

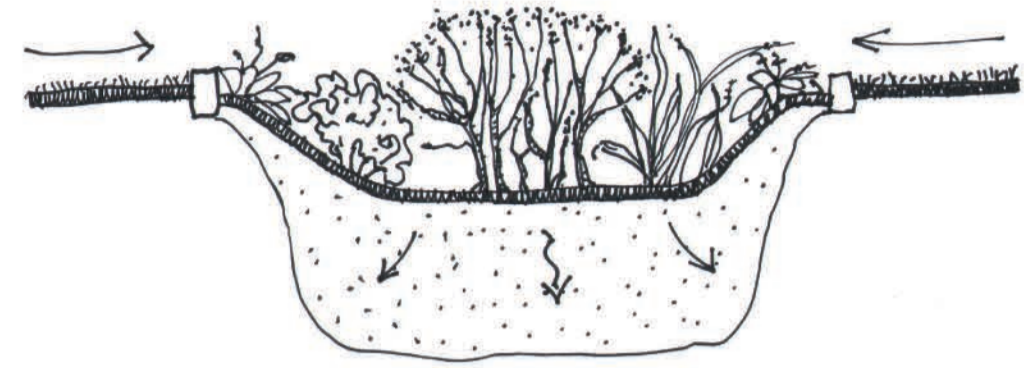
**WHAT IS CONTOURING FOR RAIN? WHAT IS A SWALE?**

Your garden features a 'dry creekbed' swale. This is an area that is lightly graded to infiltrate water and eliminate runoff from the landscape surface to the street.

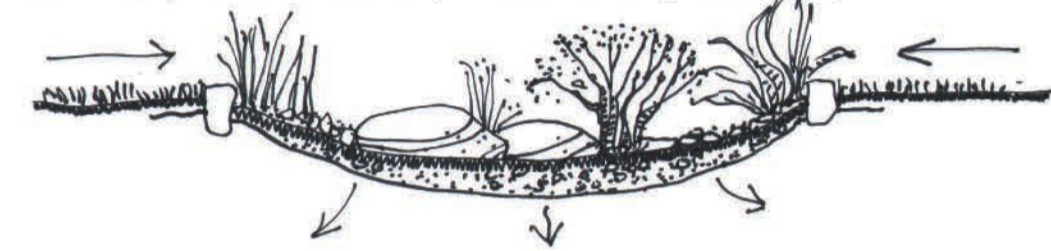
Over time, the plants may grow over the sides of the swale, but it will still function.

The purpose of a swale is to allow soil to cleanse water as it passes through as groundwater. Water allowed to run off our landscapes and down our streets to the ocean creates dirty outflows and polluted beaches. Healthy garden soil has the ability to filter, cleanse and purify land-based pollution.

