background

- October 2025 Board approved \$8,250 to be contributed to Rosie's Garden Advisory Committee for the restoration of the garden.
- Rosie's Garden is located on the northwest Corner of Esquiline Road and Calle De Los Helechos in Carmel Valley.
- Established in 2000 only a few viable plants remained .
- Rosie's Garden Advisory Committee has rehabilitated the garden creating a water wise community green space.



















WELCOME TO  
ROSIE'S  
GARDEN  
EST. 2001  
BY NEIGHBORS





# THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED  
TO THE REVITALIZATION OF  
ROSIE'S GARDEN

- Robles Neighbors & Friends ~ Carmel Valley Kiwanis
- Valley Hills Nursery ~ Zarco's Professional Tree Service
- California American Water ~ The Ripplewood King
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Community Foundation for Monterey County
- Origin Coast Studio ~ CV Garden Club

Rosie's  
Garden

**PICTURE FROM 1995**

Robles Garden was started in 2000 by Robles neighbors to transform the NW corner of Explorer and Du Los Mochales from a dirt lot, abandoned by the Flood in 1995, into a beautiful garden. Don Swales took the leadership role in bringing neighbors together.

**PICTURE FROM 2000**

The garden was designed by Dianne Woods and planted with drought and deer resistant plants. Neighbors raised funds and provided the labor to plant the garden and install a sign.

**PICTURE FROM 2004**

For 25 years the garden has been cared for by Robles neighbors and members of the Carmel Valley Garden Club. Volunteers, water, and labor care for the garden. Together they are a testament of what can be achieved when people come together for a shared purpose.

**PICTURE FROM 2006**

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### PLANTS OF ROSIE'S GARDEN

CALIFORNIA NATIVES & POLLIVATOR-FRIENDLY SPECIES

<b>MANGANTIA</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>DIRTY BIRD</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly
<b>MONKEY FLORA</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>COYOTE BUSH</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>RED CURRANT</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly
<b>MEXICAN BIRD SAGE</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>BEAN SNAPSHOT</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly	<b>WESTERN BIRD D</b> ✓ Drought-tolerant ✓ Deer-resistant ✓ Pollinator-friendly

These plants represent preferences, birds, and our local ecosystem.  
THANK YOU FOR VISITING ROSIE'S GARDEN!

**HOW TO SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN**

Our garden is maintained by volunteers, and we appreciate any help you can offer.

- PULL A WEED (OR TWO)
- CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG
- PICK UP ANY LITTER YOU SEE

If you notice something that needs attention, email [ROBLES@CVMWD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROBLES@CVMWD@GMAIL.COM) or call Sherie at 850-888-2855.

Thank you Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for your generous support of the revitalization of Rosie's Garden in 2025.

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2025

These documents are fundraising brochures sent to Robles residents in 2000 and 2025. They provide additional background on the garden and how it got its name.

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