



## EPA WaterSense Partner Irrigation System Auditor Certification



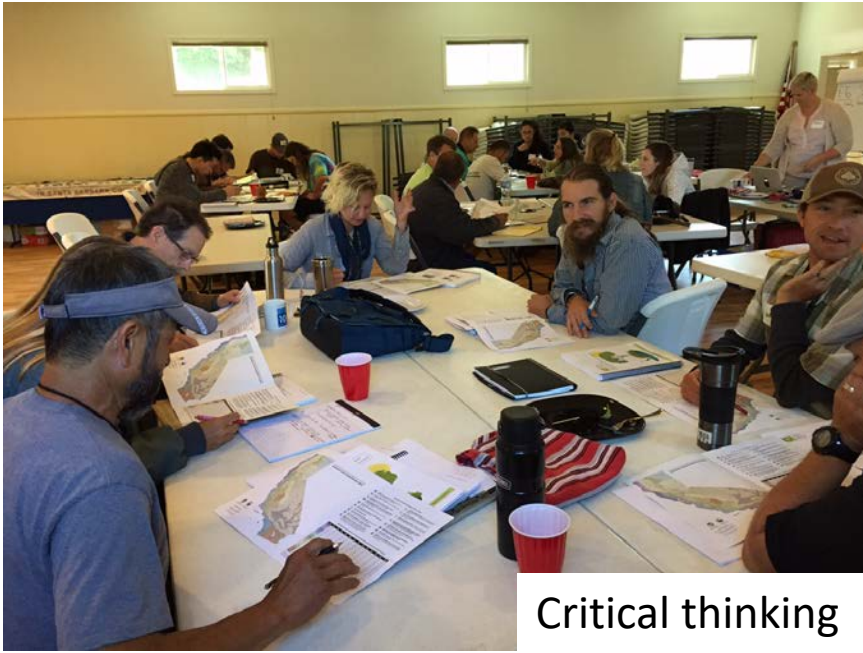
Watershed Wise Landscape Professional

# Watershed Wise Landscape Professionals Know How To:



- Conduct landscape water audit and site assessments
- Design projects within water budgets
- Utilize the soil food web to build living soil without chemicals
- Develop storm water pollution prevention plans and zero dry-weather runoff strategies
- Calculate irrigation run times and precipitation rates using Plant/Soil/Water information
- Speak knowledgeably on the benefits of watershed-wise landscaping





Critical thinking



Interactive & Fun



Soil / Plants / Water



Water Audit





Homeowners

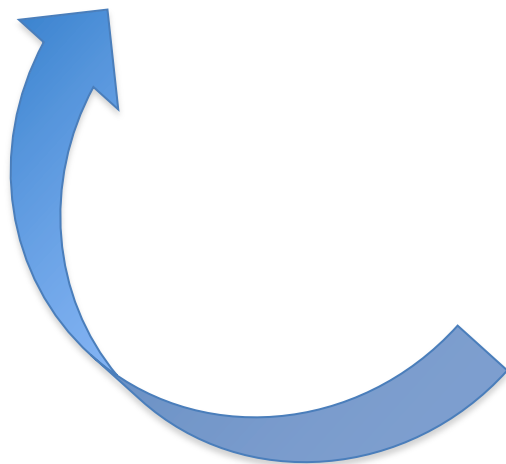
# Landscape Transformation at all Levels

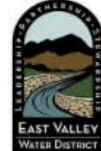


Professionals



'Community'









