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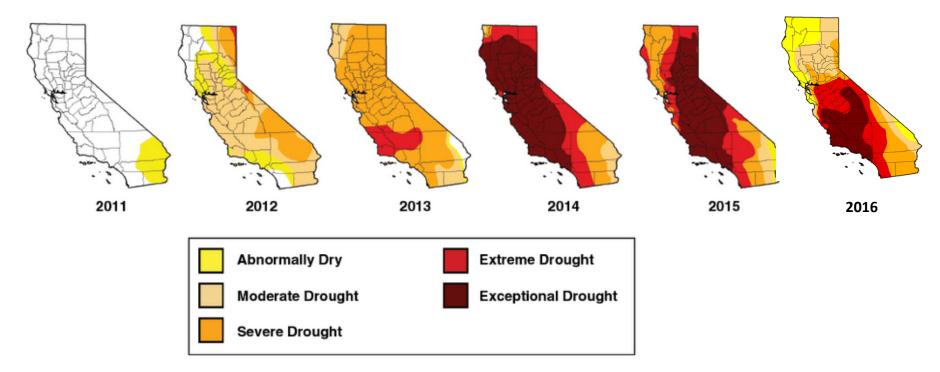
# Water Use Classification of Landscape Species IV: What is it and How Do I Use it?

McMillan Center and Fair Oaks Horticulture Center Sacramento, CA October 4, 2016

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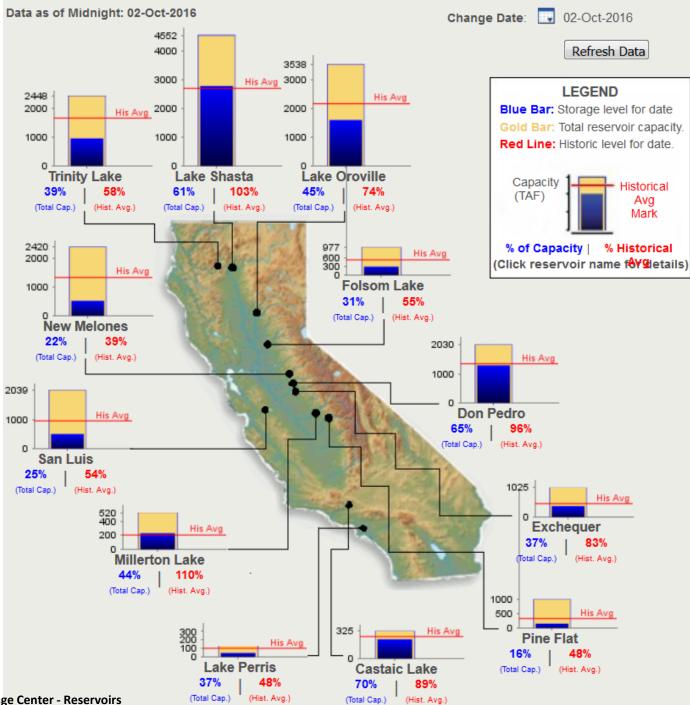
#### **Drought Has Expanded, Intensified Across State**

Statewide Drought Measurements From U.S. Drought Monitor, Taken Around October 1 Each Year<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> The U.S. Drought Monitor estimates drought intensity based on several indicators, including soil moisture, streamflow, and precipitation. October 1 is the beginning of the state's "water year" for annual precipitation calculations.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (NDMC-UNL), the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Maps courtesy of NDMC-UNL.



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## ANNUAL WEATHER SUMMARY: NOVEMBER 2016 TO OCTOBER 2017

Winter temperatures and rainfall will be below normal, with below-normal mountain snows. The stormiest periods will be in late November, mid-December, and mid-January. The coldest temperatures will be in early and late December and mid- to late January.

April and May will be warmer and slightly rainier than normal.

