



September 13, 2021

Barstow Cemetery District  
President Mark Franey & Board  
PO Box 1033  
Barstow CA 92312-1033

**SUBJECT: Landscape Conversion Project at Mountain View Memorial Park**

Dear President Franey and members of the Board,

I am sorry that I was unable to attend your public meeting on August 7, 2021 but I wanted to take a moment to applaud your efforts to renovate the landscaping at the Mountain View Memorial Park. Although most Southern Californians are used to having grass at their cemetery, we live in a desert with a limited water supply, and we realize this is no longer realistic. We must preserve this precious resource.

I have reviewed the initial concept drawings for your landscape renovation that were created by Jaime Yamashita. Her plans show that drought-tolerant landscaping can be beautiful as well as practical. As you are probably aware, I have numerous family members buried at the Barstow Cemetery, so this beautification project is important to me on a personal level. Please know that I appreciate your vision and your commitment to improve Barstow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "PAC", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Paul Anthony Courtney, Dr.B.A.  
Mayor  
City of Barstow