# CalWEP Plenary December 11, 2019

Gregory Plumb  
Sonoma Water

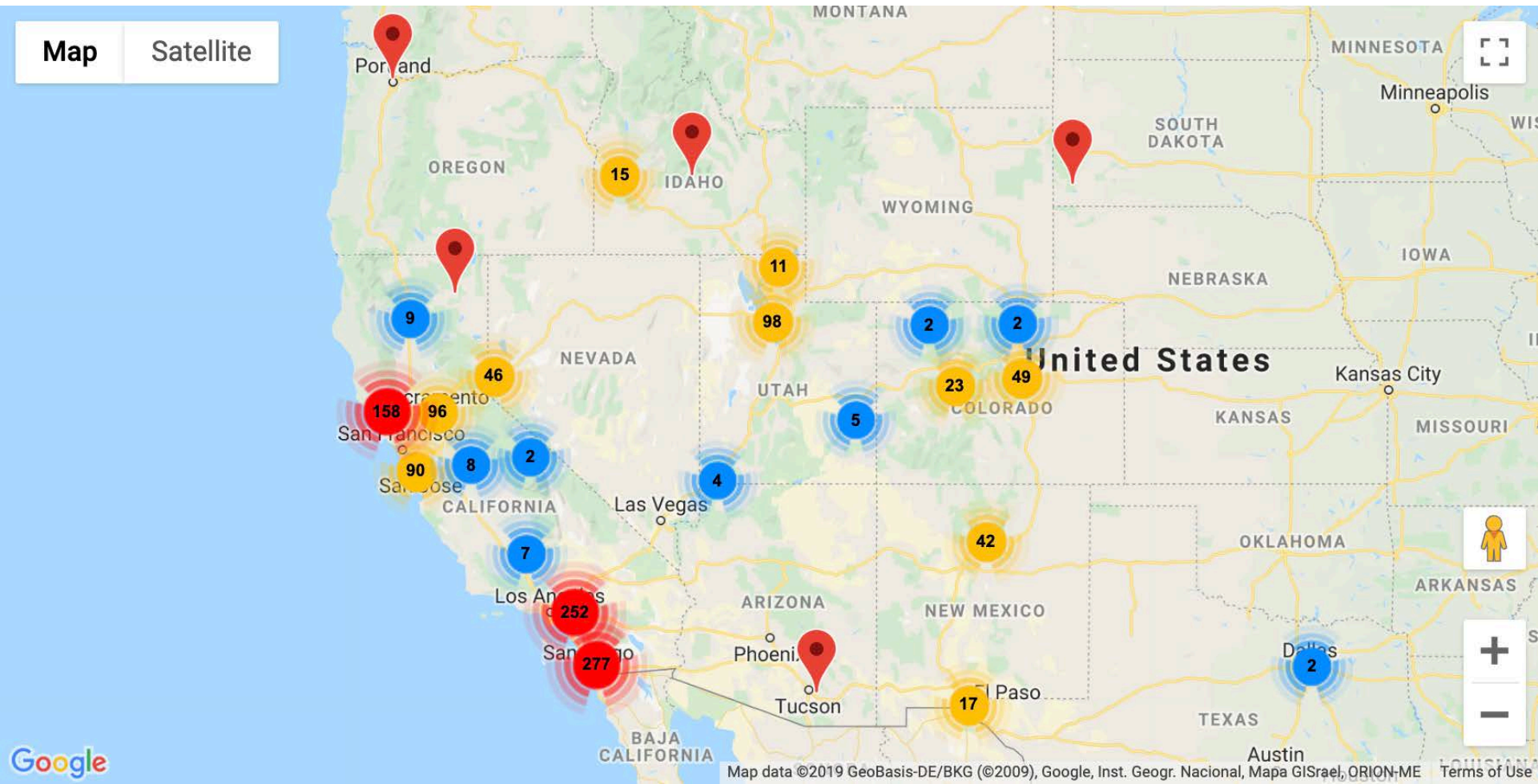


The Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper training presents an affordable, proactive, local approach to reducing landscape water demand.

QWEL provides graduates with knowledge in water efficient and sustainable landscape practices, including water management and preservation of other valuable resource.

# QWEL Professionals

- Over 1,200 currently certified professionals





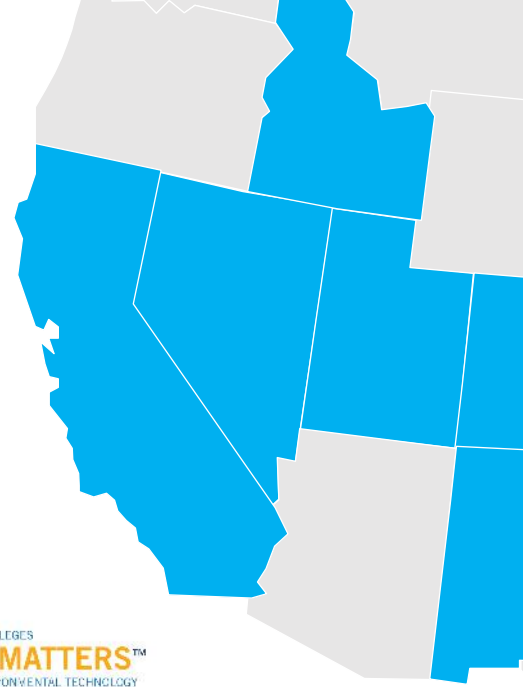
# QWEL Program

- QWEL is a program offered by the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership
  - Teaching materials
  - Website and database
- Training and certification offered by Professional Certifying Organizations (PCOs)
  - Local customization
  - Facilitate QWEL training workshops
  - Hire instructors
  - Certify individuals



# QWEL PCOs

20 professional certifying organizations in 6 states



University of Nevada  
Cooperative Extension



Roving PCOs:





# Bay Area



- CalWEP selected as the PCO to provide QWEL training throughout the San Francisco Bay Area
- Program funded by 10 utilities
  - Solano County Water Agency (lead agency)
  - Alameda County Water District
  - BAWCSA
  - City of Napa
  - Contra Costa Water District
  - EBMUD
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District
  - SFPUC
  - Sonoma County Water Agency
  - Zone 7 Water Agency
- Sacramento region program operated by RWA



# Southern California

- 2015



- 2018



- 2019/20

