

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 27, 2026

TIME: 1:00 pm – 2:15pm

LOCATION: Online

AGENDA

1:00 pm

Welcome – What's on your mind?

1:10 pm

Project Updates

- Spring WaterWise Events
 - o Fix a Leak Week – Trivia at Drakes Brewery – 12 teams (March)
 - [SherLEAK Holmes](#)
 - o April 25, Ruth Bancroft Water-Wise Garden Tour
 - o May 2nd and May 3rd, Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour
 - o June 6, East Bay Public Gardens Open House, 10 Cities, 14 Gardens. In collaboration with CCWD, UC Master Gardener Program. Created plants lists, video, updates to sustainable landscape map.
- Tree Irrigation Focus Group 12/26
 - o Protecting Mature Trees Through Lawn Conversion – Webinar (117 attendees)
 - o WaterShed Progressive, in collaboration with DWR and Calwep, working on compiling methods and results of protecting mature trees through lawn conversion.
 - Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FYH6KT3>
 - o Calwep Peer to Peer Panel Discussion (May 28, 2026 – Napa)
 - o Calwep Tree Health Subcommittee reviewing 5 different irrigation approaches (IA, Hunter, Utah State University, Rainbird,
 - o Web-based Tree Irrigation calculator?
- **NEW!**
 - o Similar to San Diego Water Authority, EBMUD developed the Nifty fifty. Nifty Fifty is accompanied by popular Instagram videos of staff favorites.
 - [Buckwheat video](#) and flier
 - o Committee recommended providing grouped plant list – for those plants that work well together.
 - o CNPS also creating AB 1572 plant list and designs for commercial sites with an emphasis on odd- shaped lawn areas to convert – **any updates Anne-Marie?**
- **Rebates**
 - o Treebate
 - o Irrigation Repair Rebate
 - o Still waiting to hear back on Bureau Grant to support NFT conversion.
 - o EBMUD working on circling back with customers after the establishment period to reduce irrigation

Resources

- Payback lawn conversion calculator – working on statewide access with StopWaste
- CII Lawn Conversion Satisfaction survey – Working on outreach plan

- LAC recommends including a question on plant health – which plants have thrived – which ones did not do so well. Also, how these communities are integrating old/existing plant material with the newly planted areas.
- Recommendation to ask question about irrigation after the establishment period.
- Calwep research committee looking at unintended consequences of lawn conversion projects.

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Discussion

- Irrigation Education
 - In collaboration with ReScape, considering a Controller Training Workshop.
 - Wondering about the new standards proposed by the CEC?
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceeding/irrigation-controllers>

1:45 pm

LAC General Meeting

- Next LAC General Meeting, Saturday June 6, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. East Bay Public Gardens Open House
- Let’s Talk Shop – Controllers (TBD)
- Let’s Talk Shop – Sheet Mulching (TBD)
- Nursery Roundtable – Is it time again?

2:00 pm

Next Business Items

2:15 pm

Adjourn