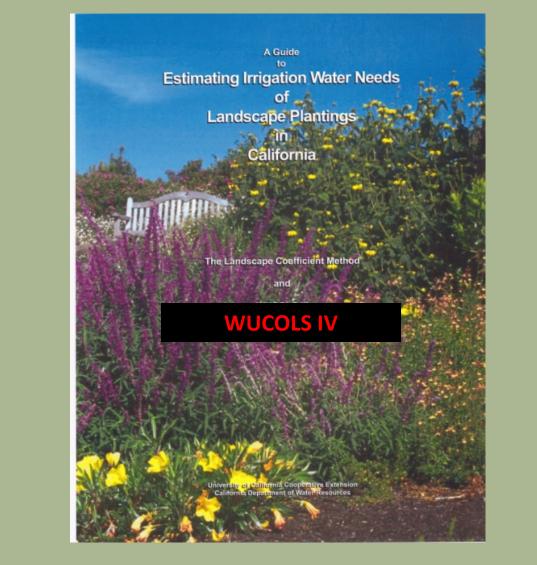














# **Drivers for converting landscapes to low water use**

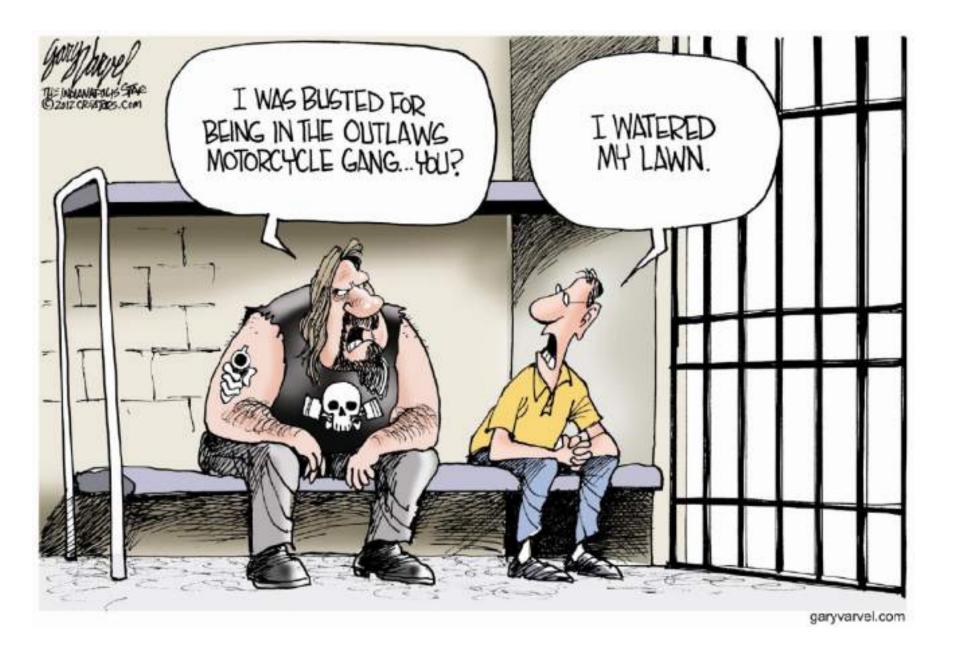
- Regulatory mandate: April 2015...replace 50M ft.<sup>2</sup> of turfgrass
- Turfgrass removal incentives
- Regulatory amendments: December 2015...changes to MWELO





AFTER: Photo from the same vantage point after the project is completed. Turf has been replaced with California Friendly plants.

Photos courtesy of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power





# SoCal Water\$mart: "Cash for Grass"

- 1. In 2015, MWD allocated \$340M funding "Cash for Grass" programs
- 2. Goal was to remove approximately 170M ft.<sup>2</sup> of turfgrass
- 3. Allocation of funds ran out in 5 6 weeks.
- 4. Limited funding for future turfgrass replacement programs







# **MWELO Amendments (December 2015)**

Description	<b>MWELO 2009</b>	<b>MWELO 2016</b>
New development	2,500 sf or greater	500 sf or greater
projects requiring a		
building or landscape		
permit		
Rehabilitated landscape requiring a	2,500 sf or greater	2,500 sf or greater
building or landscape		
permit		
Require dedicated water	5000 sf	5,000 sf for residential and
meter for		1,000 sf for commercial
landscapes		
Flow sensor	None	Required for 5,000 sf or larger
ET adjustment factor	0.7	0.55 for residential and
(ETAF) for new		0.45 for commercial
landscapes		



