



East Bay Municipal Utility District

LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notice and Preliminary Agenda

Protecting Mature Trees Through Lawn Conversion Projects

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

[Online](#)

1:00 p.m.	Welcome, EBMUD Water Supply and Program Updates	Kristin Bowman, EBMUD
1:10 p.m.	Protecting Mature Trees and Rootzone	Darya Barar HortScience Bartlett Consulting
1:40 p.m.	Soil Moisture Testing and Irrigation Scheduling	Christine Hawkins and Chris McNairy Hunter Irrigation
2:10 p.m.	Questions and Wrap up	All

Protecting Mature Trees Through Lawn Conversion Projects

Looking for ways to protect your valuable mature trees during a lawn conversion?

Join us for an informative session on best practices to keep your trees healthy during landscape transformations. Darya Barar, Urban Forester with HortScience | Bartlett Consulting, will share strategies for protecting mature trees and caring for the root zone throughout the process. Christine Hawkins and Chris McNairy from Hunter Industries will cover irrigation scheduling, soil moisture monitoring, and other water-efficient practices to support tree health. This presentation will also include an update on EBMUD water supply, water conservation programs, and rebates.

How are you protecting mature trees? Share your comments and questions in the registration form.

Event qualifies for CEU's from AWWA, ReScape CA, Master Gardeners, and QWEL. For more information, contact Kristin.Bowman@ebmud.com, 510-986-7610