CHILD FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE
TYPICAL WATER SMART RESIDENTIAL PLAN

FRONT SECTION

SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

LANDSCAPE ARTIST STATEMENT

My approach to designing a water smart, kid 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 shrubs back from walkways and avoided the very common practice of pruning shrubs into squares and globes. The planting of this yard utilizes ornamental grasses and Mediterranean flora as well as fun-looking plants like the Ponytail Palm and Matilija Poppy (also called the Fried-egg 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.

REAR NORTH SECTION

SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

REAR SOUTH SECTION

SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

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