# What is the "opportunity" in times of adversity?

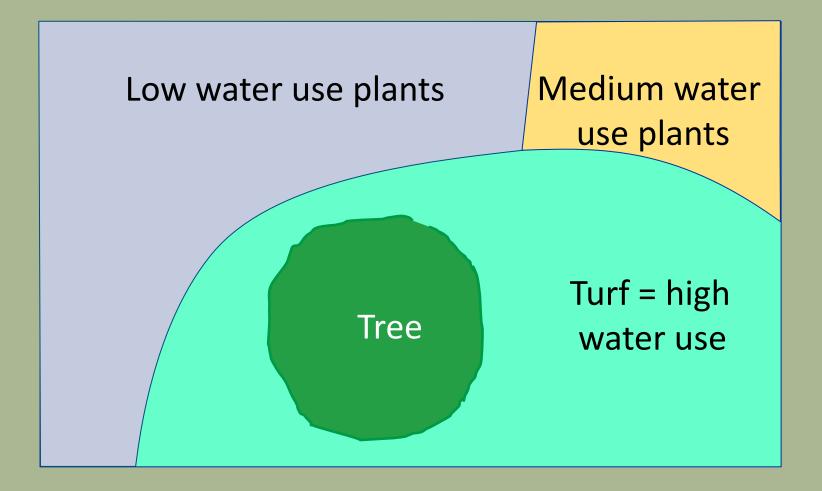
• What is replacing the turf in these landscapes?

## WATER CONSERVING PLANTS

- Landscape water conservation strategy
  - Improve irrigation efficiency
  - Match water supply to plant needs (maintain landscape health and appearance) by creating "hydrozones"



## Water Conservation Strategy = "hydrozone"





## **WUCOLS IV "Key" Points**

- 1. A **guide** to plant water needs and is **not** a method for estimating landscape water needs.
- 2. Review process based on Qualitative Research approach
- Plant water use assignments (plant factors) were made by <u>consensus</u> <u>agreement</u> of leading horticultural professionals representing 6 different climatic regions in California. If a committee did not know a plant, it was not evaluated
- 4. Reviewed and updated to 3,546 taxa. Less than 5% of species have been evaluated through field research and have been included
- 5. The "PLANT FACTOR" for MWELO water budget calculation <u>shall</u> be from WUCOLS.



## "Simplified" Water Budget Equation for MWELO

## Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) = (ETo) (0.7) (LA) (0.62)

ETo = Reference Evapotranspiration (inches per year)

0.7 = ET Adjustment Factor

LA = Landscaped Area (square feet)

0.62 = Conversion factor (to gallons)

Maximum Applied Water Allowance = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/year

## Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU) = ((Eto x PF) – Re) x (LA) x (0.62) / IE ETo = Reference ET data (inches)

**WUCOLS** 

PF = Plant Factor Re = Effective rainfall (inches) LA = Landscaped Area (square feet) 0.62 = Conversion factor (to gallons) IE = Irrigation Efficiency (dependent on irrigation equipment)

Estimated Toal Water use = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/year

## *To be in compliance with MWELO, ETWU <u>must</u> < MAWA.*

*If not, adjustments to the landscape design or irrigation scheduling is required.* 



# **CCUH Role in the WUCOLS Update Process**

- Gain DWR & horticultural industry support
- Hire former WUCOLS authors as consultants, Larry Costello and Katherine Jones
- Six regional meeting process began late 2012 and ended one year later
- WUCOLS IV plant database live in 2014



## WUCOLS IV Sponsors

- Regional Water Authority (Northern California)
- American Society of Landscape Architects (CCASLA)
- Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD)
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- California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA State)
- California Landscape Contractors Association (San Diego Chapter)
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Water Forum
- Glenn Schmidt Landscaping, Inc.
- Department of Water Resources, Water Use Efficiency



# **Qualitative Research Process – Focus Groups**

- Data collected through a semi-structured group interview process
- Moderated by a group leader
- Emphasis on a specific topic
- Impressions are collected rather than numbers









## **WUCOLS IV Regions**

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## **Selection Criteria**

- Professional diversity (disciplines including nursery professionals, landscape contractors, landscape architects, botanical garden/arboreta staff members, consultants, and academics)
- "Must have" is that we select only the very best "plants people" --- this is crucial to the success of this work
- Availability to meet in person (flexible)
- Team size = 6 9 reviewers









