
Attendees:

Stew Winchester
Kristin Bowman
Katie Creighton
Ryan Minahan

Lawn Conversion Photo Contest: I Love My Garden Photo Challenge

- I. The contest will be open to residents in EBMUD service area
 - A. "I love my garden photo challenge" handout with details
 - B. Contestants must have before and after photos to enter
 - C. 6 different categories of prizes including a "People's Choice" winner.

 - II. The committee reviews and suggests improvements for the Contest Announcement
 - A. There should be a minimum age of each garden (or at least a separate prize category for younger gardens) to ensure and promote sustainability
 - B. Photo size (MB) minimum and maximum should be stated so that contest winner pictures will be viable for the EBMUD website
 - C. Prizes
 1. Stew volunteers to give a tour of either UC Botanic Garden
 2. Pacific Bulb Society, Pacific Horticulture/Heather Farms run programs that help homeowners integrate new plants in with older ones (without spending the money to do a whole garden makeover). Kristin will look into collaborating with them as a prize.
 3. Katie suggests a 2 hour APLD design session.

 - III. Katie will look into getting the contest mentioned in the APLD magazine or other APLD communications
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LAC Professional Development Survey

- I. The committee reviews and suggests edits to the proposed Professional Development Survey for all members of the LAC
 - A. A question should be added to make it easier for the LAC to interpret results: What sector of the landscape industry do you work?
 - B. E.g. Designer, Landscape Architect, Landscape Contractor etc...
 - C. Why are you a member of the LAC? What do you hope to gain? What do you intend to contribute?
 - D. Question regarding tools, calendars and calculators should also include websites/links
 - II. Committee suggests that the EBMUD website should add a short LAC committee and subcommittee purposes and goals blurb.
 - A. Elevator pitch
 - III. Committee discusses the effectiveness of a proposed EBMUD/Water Management chat group.
 - A. Group will most likely be hosted by Yahoo or Google (not EBMUD directly)
 - B. There are multiple groups out there with a similar purpose (American Waterworks and David Fykes among others)
 - C. Committee decides that a chat group could be useful despite perceived redundancy, because of the wide range of landscape professionals in LAC
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Community WaterSmart Garden Refresher Grant Program Update

- I. Previous edits have been mostly approved by EBMUD
 - A. EBMUD will not, however, pay for submeters at gardens that do not have separate submeters.

Next Meeting

- I. Next LAC meeting is July 17th
 - A. Lori Palmquist will give a presentation at the LAC general meeting on irrigation assessment.
 - B. EOC will have Heather Farms make a presentation at the sub-committee on August 14th from 3:30-5:00