

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Request for Information

Qualified Presenters and Workshop Facilitators On Sustainable Gardening and Outdoor Water Conservation

Request

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is requesting information from qualified presenters and workshop facilitators in the area of sustainable gardening and outdoor water conservation. Information will be used to create a roster of speakers and facilitators in the subject area in support of EBMUD's WaterSmart Gardener Program and the landscape and irrigation system upgrade conservation education, management tools and incentives.

Deadline

Ongoing - there is no deadline for the current roster, but interested parties are encouraged to submit their information as soon as possible to be considered for calendar years 2015 and 2016.

Program Description

The sponsorship and organization of workshops in the area of sustainable gardening and outdoor water conservation is a component of the Education and Outreach strategy of EBMUD's Water Conservation Master Plan. The purpose of the workshops is to inform EBMUD customers and landscape professionals on the best methods and technologies available for water-efficient practices in the garden and landscape. Workshop topics will include, but not be limited to:

- Building Healthy Soils
- Water-Efficient Irrigation Equipment
 - In-line Drip
 - Smart (Weather-Based) Controllers
 - Adjusting Conventional Controllers
- Watering to a Budget
- Selecting and Grouping Water Efficient Plants
- Native and Climate-Appropriate Plants and Landscapes
- Invasive Plants
- Water Management for Homeowners and Landscape Professionals
- Sustainable Garden Design
- Sheet Mulching and Replacing a Lawn
- Storm Water Management, Bio-swales, etc.
- General Workshops on the Water Efficient Garden
- Gardening in a Summer-Dry Climate
- Graywater Systems
- Rainwater Catchment Systems

Requested Information

Please provide the following:

- 1) Contact
 - Name
 - Title (if applicable)
 - Affiliation (if applicable)
 - Address (Street, City, State, Zip)
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Website (if applicable)

A form is attached for your convenience.

- 2) List of Workshop Topic Areas of Interest/Expertise
- 3) Qualifications and Experience
 - Please provide information about your educational background and work experience related to the subject matter of this RFI.
 - If you are co-facilitating with an identified presenter, please provide background and work experience for the co-facilitator, when possible.
- 4) Rates
 - Per hour
 - Per workshop
- 5) References (Optional)

Submission Information

Information may be sent by email attachment, U.S. mail, or other mail courier. Submissions with incomplete information will not qualify for the roster.

Please send the submission form to:

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Thank you for your interest in EBMUD's WaterSmart Gardener Education and Outreach Program. If you have any questions, please contact, Lauren de Boer at 510-287-7075.