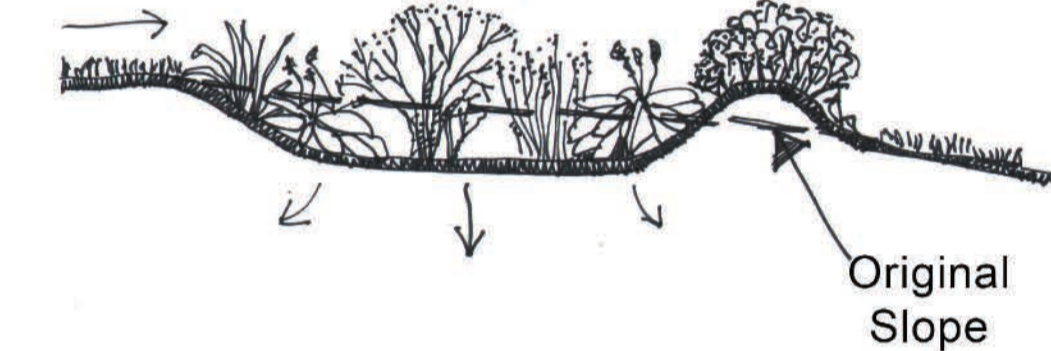
**A: Rain Garden (planted)**



**B: 'Dry Creekbed' (rocks and pebbles)**



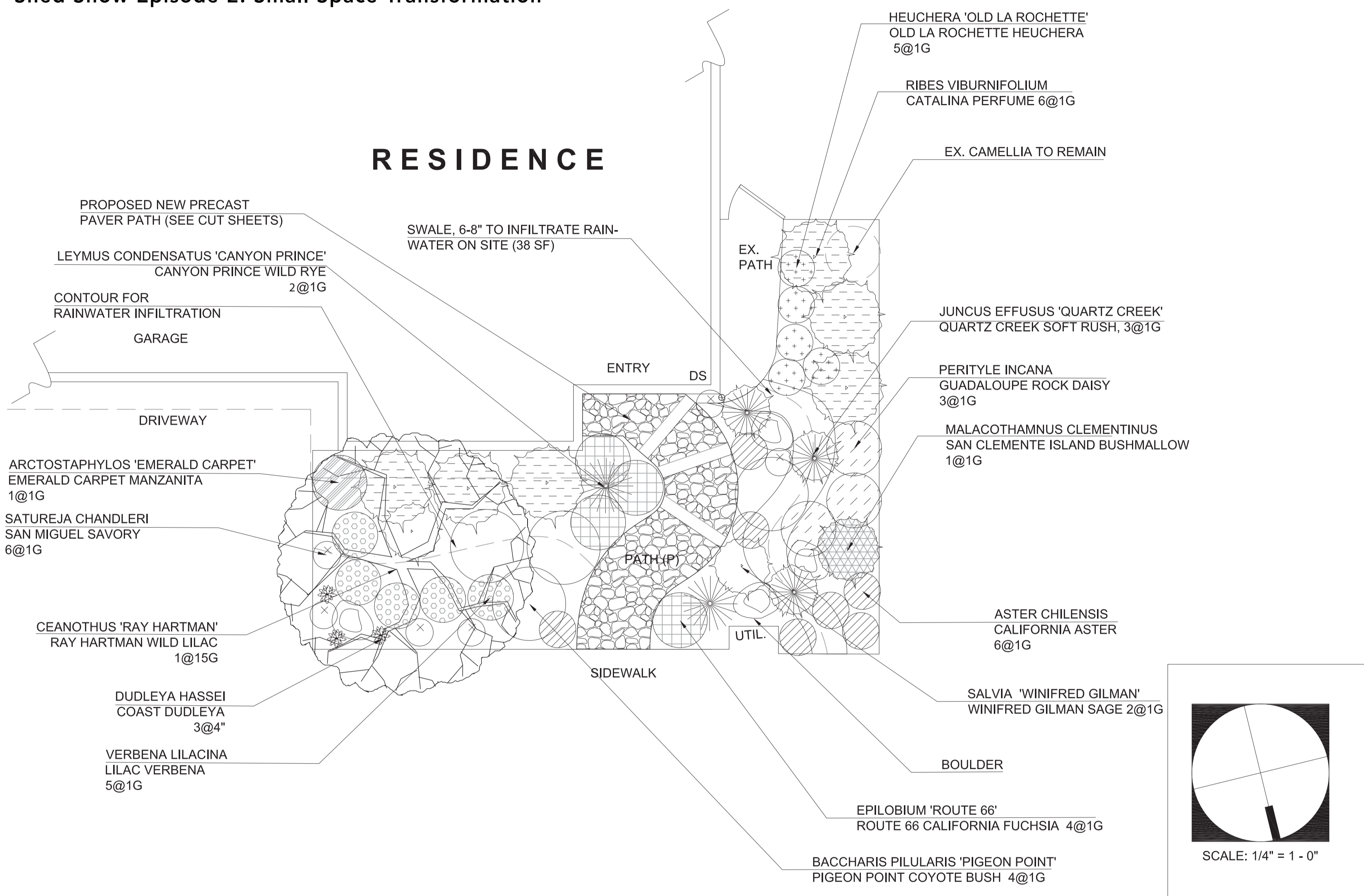
**C: Rain Garden on Slope**



Swales and Rain Gardens are designed to infiltrate water within 48 hours or less. As your plants grow into their mature form the swale may not be as visible but will still function to infiltrate rain and eliminate runoff.

