

LANDSCAPE SUMMIT 2019

February 28, 2019

AGENDA



- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Landscape Committee Chair's welcome – Brian Boyer, Superintendent, Cinnabar Hills Golf Club
- 9:05 am Welcome from District Director Richard Santos and Board Chair Linda J. LeZotte, Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors
- 9:15 am State of the Valley's Water – Jerry De La Piedra, Assistant Officer, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- 9:30 am Presentations:
- **The ReScape California Rated Landscape Program** by Sarah Sutton, Landscape Architect and Board President, ReScape California.
 - **Maintenance and Design of Bioretention and Other Green Stormwater Infrastructure** by Nicholas Ajluni, Senior Environmental Inspector, City of San Jose
- 10:30 Networking Activity Break (get up and make some new friends!)
- 10:50 Presentations:
- **Sustainable Landscaping Success Through a Partnership Between Design, Installation, and Maintenance** by Ruskin Garden's Amy Palmer, VP Estate Garden Management and Jenn Simmons, Operations & Senior Garden Manager
 - **Design and Maintenance Considerations for Fire Safe Landscaping** by BC Dwight Good, Fire Marshal, City of Morgan Hill
- 12:00 Closing Remarks
- 12:10 Lunch

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

The ReScape California Rated Landscape Program by Sarah Sutton, Landscape Architect and Board President, ReScape California.

- Sarah Carolyn Sutton is a licensed Landscape Architect with over 35 years' experience in sustainable landscape design and construction, from public parks, commercial development and streetscapes, to open space and riparian corridor restoration. In addition, she is an active ReScape Rater, and has been closely involved in the development and implementation of the Rating system and guidelines for over 10 years. Sarah is also the author of *The New American Front Yard: Kiss Your Grass Goodbye!*, an award-winning and well-illustrated guide to transforming lawn-centric front yards and communities to beautiful, eco-friendly, low maintenance gardens that conserve water, protect our watersheds, and enhance habitat values.

Maintenance and Design of Bioretention and Other Green Stormwater Infrastructure by Nicholas Ajluni, Senior Environmental Inspector, City of San Jose

- Nick Ajluni has worked for the City of San Jose Environmental Services Department for 8 years in various positions related to water resources management. Over the last 4 years, Nick has developed the Green Stormwater Infrastructure Operations and Maintenance Inspection Program for the City of San Jose. Nick holds both a Bachelor and Master of Science degree in Environmental Studies from San Jose State University, as well as certifications as a Certified Erosion, Sediment, and Stormwater Inspector (CESSWI), Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP), and is a Bay Friendly Qualified Professional.

Sustainable Landscaping Success Through a Partnership Between Design, Installation, and Maintenance by Jenn Simmons, Operations & Senior Garden Manager and Amy Palmer, VP Estate Garden Management of Ruskin Gardens

- Amy joined her mother in the family business as a landscape design apprentice in 2000. She started the maintenance side of the business in 2001 after seeing so many of her mother's gardens falling apart from a lack of care. Amy is a licensed landscape contractor, certified irrigation manager, has a B.S. in Physics from UCLA, and is fluent in Spanish. Her background in business systems and software development gives the business a technical edge.
- Jenn, is a third generation, San Jose, CA native. Growing up amongst the orchards of Santa Clara Valley, in a family that loved gardening. Her personal passion was inevitable and cultivated. Jenn enrolled at and graduated from Foothill College in 2013 with an AS in Environmental Horticulture. Jenn began at Ruskin Gardens as an intern in 2011 and is the Operations Manager and Senior Garden Manager. Amongst her talents are designing colorful containers, plant border design and maintenance, pruning, control of plant pests and disease, managing the crews and expert client communication. With almost 20 years of experience, Jenn has transformed Ruskin Gardens Estate Garden Maintenance with Amy and Debbie for over 6 years.

Design and Maintenance Considerations for Fire Safe Landscaping by BC Dwight Good, Fire Marshal, City of Morgan Hill

- Dwight Good, a Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal for the City of Morgan Hill, South Santa Clara County Fire Protection District, and CAL Fire Santa Clara Unit jurisdictions has received AA, BS, and MS degrees and completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Dwight is the Co-Chair of Northern California Fire Prevention Officers Wildland Urban Interface Standards and has published research, including work on Determining ignitability in organic groundcover materials. Dwight Good, a 2016 recipient of the Blue and Gold Award, moved to Morgan Hill two years ago with his wife, a resource specialist in the Gilroy School District, and his daughter and has three lovely grandchildren.