

## Calscape Nursery Program

With presentations by:

**Moulton Niguel Water District** 

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

California Native Plant Society







#### Moulton Niguel Water District

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- Drinking water, wastewater treatment, recycled water
- 7-member Board of Directors
- 172,000 customers & 55,000 accounts
- Recognized for innovation, environmental stewardship, customer service, and workforce culture
- Top workplace in Orange County
- Lowest average bill in South Orange County









## Why a CA Native Plant Program?

- Drought resilient plants with multiple benefits
- Landscape transformation and education
- Limited plant availability & professional training
- Hard for consumers to identify CA native plants



## Program Origins



- Landscape Transformation & NatureScape Program
- WaterNow Project Accelerator Award
- Statewide nursery survey
- Set regional pilot program objectives:
  - Unique branding for CA native plants
  - Professional development & training
  - Point-of-sale marketing materials



#### **Program Partners**

- California Native Plant Society
- Metropolitan Water District
- Moulton Niguel Water District
- El Toro Water District
- City of Huntington Beach
- Irvine Ranch Water District
- Laguna Beach County Water District
- Long Beach Water
- Mesa Water District
- Municipal Water District of Orange County
- City of Newport Beach
- City of San Clemente
- City of San Juan Capistrano
- City of Santa Ana
- Santa Margarita Water District
- WaterNow Alliance
- City of Lake Forest











Employee Webs - Exceptional Service

moulton niguel water district















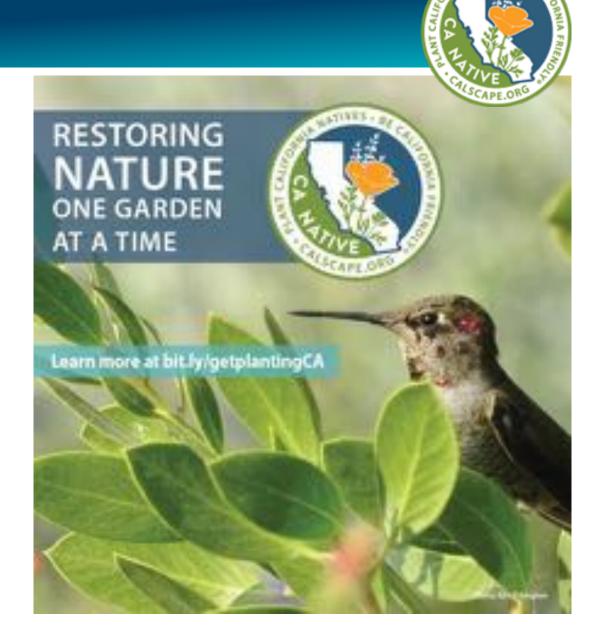






#### Calscape Nursery Program

- Unique branding for CA native plants
- Digital & point-of-sale marketing materials
- Educational resources for nursery professionals
- Leverages Calscape.org features
- Create nursery profiles & add plant inventory
- Media kits for water agencies & nurseries



## Calscape Nursery Training



- Free native plant training for nursery staff
- Developed with Tree of Life Nursery
- Emphasis on Nursery Maintenance & Customer Interaction
- Earn 8 CEUs toward CCN Pro Certification
- Opportunities to develop advanced trainings









#### Deep Link to Calscape.org













#### California native plants:

- + Conserve water
- frequire little mointenance
- Create an eco-friendly environment
- + Create a habitat for wildlife and politinators
  - Provide year-round beauty
- Hetp prevent pollution from urban runoff

Find plants native to your region and connect with local nurseries who carry them!

#### Calscape.org



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Search for California native plants by name

Enter a California address or click the map to see plants native to that location

