

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting
DATE: Thursday November 14, 2024
TIME: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
LOCATION: EBMUD Administration Building, 4th Floor and Zoom

AGENDA

- 2:00 **Welcome**
- 2:05 **Project Updates**
- [Payback lawn conversion calculator](#) - ready for use
 - Spring Irrigation Audit rebate – coming back soon
 - Landscape Rebates – up to \$20,000 thru end of 2026 for commercial
 - Gardens at Heather Farm round robin
 - USBR grant submitted to support commercial lawn conversions
 - [Bay Area Garden Kits](#) – CNPS update?
- 2:10 pm **Discussion - Revisiting the Low Water Plant List (notes from 12/2022)**
- Plant list updates - The goal is to update the EBMUD plant list with more specificity to climate zones and biodiversity. Reviewed the eco-region zones listed on new Bay Area Garden Planner: <https://bayarea.calscape.org/>
 - APLD Slow the Burn – Dona noted APLD will likely be doing a presentation series on grasses/groundcovers and will share info.
 - Past approach included evaluating water use; bird/butterfly friendly; summer-dry; flowering season; evergreen or deciduous; availability; not-invasive; native
 - What is the current recommended approach?
 - Is it possible to break up – east and west of the hills?
 - Review [San Diego's Nifty Fifty](#)
- 3:20 pm **Lawn alternatives - best practices and tips. Any good pictures from the field?**
- Will send a google drive document to weigh in on with your experience and to upload pictures from the field.
 - Kurapia (cultivar)
 - Lippia (native)
 - UC Verde Buffalograss
 - Seashore Bentgrass
- 3:30 pm **Adjourn**

Next General Meeting – February 4th 2-3:15pm NFT and Heat Island Effect with UC Extension

CHAPTER 2.5. Nonfunctional Turf

10608.14.

(a) The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:

(1) All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.

(2) All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.

(3) All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.

(4) All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.

(5) All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community, beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the use of potable water is not prohibited by this section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need.

(c) The board may, upon a showing of good cause for reasons including economic hardship, critical business need, and potential impacts to human health or safety, postpone a compliance deadline in subdivision (a) by up to three years for certain persons, institutions, and businesses, and may create a form to be used for compliance certification to the board by property owners.

(d) Public water systems shall, by no later than January 1, 2027, revise their regulations, ordinances, or policies governing water service to include the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b), as revised by the board pursuant to subdivision (c), and shall communicate the requirements to their customers on or before that date.

(e) (1) An owner of commercial, industrial, or institutional property with more than 5,000 square feet of irrigated area other than a cemetery shall certify to the board, commencing June 30, 2030, and every three years thereafter through 2039, that their property is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

(2) An owner of a property with more than 5,000 square feet of irrigated common area that is a homeowners' association, common interest development, or community service organization or similar entity shall certify to the board, commencing June 30, 2031, and every three years thereafter through 2040, that their property is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.