

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 11-4-19

TIME: 4-5pm

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

PRESENT: Helmut Winkelhake, Kristin Bowman, Scott Sommerfeld, Jessica Woodward, Sundong Kwong, Rebecca Pollon, Stew Winchester, Jerri McNair, Karly Behncke

MINUTES:

4:00 pm Welcome and Agenda Review

4:05

- Water Efficient Landscape Design Calculator 99% finished. Will keep you posted.
- Landscape Efficiency Optimizer application will be reviewed internally Nov 18th and then Kristin will organize a meeting with LEO project team.

4:10 Brainstorm for 2020

- Scott suggested experimenting with EZ flow as a way to deter animals from damaging drip irrigation.
- Kristin suggested addressing use of herbicides in the landscape rebate program and promoting ways to successfully convert lawn to sustainable landscapes without the use of chemicals. Sundong and Scott discussed the sequence of the sheet mulching process to reduce the need for herbicides. Jessica will serve as a repository for information supporting the reduction and elimination of herbicides for lawn conversion projects and managing landscapes. The group was supportive of this direction.
- Stew wants to revamp the plant list with east of the hills and west of the hills and make it easy for people to digest. May include characteristics such as CO2 sequestration, fire resistance, easily maintained etc. Water Conservation has PlantMaster--a good tool for creating list for customers.
- Jerri wants to pursue research on reducing heat islands and helping public agencies, including fire departments, on how to manage trees and green spaces to reduce heat island impacts.
- Stew suggested someone organizing a beer garden gathering for over the holidays.

Next General Meeting February 3rd 2-3:30pm

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