## **WUCOLS IV Sample Work Sheet**

Additions	TYPE	Botanical Name	Common Name	1	2	3	4	5	6
х	В	Albuca juncifolia	rush leaved albuca						
Х	В	Albuca nelsonii	natal albuca						
Х	В	Albuca shawii							
	В	Alstroemeria spp.	Peruvian lily	М	Μ	Μ	Μ	?	Μ
х	В	Amarcrinum memoria-corsii	crinodonna						
Х	В	Amarygia hybrids	amarygia						
	В	Amaryllis belladona	naked lady	VL	VL	VL	L	L	L
x	В	Anemone coronaria	poppy-flowered anemone				VL		
	В	Arthropodium cirrhatum	star lily	М	?	м	?	/	/
х	В	Babiana spp.							İ
	В	Babiana stricta hybrids	baboon flower	L	L	L	?	/	/
х	В	Baeometra uniflora	beetle lily					, 	í
х	В	Bloomeraia crocea	golden stars						
Х	В	Boophone disticha	oxbane						
	В	Bravoa geminiflora (See Polyanthes geminiflora)							
	В	Bulbinella robusta	bulbinella	L	?	?	L	?	?
х	В	Calochortus spp.	Mariposa lily						
	В	Calostemma purpureum	garland lily	М	?	?	?	?	?
х	В	Camassia cusickii	Cusick's Quamash						
Х	В	Camassia quamash	camas						
	В	Canna spp.	canna	М	Μ	Μ	Н	Μ	Μ
х	В	Chlorogalum pomeridianum	soap plant						
х	В	Clintonia andrewiana	red clintonia						
	В	Colchicum agrippium	autumn crocus	VL	VL	м	М	М	М
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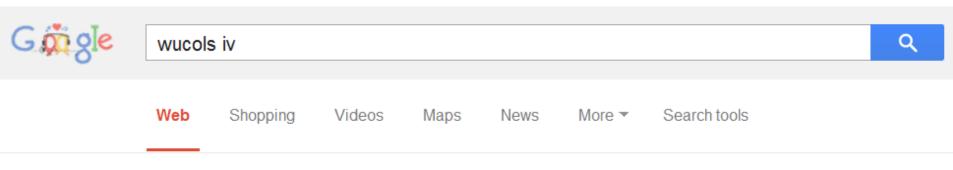
WUCOLS list divided into plant categories:

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Grass
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Palm and Cycad
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Succulent
Tree
Vine
California native



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About 1,630 results (0.36 seconds)

#### WUCOLS IV - University of California Cooperative Extension ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS -

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#### Plant Search Database

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WUCOLS Evaluations and Plant Cultural Requirements.

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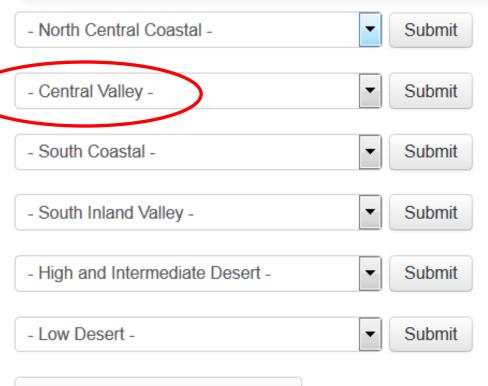
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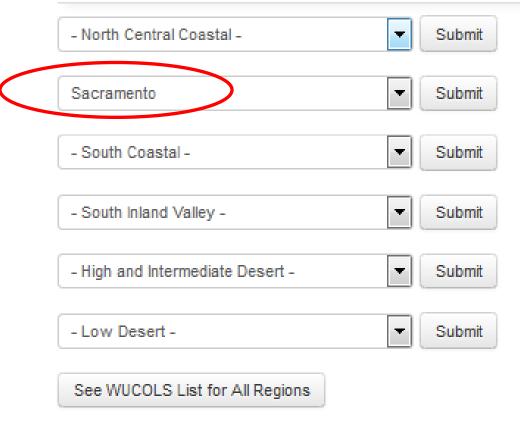
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### Select a City by Region



