Stipa pulchra
(aka Nassella pulchra)

Purple needlegrass

Fast growing bunchgrass up to 3’ tall and 2’ wide.
Summer dormancy.
Showy purple seed heads during the spring.
Cold hardy to 25° F.
Water monthly during summer.
Good for erosion control on slopes.
Tolerates clay and serpentine soils.
Tolerates drought.
Good for erosion control.
Takes full sun to part shade.
Reseeds easily.
Became California State Grass in 2004.

Full sun to part shade
Drought tolerant once established
Attracts birds
California State Grass