

Program Committee Agenda

Wednesday, November 13 | 10:00 AM -11:00 AM

Join Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/399406935

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Attendees:

Jenyffer Vasquez, West Basin Nicholle Fratus, Contra Costa WD

Edwin DeLeon, Golden State Water Company Andy Florendo, Solano County Water Agency

Nola Hastings, IRWD Jessica Woodard, EBMUD

Dawn Calciano, City of Davis

Luke Sires, EBMUD (Committee Chair)

Alice Webb-Cole, MWD Robyn Navarra, Zone 7 (**Committee Vice Chair**)

Pat Costello, City of Napa Madeline Wood, City of Santa Barbara

Lisa Cuellar, CalWEP (**Staff Support**) Chavon Halushka, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Linda Higgins, Placer County Water Agency Bill Christiansen, AWE

Sandy Harrison, Ventura County

Diana Williford, City of Brentwood

Rob Whipple, Western Municipal WD

Debby Figoni, City of Beverly Hills

Alice Webb, Colo. MWD

Rick Foster, RainBird Alice Webb-Cole, MWD
Tia Lebherz, CalWEP

10:00	 Welcome and Introductions (Lisa) – 29 attendees Meeting Notes Update – Aug 20th, 2019 (Luke) Luke sending a meeting request today for those interested in Dipper Wells
10:10	2. CalWEP Updates:
	a. Research Committee (Tia)
	Met in October - #1 priority Evaluation Measurement & Validation (EM&V) – Joint project with AWE, Mike Hollis has prepared a draft scope
	Discussed recent Research Mtg at WSI – Members noted that EM&V + Dipper Wells top of priority list.
	Developing Strategic Plan – will ID CalWEP's role
	Moved RC to BaseCamp – committee members can share questions
	Research uploader is active on CalWEP website
	b. Framework Implementation Joint Task Force Survey (Luke)
	Turned primer spreadsheet into a survey and whittling it down – pinged a
	few program committee members who would help review the survey
	Tia: Survey will go out by end of the year – Peter Brostrom will be attending
	winter plenary in Santa Barbara.
10:20	3. Task Force Meetings (Lisa & Luke)
	Luke – Makes sense to keep "dipper wells" under CII topic
	Luke will send out invitation for 1 st meeting (early December)
	Jennyfer: West Basin is interested in participating
	**Lisa will put list of names together per task force topic and distribute



4. Fire Season and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) - Open discussion.

• How have fires and PSPS affected dept work?

Luke: Program work regarding fire-resistant vegetation - How can the program committee help with fire preparedness?

180 facilities were affected – but were able to keep things operational with emergency generators

One of the key water conservation was successes: using online portal to communicate directly with customers — shut off irrigation controllers in event of shut-off

Is there an opportunity for updating to fire resistant materials?

Jessica Woodard: Online outreach - other district groups were interested in using for emergency events. Case to work more closely with other departments. Case for database mgmt.

Madeline – City of SB, one brief PFPS. Most messaging centered around checking timers if there were no back-up power. Nextdoor has been the most helpful and generated most comments. Also use e-newsletters and website

Nicholle – same as Robyn, rain dials that default back to everyday for 10 minutes, for example.

Madeline – Messaging: When you change your clock, update your controller.

Rick Foster – Can investigate to see who is having a problem with controllers and report back

CalWEP Sponsored Fire Workshop – Who's interested? Any Comments?

Jessica: EBMUD would be interested in a fire workshop – difficult to get single message out Jennyfer: Malibu and Topanga – have held 3 fire-scaping workshops to date, two left in series. Doug Kent (protecting space, \$5/ft2 rebate, would be of interest in West Basin group).

Robyn: Curious to know about West Basin – did fire-scaping help to avoid fires?

Jennyfer: will ask

Andy: Noted that some rurf areas were not burned during fire emergency

Jennyfer: Doug Kent makes note that deficient irrigation can have an impact. Malibu-

Topanga Smart Program – they do an audit. Defensible area.

Debby: Requesting two workshops - one in the north and one in the south

Robyn: Agrees with Debby - one in the north and one in the south would be preferred

Count of workshop interest (at least 10 committee members)

- 1. City of Brentwood
- 2. Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
- 3. City of Santa Barbara
- 4. Solano County Water Agency
- 5. West Basin
- 6. City of Napa
- 7. MWD
- 8. Zone 7



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10. City of Beverly Hills

Possible topics include:

- Fire resilience programs and training
- CalWEP Plenary Topic

Lisa: Sonoma Water + Daily Acts recently installed 4 landscapes over a weekend that utilized free templates provided by the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership. There are 8 different designs to choose from and they are available Online.

- team of local designers, landscape contractors, civil engineers and the nonprofit Daily Acts
- The plans are scalable for landscapes up to 2,500 square feet
- **As of July 1, 43% of the 504 landscape plans submitted for rebuilds have been based off the Landscape Design Templates

10:45 5. Topic Suggestions for Future Program Committee Meetings - Open discussion.

- New programs, program innovation, and influential research?
- Thoughts from WaterSmart Innovations?
- Potential Guest Speakers?

Jessica: Long Beach and CNPS - Have they been successful?

Luke: Flow meters – Flo and Flume devices; (Nicholle from Contra Costa would be interested, or if any agency has a loan program, like with Flume; heard that SAWS had a loan program)

Robyn: Noted that PG&E has a loan program. She likes the idea and concept. As a wholesaler would be hard to implement

Rick: Pressure regulating spray heads – potential landscape task force add topic

11:00 6. Announcements

- AWE/CalWEP Webinar: The Latest on AMI (Thu., Nov. 21st)
- CalWEP Plenary (Wed., Dec. 11th)
- Cathy: Educating janitors on green cleaning. USGBC Los Angeles Chapter

Next Meeting (TBD)

Doodle Poll to decide 2020 schedule

No.	Action Item Description	Date	Complete	Ongoing
1	Lisa will put list of names together per task force topic and distribute	11/13		
2	Rick Foster – Can investigate to see who is having a problem with controllers during fire power shutoffs and report back	11/13		
3	Lisa to look into hosting fire preparedness/response workshop(s)	11/13		
4	Lisa & Luke to prep Doodle poll for 2020 mtg. schedule	11/13		