27300 La Paz Road, Laguna Niguel, Ca 92677

#### 567 plants native to 33.5638,-117.7075 (27500 la paz road, laguna nigue), ca. 92677)























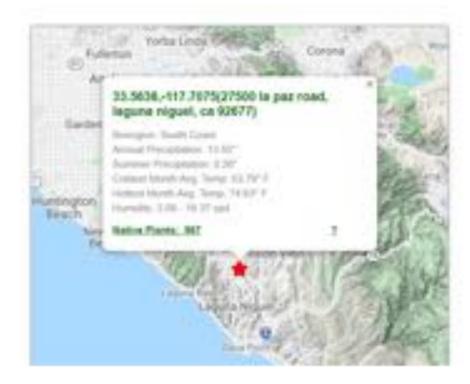






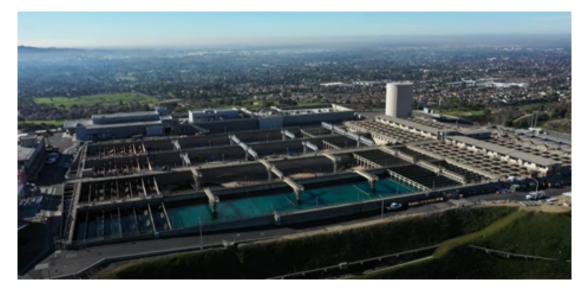


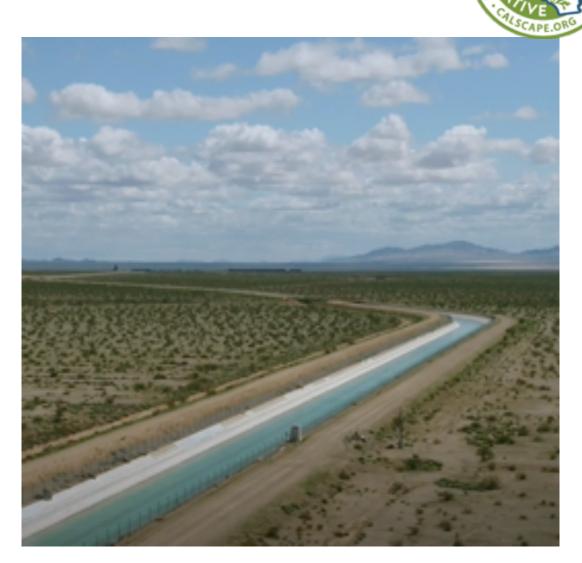




#### Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

- Regional wholesaler of water
- 26 member agencies
- Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties
- 5,200 square miles
- 19 million people

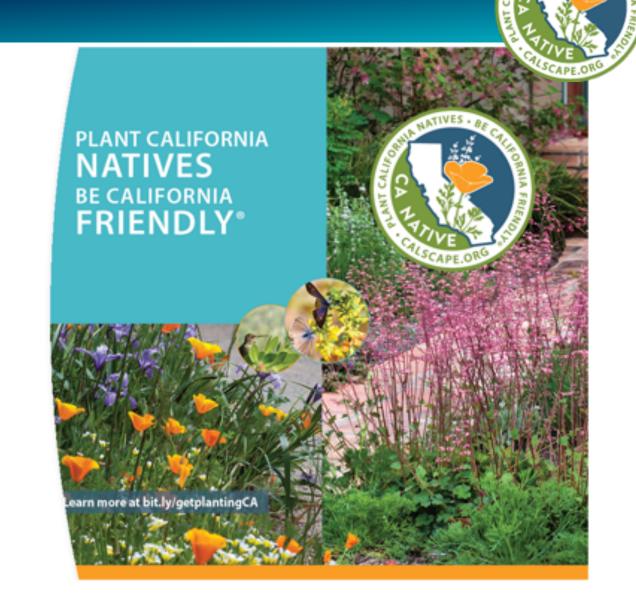




#### **Brand Expansion**

#### Plant California Natives Be California Friendly®

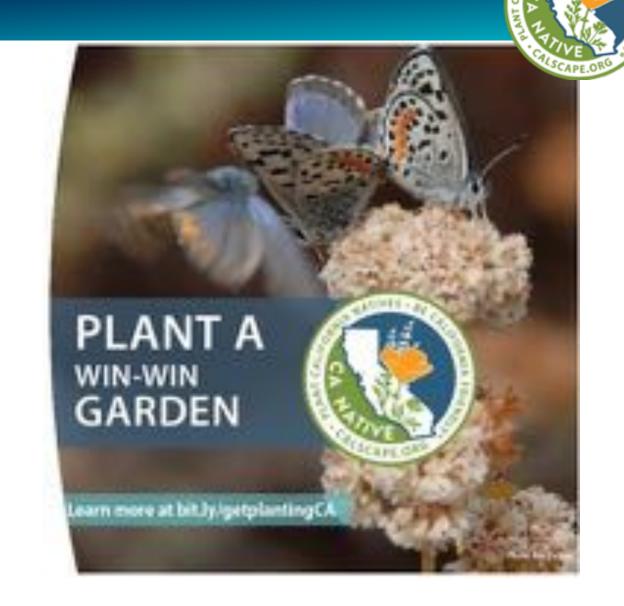
- Cohesive branding and design
- Potential statewide use
- Added value to California
  Friendly® landscape program
- Support regional turf replacement rebates



