



East Bay Municipal Utility District

***LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notice and Preliminary Agenda***

***Date: Monday, June 13, 2022
2:00pm-3:30pm
Virtual Meeting***

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| 2:00 | Welcome
EBMUD Water Supply and Drought Updates | Kristin Bowman |
| 2:15 | Sheet Mulching for Professionals and other
IPM Tricks | Kristin Gallego
Chris Geiger
Suzanne Bontempo |
| 3:00 | Discussion | ALL |
| 3:30 | Meeting Adjourned | |

Not convinced sheet mulching is suitable for commercial, HOA's and high-end customers?

Come learn from the experts on how to convert a lawn into a low-water garden using this non-toxic approach in a variety of residential and commercial settings. This presentation will also cover eco-friendly landscape design and management practices, EBMUD water supply and drought update, landscape rebates, and water conservation resources. Come ready to interact! Attendees will have the opportunity to unmute.

Panelists include:

Landscape Contractor/Business Owner and California Landscape Contractors Association (incoming) President, Kristin Gallego. Kristin and her husband own Artistic Landscape, which specializes in commercial maintenance, irrigation and water-efficient landscape design/build. For the past 10 years, Kristin's go to method to convert lawn to a low-water landscape is sheet mulching.

Our Water Our World Program Manager, Suzanne Bontempo is an experienced horticulturist, IPM Advocate, garden educator and landscape designer with advanced training in integrated pest management. Collectively, with the IPM Advocate Program, she received the 2013 IPM Innovators award. As the Program Manager of the Bay Area's Our Water Our World Program, Suzanne provides education on non-toxic approaches to landscape design and maintenance.

IPM Consultant, Chris Geiger, PH.D. led San Francisco's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program for twenty-two years and reduced the City's pesticide use by over 80% since its inception. Chris received the National IPM Achievement Award in 2006 which has been widely emulated nationwide. Chris recently started his own consultation services.

This event qualifies for CEU's from AWWA, ReScape CA, Master Gardeners, and QWEL.