Swales are always designed to direct high stormwater flows toward existing drains.

**PLANT LIST AND DESIGN**  
Front yard featured in  
**Shed Show Episode 2: Small Space Transformation**



**California Native Garden** Congratulations! You are about to embark upon a fun, rewarding and ultimately important journey. The conversion of your lawn to a sustainable native garden. You are now part of a growing community of homeowners and garden-lovers returning a sense of place to the front and backyards of urban and suburban Southern California. Welcome home.

**ADDING PERSONALITY TO YOUR GARDEN:**

**As Your Garden Grows...** you will want to add personality and your own creative touch to your garden. Don't be afraid to experiment with containers, birdbaths, sculpture and other features to add your own unique touch to your garden. While the elements below are not included in your kit, they are all readily available throughout Southern California and beyond.



CONTAINERS



OUTDOOR ART

**Partner With Nature!** Installing rain barrels or creating a swale in your garden stores rainwater for your native plants to use. Consider incorporating these elements of sustainability into your new garden.



Decorative Rain Barrel



Rain Chain



Landscape boulder in natural shades of tan, gray, taupe

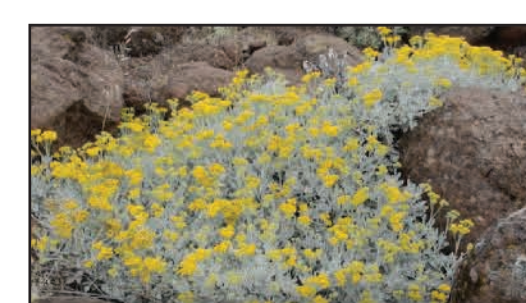
RAINWATER CAPTURE, RAIN CHAINS and SWALES

**Plant List:**

\*Please note: If plants pictured are not available, a plant with similar size, growth habit and aesthetic character will be substituted.



Arctostaphylos 'Emerald Carpet' Emerald Carpet Manzanita



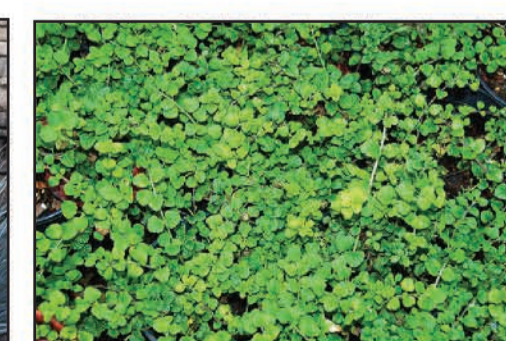
Perityle incana Guadalupe island Rock Daisy



Salvia clevelandii 'Winifred Gilman' Winifred Gilman Cleveland Sage (Hummingbirds, butterflies, fragrant, Spring/summer flowering)



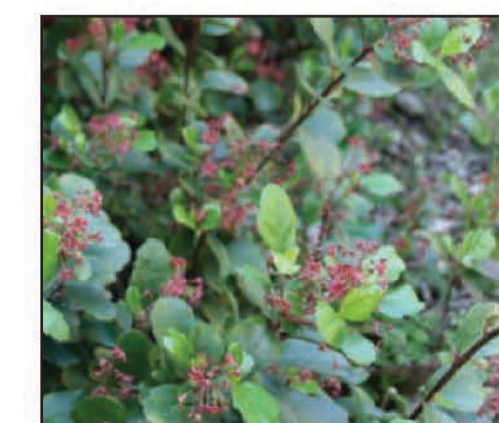
Leymus condensatus 'Canyon Prince' Canyon Prince Wild Rye (Ornamental grass)