## Fall Campaign

#### Public digital campaign to:

- Raise awareness about fall planting season
- Build interest in native gardening
- Support native plant sales at participating
  Orange County and Long Beach nurseries



#### Campaign Elements



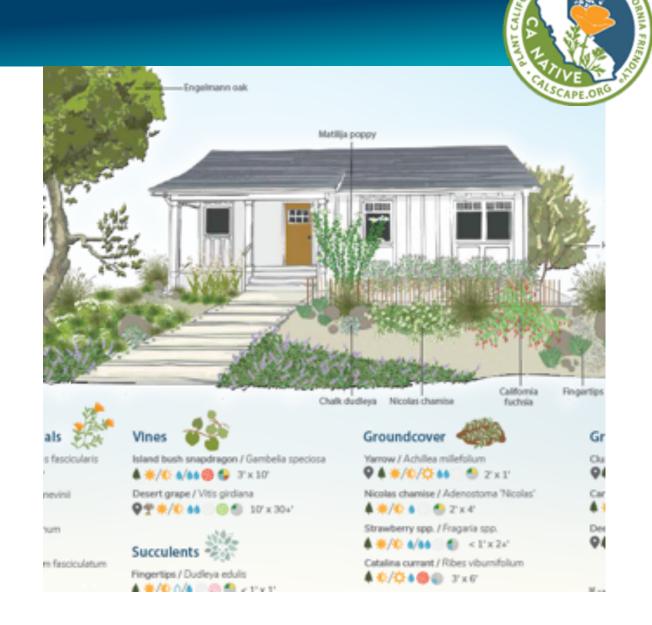


- Social media assets
- Web banners
- E-newsletter template
- Photos and guidelines
- County Plant Guides



#### SoCal County Plant Guides

- List of climate and regionally appropriate
  CA native plants per county
- Six counties in Metropolitan service area
- Developed in collaboration with CNPS
- Nursery and consumer resource



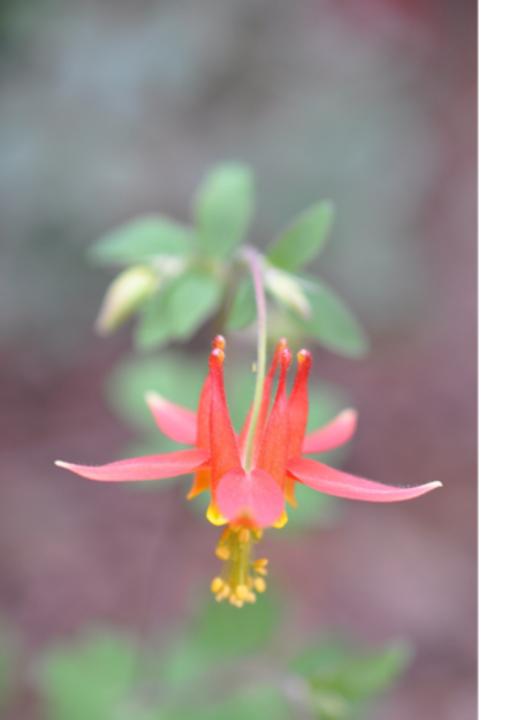
#### Point of Sale Materials



- Banner and poster signage
- Plant pot stickers
- Flyer and brochures
- Branding guide
- Logistics and co-branding







#### **California Native Plant Society**

#### Our Mission:

To conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants.

Our work is diverse by design, blending science and conservation with gardening and education.



#### Why Native Plants?

83% less water

56% less green waste

68% less maintenance

Supports local pollinators



#### **CALSCAPE NURSERY TRAINING:**

Over 120 people in the training to date

- Nurseries
- Water Districts
- Land Managers
- Colleges

Plant California Alliance giving 8 CEUs



#### **CALSCAPE:**

- Over 1,000,000 hits a year
- Searchable database of plants with location, uses, availability, and a variety of factors to help choose appropriate plants
- Coming soon: Calscape Design Wizard
- https://calscape.org

