

EBMUD LAC Tech Committee Meeting

DATE: October 15, 2018

TIME: 2:00-3:30

LOCATION: EBMUD Admin Building, 375 11th Street, Oakland CA

PRESENT:

Bobby Feyerabend
Dona Wessells
Helmut Winkelhake
Ian Coughlan
Jerri McNair
Jolene Bertetto
Karly Behncke
Kristin Bowman
Lou Bendon
Michael Thilgen
Paul Modrell
Paul Schultz
Peter Roan
Richard Harris
Ryan Minahan

MINUTES:

2:10 pm Welcome and Agenda Review

2:15 pm Status Reports and Discussion

- Kristin Reviewed sub-committee projects
Status of Richmond Dry Garden and Master Gardener partnership with the City of Richmond, Gardens at Heather Farms submittal of a refresher grant, Stopwaste involvement with Water Budget Landscape Design Tool, social media messages for WaterSmart software outreach.

3:45 pm Richard Harris presented on the Landscape Efficiency Optimizer (LEO) Software pilot program.

- Cloud based software provided for free to selected contractors during pilot study
- To encourage property owners to water their existing landscape more efficiently
- Requires an outdoor water audit
- Hope to begin process this winter and launch by spring 2019. Pilot includes training and materials for contractor, audit reports for customers, data management and summary reports for water agency.
- Group commented on how is LEO different from a smart controller. The LEO provides ROI and easy to read reports. Requires smart controller and electronic meter.
- Recommended to track weather patterns for better year to year comparisons.
- Link to presentation is here https://www.ebmud.com/index.php/download_file/6765/
- CSANS is a good irrigation monitor for conventional controllers <https://csans.net/>
- Group to review Hiring and Landscape Contractor/Maintenance Gardener independently and send Kristin comments.

3:25 pm Next meetings

- Monday, November 5' 3-5:30 General Meeting, Wendy Proud and LAC Celebration (no sub-committees on November 5th) [Decorative Low Water Use Plants and LAC celebration](#)

