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Landscaper Workshops Scheduled in Riverside, San Diego: 'Get Ahead or Get Parched: 6 Ways To Survive the Drought'

SACRAMENTO – With communities throughout California experiencing drought categorized from severe to exceptional, water conservation has become critical everywhere in the state. Landscape watering is a prime conservation opportunity, since improperly managed outdoor watering can be exceptionally wasteful.

Professional landscapers in Riverside and San Diego in mid-July will be the next to learn how they can play a key role in managing the drought. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the California Center for Urban Horticulture (CCUH) at the University of California, Davis are inviting professional landscapers to attend workshops on reducing water use through improved system efficiency. The workshops are titled "Get Ahead or Get Parched: Six Ways to Survive the Drought."

The **Riverside workshop** will be held 8 a.m. to noon on **Tuesday, July 15** at The Toro Company, 5825 Jasmine Street, Riverside. Later that week, two workshops will be held in the **San Diego** area. On **Thursday, July 17**, a session will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Balboa Park's Santa Fe Room, 2150 Pan American Road West in San Diego. The session will include a vendor expo. *Vendors: For information on how to participate in the July 17 expo, contact Michelle Landis at DeLorenzo International, milandis@delorenzo-intl.com.*

Strong demand has closed registration for Thursday, and a second session is now scheduled on **Friday, July 18** from 7:30 a.m. to noon in Liebow Auditorium, which is on the second floor of the University of California at San Diego's Biomedical Sciences Building, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla. (An expo will *not* be held at the Friday session.)

All Riverside and San Diego sessions will include presentations on water conservation rebate programs and irrigation management for mature trees. Also covered will be information and demonstrations on understanding precipitation rates to reduce runoff; improving sprinkler distribution uniformity to reduce water use; improving controller programs during mandatory water restrictions; determining application rates and precipitation rates of drip/micro irrigation; understanding soils to reduce runoff or deep percolation and understanding water meters to improve irrigation efficiency.

Registration links are at <http://ccuh.ucdavis.edu>. Call 530-752-6642 for information. The \$20 registration fee includes an attendance certificate that can be used to obtain Continuing Education Units.

Similar workshops have been held in Roseville, Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, Walnut Creek and Fresno.

Note to Media: CCUH Executive Director Dave Fujino will be available in both cities for on-site interviews; his mobile number is 530-902-6818.

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