



Encourage Climate-Appropriate Landscaping (Booths 19-22) (/initiative/4WcS/encourage-climate-appropriate-landscaping-booths-19-22)

Increase the city's drought resilience by encouraging the installation of drought-tolerant plants. Drought-tolerant landscapes save reservoir water in normal years---and don't die off in drought years.

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Comments

Bill Smallman 3w, 5d ago

PRO

I'd like to add the comment that typically "drought resistant" means plants that are native. I feel as if some believe the recent water shortages are something unique, but for eons the native plants have evolved to adapt. In homes in rural areas, like San Lorenzo Valley, it a lot easier to create a garden, because most of the homes are already surrounded by natural landscaping. In the City, people live on developed lots, and the natural landscaping has to be completely recreated, and this costs money. I believe is we really want the vast majority of homes with these types of gardens that we need to increase the incentive big time with large rebates. That is why I created the ideas of "Water Conservation Accounts", that will

take money from high water users and grants to provide perhaps several thousand dollars to someone who wants to revamp their yard from a high water, non-native to low water, native.

Fred Martinez 2w, 6d ago

CON

Already doing that.

Jude Todd 4d, 15h ago

PRO

Using climate-appropriate landscaping is a must. Not only does it benefit us humans, but we owe it to the other-than-human animals, plants, and soil organisms. This proposal warrants further consideration by the WSAC panel.