See WUCOLS List for All Regions

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		Search by Botanical Name	

#### Common Name

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#### Water Use

Very Low
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Moderate
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Not Appropriate for this Region

Search By Plant Type and/or Water Use

All Plant Data for the Central Valley Region

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## **Example of very low & low water use plant list for Sacramento**

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Acacia decurrens	green wattle	Low
Acacia erioloba	camel thorn	Low
Acacia greggii	catclaw acacia	Low
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Acacia longifolia	Sydney golden wattle	Low
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Warm-season and cool-season turfgrasses were not reviewed by the WUCOLS IV regional committees. Data here is from Harivandi, et. al., 2009 publication, *Managing Turgrasses During Drought*. The complete publication is cited below.

Туре	Common name	Optimal Irrigation* (% ET <sub>0</sub> )	Deficit Irrigation** (% ET <sub>0</sub> )
Warm season	Common bermudagrass	60	40
	Hybrid bermudagrass	60	40
	St. Augustinegrass	60	40
	Seashore paspalum	60	40
	Zoysiagrass	60	40
	Buffalograss	60	40
	Kikuyugrass	60	40
Cool Season	Tall fescue	80	60
	Perennial ryegrass	80	60
	Kentucky bluegrass	80	60
	Fineleaf fescues	80	60
	Creeping bentgrass	80	60
	Rough bluegrass	80	60

#### Water requirements for Warm-season and Cool-season Turfgrasses

\* Optimum irrigation is the amount of water needed for most efficient growth, maximum quality, and best appearance.

\*\* Deficit irrigation provides sufficient water to maintain adequate appearance with less growth (relative to optimum irrigation).

**Note:** For turfgrass blends, the species with the highest water requirement will generally determine the irrigation level for the blend. For instance, if a blend contained perennial ryegrass and common bermudagrass, then it would be irrigated at 80% ET<sub>0</sub> for optimal performance. If the sward appears to be overwatered, however, then a downward adjustment in irrigation level would be warranted.

Harivandi, A. M. 2009. *Managing Turfgrass During Drought*. Oakland: University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Publication 8395, <u>http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu</u> /pdf/8395.pdf.



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# Managing Turfgrasses during Drought

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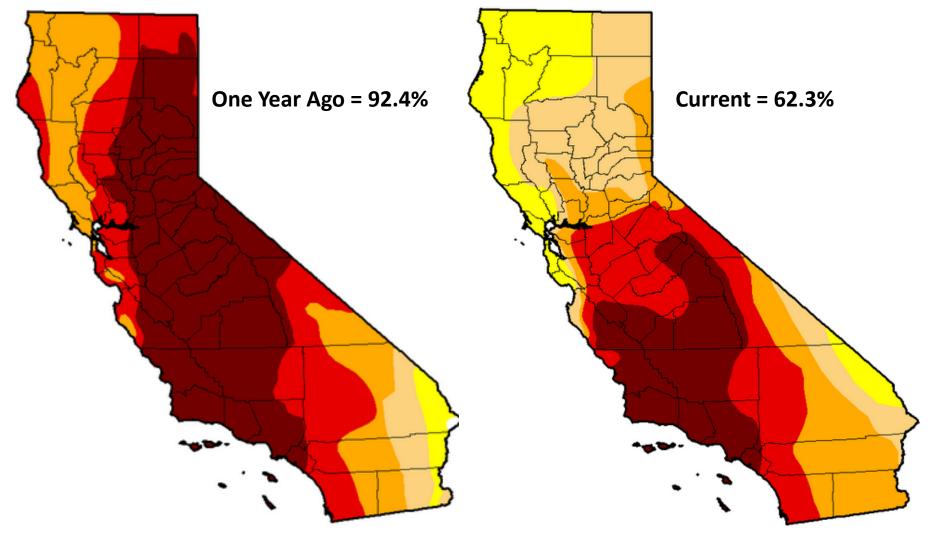




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# What is currently happening in response to the drought?

- On April 1, 2015...replace 50M ft.<sup>2</sup> of turfgrass
- How many have you heard of "turf rebate" (aka "cash for grass") programs?
- Who was promoting "turf replacement" programs?