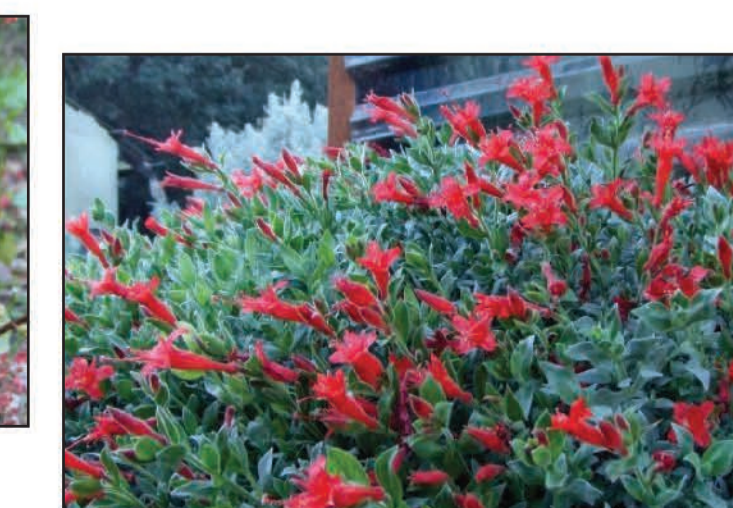
Satureja chandleri San Miguel Savory



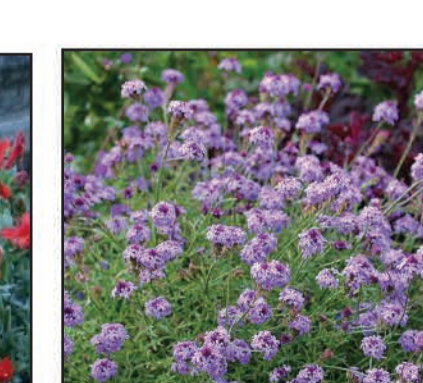
Malacothamnus clementinus San Clemente Island Bushmallow



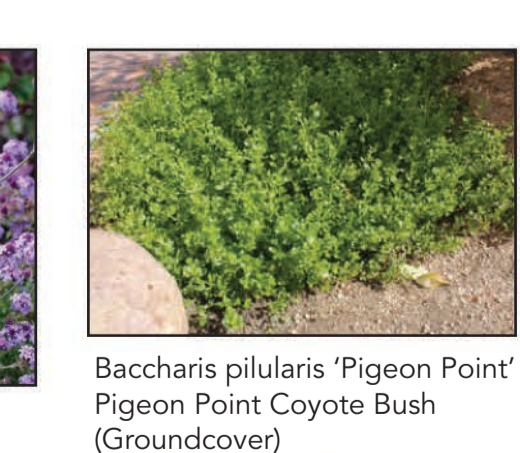
Ribes viburnifolium Catalina Perfume (Evergreen shrub)



Epilobium 'Route 66' California Fuchsia



Verbena lilacina Lilac Verbena



Baccharis pilularis 'Pigeon Point' Pigeon Point Coyote Bush (Groundcover)



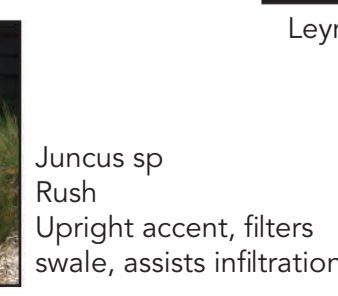
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' Ray Hartman Wild Lilac Spring flowering, nitrogen fixing, butterfly host plant



Aster chilensis California Aster (Groundcover when not in flower, butterflies)



Juncus sp. Rush Upright accent, filters swale, assists infiltration



Dudleya hassei Coast Dudleya



Heuchera 'Old La Rochette' Old La Rochette Coral Bells