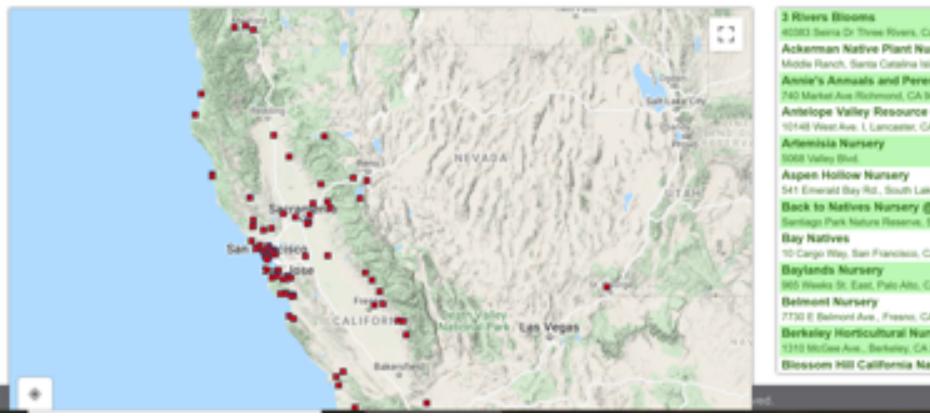
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HOME > NATIVE PLANT MURSERIES IN CALIFORNIA.

#### California Native Plant Nurseries | Listing & Information

California is fortunate to have native plant specialty nurseries and vendors throughout the state. Select from the list or map locations below to find native plant nurseries near you. If you are a nursery, please visit our <u>Calappes Nursery</u> Resources.







## California Native Plant Certified Landscaper

#### Curriculum

- 1. Value & Garden Life
- 2. Plant ID
- 3. Soil
- 4. Irrigation
- 5. Irrigation 2
- 6. Weeding & IPM
- 7. Pruning
- 8. Garden Assessment
- 9. Putting It All to Work







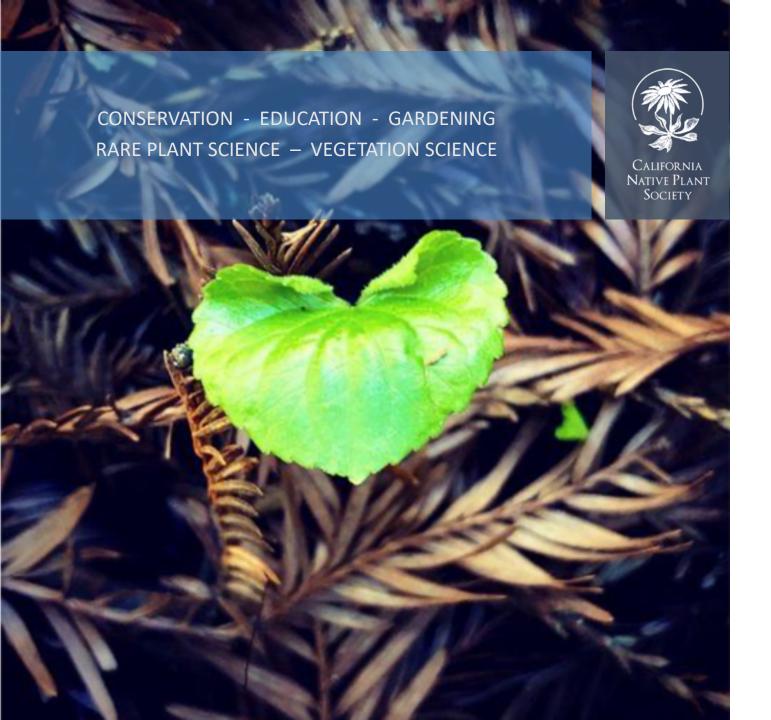




#### **Grow Natives Campaign:**

To help consumers learn where to buy native plants, what plants to choose, and how to care for them, CNPS will work with nurseries and growers to increase their sales of 10 native specialty crops by 20 percent.

This will be through an integrated marketing campaign featuring point of sale materials, how-to micro-videos, and social media. CNPS will evaluate and measure the success of the campaign by tracking native specialty crop sales and using quarterly data from participating nurseries and growers.



## Protecting

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## Poll Question #1: To what extent do you work with nurseries in your service area?

- We have contacts at all of our local nurseries and work with them on water efficiency programming.
- We have contacts at some of our local nurseries and occasionally engage with them.
- We rarely work with our local nurseries and have infrequent contact.
- We don't have any nurseries in our service area.

# Question #2: Which of the following are you interested in? (Select all that apply.)

- Unique branding for CA native plants
- Digital and point-of-sale marketing
- Educational resources for nursery professionals
- Customer-facing CA native media kit
- All of the above