

10TH ANNUAL LANDSCAPE SUMMIT: 22ND CENTURY LANDSCAPES

Thursday, February 27, 2025

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Valley Water Headquarters, Board Room
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AGENDA

7:45 AM	Breakfast & Registration
8:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Shelkie Tao, Water Efficient Gardens Valley Water Landscape Committee Chair Board of Directors Welcome Vice Chair Richard Santos Valley Water Board of Directors State of the Valley's Water Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer Water Supply Division, Valley Water Valley Water Programs: Overview & Updates Ashley Shannon, Sr. Water Conservation Specialist, Water Supply Planning & Conservation, Valley Water
9:15 AM	Regenerative Agriculture Research Provides Solutions for Urban Landscapes Dr. Cynthia Daley, Center for Regenerative Agriculture
10:10 AM	Break
10:25 AM	How Urban Landscapes Could Lead Water Conservation Policy Krista Guerrero, Metropolitan Water District
11:20 AM	Practical Ways Urban Landscapes Mimic Natural Ecosystems Through Naturalistic Planting Design Story Wiggins, Terremoto, San Francisco
12:15 PM	Wrap Up & Closing

TOPICS

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROVIDES SOLUTIONS FOR URBAN LANDSCAPES

Five things research in regenerative agriculture have taught us that you didn't learn when you got your landscape architecture/design, construction, horticulture, degree. This will include topics like quorum sensing, rhizophagy, epigenetics of ecosystems, and wavelength communication among plant species.

HOW URBAN LANDSCAPES COULD LEAD WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

Get the inside scoop on statewide programs and regulations being implemented across California. This is an opportunity to hear about the objectives, the push back, and some of the landscape programs being rolled out in response to the mandate on watering non-functional turf.

PRACTICAL WAYS URBAN LANDSCAPES MIMIC NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH NATURALISTIC PLANTING DESIGN

A boots on the ground perspective for creating and stewarding urban landscape ecosystems. Find out how one landscape architecture firm is implementing NFT changes using biodiverse, holistic, nature-based solutions.