

EBMUD LAC Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: 7/22/19

TIME: 2:00-3:15

LOCATION: EBMUD Admin Building, 375 11th Street, Oakland CA

PRESENT Helmut Winkelhake, Kristin Bowman, Geneva Gondak, Tom Stewart, Scott Sommerfeld, Jolene Bertetto, Sundong Kwong

MINUTES:

2:00 pm Welcome and Agenda Review

2:10 pm Kristin presented the lawn conversion calculator updates. Group comments below:

- Change title to: Water Efficient Landscape Design Calculator
- Replace--To design a water efficient landscape, to: To replace your lawn with a new water efficient landscape, use the drop down menus.....
- Add helpful hint: If you plan to keep some lawn, input 25% or less of lawn of the total landscape area to reach maximum water efficiency.
- Under the Congratulations! Bold the first line: **Your new design landscape saves 38,704 gallons per year compared to your existing lawn.**
- If sheet mulch is chosen and lawn is chosen for some square footage, the sheet mulch benefit numbers are to correspond to the square footage of the lawn replacement area and not include any of the lawn square footage.
- If sheet mulch is chosen, under additional tips, replace sheet mulch with another option.
- If drip chosen in calculator, under additional tips, replace drip irrigation with another tip.
- Possible tips:
 - Be careful not to plant too close to a sidewalk or other hardscape to give the plant enough room to group.
 - Place plants with the same water needs together, for instance moderate use plant are grouped with other moderate use plants. This is called hydrozoning.
 - Put different irrigation types on different valves.
 - Keep a maximum of 25% percent of the total square footage for lawn.
- Put rebates above the Notes—too far down on the page.
- Fix the Sheet mulch link—currently goes to the Rebates and Discounts page.
- Put Rebates and Discounts link first and put sheet mulching information together.
- Put a note in red if the square footage of the original landscape is not the same as the new design.
- **Under Notes**
 - Write something about the water savings generated by the calculator are approximations.
 - Fill in lawn with a plant factor of x and an irrigation efficiency of y or better explain that.
- Possible test drive the calculator with Stopwaste Facebook page.
- Group agreed to allow Stopwaste and EBMUD to complete without bringing in back to the group for review.

2:50 LEO update

- Per Dona's recommendation, added Bob Costa of Pacific Water Management to help with LEO calculator development. Proposing a simple and more advanced irrigation scheduling calculator to meet the needs and skill of the user.

3:00 Helmut informed the group that the Insurance Company AIG is requiring 4ft of a fire prevention zone around a house and no mulch in this zone.

3:05 Landscape Design Assistance Program

- EBMUD working on a program to provide design assistance for lawn conversion projects.

NEXT MEETING--Monday, September 16 2-3:25—EBMUD Administration Building