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**Preferred Parkway Planting Materials**

**Preferred Drought-Tolerant Turf Substitute Plant Species**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Water Needs	Height x Spread	Notes:
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Common Yarrow	Mod-low	Flowers to 3', leaves to 3"	Mow every 2-6 weeks to maintain uniform height similar to lawn. There are many cultivars
<i>Achillea tomentosa</i>	Wooly Yarrow	Mod-low	2" x 1 1/2"	Grey-green woolly leaves, yellow flat topped flower heads 6" -10" tall. Must be mowed to remove flower stalks and maintain uniform height similar to lawn
<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	Roman Chamomile	Moderate	3" – 12" x 12"+	Mow or shear to maintain uniform height similar to lawn. Plant 1' apart for good coverage
<i>Duchesnea indica</i>	Indian Mock Strawberry	Moderate	3" – 4" x 12"	Can take more sun near coast; must have partial shade in warm inland valleys. Needs regular moisture and well drained soils. Tasteless fruit. Plant 1' apart. Mow in early spring to maintain uniform height
<i>Dymondia margaretae</i>	Dymondia	Moderate; drought tolerant once established	1"-3" x 12"-24"	Spreading perennial. Green leaves edged in silver, yellow flowers in summer, slow growing. Needs well drained soils, does better near coast; okay for inland areas
<i>Fragaria chiloensis</i>	Beach Strawberry	Moderate	3"-8" x 12"-18"	Produces small edible fruit. Mow or cut back in late winter just before new growth to maintain uniform height. Best near coast; not recommended for inland/valley areas
<i>Herniaria glabra</i>	Green Carpet, Rupture Wort	Moderate	1'"3" x 12'+	Spreads by rooting stems. Plant 12" apart for good coverage. Needs well drained soil. Takes light foot traffic
<i>Lotus corniculatus 'Plenus'</i>	Bird's Foot Trefoil	Moderate	4" x 12"	Carpet of dark green tree-leaved leaflets. Yellow flowers in summery and fall. May be mowed. Good in clay soil.

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<i>Phyla nodiflora</i> ( <i>Lippia repens</i> or <i>Lippia nodiflora</i> )	Lippia	Mod-low	2" x 12"-24"	Ground hugging perennial. Small pink flowers from spring to fall attract bees. Mow periodically to maintain uniform height and to remove flowers if bees are an issue.
<i>Thymus praecox articus</i> ( <i>T. polytrichus britannicus</i> )	Creeping Thyme	Moderate	2"-4' x 18"-24""	Spreading perennial herb. Pink flowers and scented leaves. Flowers attractive to bees
<i>Thymus praecox 'Elfin'</i>	Elfin Creeping Thyme	Moderate	2" x 6"	Non-blooming flowers. Good for areas where bees are an issue.
<i>Thymus praecox 'Minus'</i>	Minus Creeping Thyme	Moderate	1/2" x 12"	Very fine textured leaves forms a dense carpet
<i>Thymus pseudolanuginosus</i> ( <i>T. serpyllum</i> )	Woolly Thyme	Moderate	2"-3" x 36"	Spreading perennial herb. Woolly grey leaves with pink flowers. 'Hall's Woolly' is a better bloomer

**Preferred Drought Tolerant Turf Species**

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<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i> 'Hachita'	Hachita Blue Grama	Low-very low	12" x 12"	More vigorous than other <i>Bouteloua</i> species. Good in sandy or clay soil. Sold as plugs. Mow once a month to maintain uniform, consistent height.
<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i> 'UC Verde'	UC Verde Buffalo Grass	Low-very low	3" mowed height	Warm season grass. Best along the coast or LA Basin where it stays green all year; goes dormant inland for as long as October to March. Sold as plugs. Not good in sandy soil. Mow every 2 to 3 weeks to maintain uniform, consistent height
<i>Carex pansa</i>	California Meadow Sedge	Moderate	3"-4" mowed height	Cool season sedge; can go dormant in summer without regular water. Sold as plugs. Mow to maintain uniform, consistent height
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Dune Sedge	Moderate	3"-4" mowed height	Cool season sedge; can go dormant in summer without regular water. Sold as plugs. Mow to maintain uniform, consistent height

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<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> 'GN-1'	'GN-1' Hybrid Bermuda	Low- Mod	1/4"-3/4" mowed height	Warm season grass; goes dormant during winter months. Tolerates high foot traffic. Drought tolerant; full sun. Grow from stolons, plugs, or sod. 'GN-1' requires less maintenance than 'Santa Ana' or 'Tifway' cultivars
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> 'Santa Ana'	'Santa Ana' Hybrid Bermuda	Low-Mod	1/4"-3/4": mowed height	Same as above (see 'GN-1' notes). More smog resistant and shorter dormancy period. Holds color longer
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> 'Tifdwarf'	'Tifdwarf' Hybrid Bermuda	Low-Mod	1/4"-3/4": mowed height	Same as above (see 'GN-1' notes). Slower to establish and spread than other Bermuda hybrids.
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> 'Tifgreen'	'Tifgreen' Hybrid Bermuda	Low-Mod	1/4"-3/4": mowed height	Same as above (see 'GN-1' notes). Good tolerance to saline soils
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> 'Tifway 419'	'Tifway 419' Hybrid Bermuda	Low-Mod	1/4"-3/4": mowed height	Same as above (see 'GN-1' notes). Good tolerance to saline soils. Shorter dormancy period; holds color longer
<i>Paspalum vaginatum</i> 'Sea Spray'	Sea Spray Paspalum	Moderate	1/4" -1 1/2" mowed height	Warm season grass. Prefers soils that have moderate to high salinity. Great near coast and perfect for reclaimed water. Available from seed. Water every 1 to 2 weeks with 1" of water. Mow to maintain uniform, consistent height