

SP5800000FA LANDSCAPING
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (Industry 6-9-21)

580-2.1.1 Do not understand why Cycads are specifically mentioned in this spec, (they are not even used that often on roadway projects). Also do not understand why #7 gallon is the size that differentiates large and small plants. We suggest the dividing size be #15 or at most #10-gallon size. 580-2.6 Landscape soil is defined in section 987-2.4 of the roadway specifications, not 987. 580-4.4 Suggest revising this sentence to add the underlined language, “Notify the Engineer of drainage or percolation problems that would have a negative impact on the proposed plants before plant installation”. Otherwise, this could just open up a can of worms regarding what to do about it, what is considered a “percolation problem”, or what the acceptable parameters for the percolation test should be. There are many species that can easily tolerate wet sites with drainage problems (for example Cypress Trees or Royal Palms) and the designer should know this in advance and they should specify the correct plants on the plans.

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ANOTHER COMMENT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD: 580-4.5 Installation. Currently this section only states, “Meet the requirements of the Contract Documents”, yet we are typically not allowed to include plan notes about items like this that really should be in the specifications. The previous specifications used to have language that required the contractor to remove all desirable vegetation from planting beds and tree rings; both prior to planting and to keep it that way during the establishment period. We realize this language was added to Standard Plan 580-001, but that only covers the installation, so there is nothing that requires the Contractor to maintain it this way. We are requesting this language be added back in the specification, both for the period before plant installation and during the establishment period so we can enforce this important requirement.

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