

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 21, 2023

TIME: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

LOCATION: Zoom and EBMUD Adm 9th Floor, 375 11th Street, Oakland

Minutes

Attendees: Kristin Bowman, Jolene Bertetto, Lindsay Kinsler, Nicolle Miller, Dave Wallenstein, Dave Phelps, Dona Wessells, Sundong Kwong, Bobbi Feyerabrand, Lou Bendon, Jessica Woodard, Karly Behncke

- 1:00 **Welcome**
- 1:05 **Drought update**
- EBMUD – out of drought
 - Prohibition of watering non-functional turf effective per State Water Board readopted for another year. [AB 1572](#) - looks to make this emergency ordinance may become permanent.
 - [AB 1573](#) – What is a native plant; is this making MWELo too stringent? What about use of overhead spray. Addressing loss of biodiversity is important.
 - Eb mud.com/drought
- 1:10 **Finding outdoor leaks (Dave Wallenstein, Lindsay Kinsler et. al.)**
- Using AMI data to pinpoint leaks
 - Going zone by zone to measure gpm to determine if flow rate is reasonable or is there a leak.
 - o Cubic feet measured in meter over # of seconds) $\times(60 \text{ seconds})/(\text{seconds goes through meter})\times 7.48$. In other words, if 1 cubic foot went through the meter in 60 seconds, the flow rate would be 7.48 gpm. If 1 cubic foot went through in 30 seconds, it would be 14.96 gpm.
 - Using leak tracing equipment
 - Recommendation to build out the presentation for a larger audience.
- 1:50 **Project Updates**
- o Heather Farms - signs up by December; Lafayette Reservoir – two attended site visit. Richmond Low Water Garden – looks terrific! New signs installed.
 - o Landscape Rebates – push on Median Strips
 - o Landscape Design Assistance Program (~90 applications)
 - o [CNPS Landscaper Training Certification](#) (Spanish Starts July 11th)
 - o Pacific Horticultural [Design Futurist Award](#) (submissions due July 26, 2023)
 - o Water Conservation Showcase – webinars available on PGE website
 - o Botanic Garden Low water groundcover list with east and west of the hills. (Attached)
- Upcoming events**
- June 27 - East Bay Nursery Roundtable at Ruth Bancroft Nursery – 32 attended.
- 2:00 pm **Presentation ideas for next General meeting (on or off site)**
- Richmond Low Water Demo Garden with Master Gardeners
 - State regulation updates
 - Planting for Blooms year-round (early winter 2023?)
 - Panelist discussion – irrigation emitter preference (fall 2023)
 - Finding leaks
 - Changing use of outdoor space since the pandemic and water conservation. How are park depts. managing the influx of people (Ann Marie and Karly)
 - Slow the Burn, Greg Rubin

- Panel of Arborists (TBD)
- OTHER

2:15 pm
2:30pm

New Business
Adjourn

Richmond Low Water Garden Spring 2023



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