

EBMUD Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
04/17/17
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Meeting Location: EBMUD Office

Present:

Eric Santos - ES
Jessica Woodard - JW
Kristin Bowman - KB
Maura Baldwin - MB
Dona Wessells - DW
Tom Stewart - TS
Wesley - W

Absent:

Dan Palmer - DP
Helmut Winkelhake - HW
Scott Sommerfeld - SS
Chris McNairy - CM
Jerri McNair - JM

Meeting Agenda:

- Big Picture Outlook
- Development of a local plant library
- Discussion on HydroZoning and Drip Conversion Technical Documents
- Next step on water budget calculator for professionals

Meeting Notes:

- KB Next months meeting will be held offsite at Bishop O'Dowd
- ES Reviewed Dan Palmer's comments and feedback to water use calculator. Dan had a really good point on the importance of having good plant information to maximize the value of our calculator
- KB Shared the revised calculator on screen and the entire group discussed different ways to express water savings in a way that would be compelling. The group consensus was not to use humans because its not impactful enough.
- TS Suggested using a # of people for x number of months
- KB Shared that calscape.org was working on developing a water budget calculator for professionals
- MB Maura suggested starting off with a simple starter list of plants. Perhaps a top 10 for each category in a hydrozone with a link to other places
- W Suggested a pallet with selections for large and small, wet and dry. Using a master gardener list
- DW Mentioned SLZ HOA has a great list developed
- TS Suggested the importance of listing growth habits, leaves, size,

- MB suggested having 3 pallets, 5 to 10 plants for each category with footnotes and links
- DW Suggested cross referencing EBMUD list, Alameda County List, and NALP List. Also suggested the importance of having pictures. Perhaps 10 plant with 10 pictures. DW also mentioned that Jerri has a really good list of plants developed for Rossmoor.
- KB Suggested outreach to Georgia's entire committee for feedback
- JW Suggested using a survey format to have the larger committee to review plants
- ES Asked for volunteers to take on the task of working on a plant list. MB volunteered to work on an initial list. DW said she would send over several other lists.

In closing we should focus on development of the plant list, then a hydrozoning document, then a drip conversion document to go along with the residential lawn conversion calculator.