

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting

DATE: January 26, 2021

TIME: 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

LOCATION: Zoom

Attendees: Kristin Bowman, Jolene Bertetto, Eric Santos, Chris McNairy, Stew Winchester, Dona Wessells, Helmut Winkelhake, Rebecca Pollon, Ann-Marie Benz, Lou Bendon, Karly Behncke

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2:10pm

LAC General Meeting Presentation Ideas

- Gardening in Summer-Dry Climates – March 8 with Saxon Holt
- Removing Barriers to Lawn Conversion – Panel
 - Interested to be on panel – Rebecca, Lou, Ann-Marie
 - Kristin to set up a meeting with this group to discuss further
 - Possible topics – pets, regulations and HOA's, behavioral motivations.
- Plant and Irrigation Tools and Resources
 - Chris McNairy or Christine Hawkins interested in irrigation presentation.
 - Kristin to coordinate
- The Art of Rainwater Catchment
- Other Possible Presentation Topics
 - Rebecca interested in working with Stopwaste on reducing food and water waste.
 - Water Conservation Strategic Plan 2021
 - More on Native Plant Maintenance and Planting for Blooms year round Resources –
 - [California Friendly Gardening Maintenance Guide](#)
 - Care and Maintenance of Southern California, Bart O'Brien – (pricey on amazon)
 - CNPS working on maintenance resources
 - Changing use of outdoor space since the pandemic and water conservation. How are park departments managing the influx of people.
 - Presentation on the demonstration gardens in the EBMUD service area.
 - [Sustainable Landscape Map](#) displays EBMUD demonstration gardens
 - Lou recommends more demonstration gardens – i.e. partnering with Home Depot for high exposure. Large conservation garden examples:
 - [Jordan Valley Water Conservation District - conservation garden <https://conservationgardenpark.org/>](#)
 - [San Diego County Water Authority <https://thegarden.org/>](#)

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Project Updates and Ideas

- Water Conservation Division Strategic Plan – Multi-Benefits of Water Conservation
 - Lou, Eric, Stew, Dona, Chris, Rebecca and Ann Marie to review. Due Feb 10th. Sent in google docs drive.
- Spring Webinar Series Feb 18-March 25
 - 2 offered in Spanish. Circulate to Spanish speaking staff.

- Offering programs and materials for non-english speaking landscapers
- Plant list updates (Stew)
 - Waiting on CNPS to update climate zones. The goal is to update the EBMUD plant list with more specificity to climate zones.
- CNPS Native Plant Marketing Campaign (Ann Marie)
 - 2 year campaign to promote 10 genus of native plants across the state. Working with growers, nurseries, and water agencies. Goal is to see a 20% increase of sale of these native plants.
- Demonstration Gardens - Heather Farms
 - Joan Lucchese, Executive Director at Gardens at Heather Farms is reconvening the subcommittee to renovate the .8 acre water conservation garden. These is landscaping in the face of climate change. Committee includes Lori Palmquist, Tom Bressan, Jeff Bridges, Jere Peck, Judy Dale, Bobbi Feyeraband and others.
- Herbicides and Landscape Rebate Program
 - Reduce herbicide use in landscape conversions by promoting alternative methods.
- Expanding LAC mailing list to contractors, maintenance and designers
 - Please feel free to promote to General Meeting to professionals in your network.
- Landscape efficiency optimizer (LEO) software: onhold
- Other

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New Business
Adjourn

Next General Meeting, Monday March 8 from 2-3:15pm with Saxon Holt