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RWEPAC

March 10, 2026

WELCOME

Introductions

- **Name, Organization, Biggest/Worst Leak**



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Agenda

- January 2026 Meeting Notes
- Host Presentation – Greg Bundesen
- Irrigation 101 Training – Dave and Don
- Program Updates
- Break
- NFT Round Robin and Chart
- Agency Announcements/Adjournment
- Lunch @ 12:30 pm – Zocalo



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Meeting Notes

- January 2026
- Approve and post online?

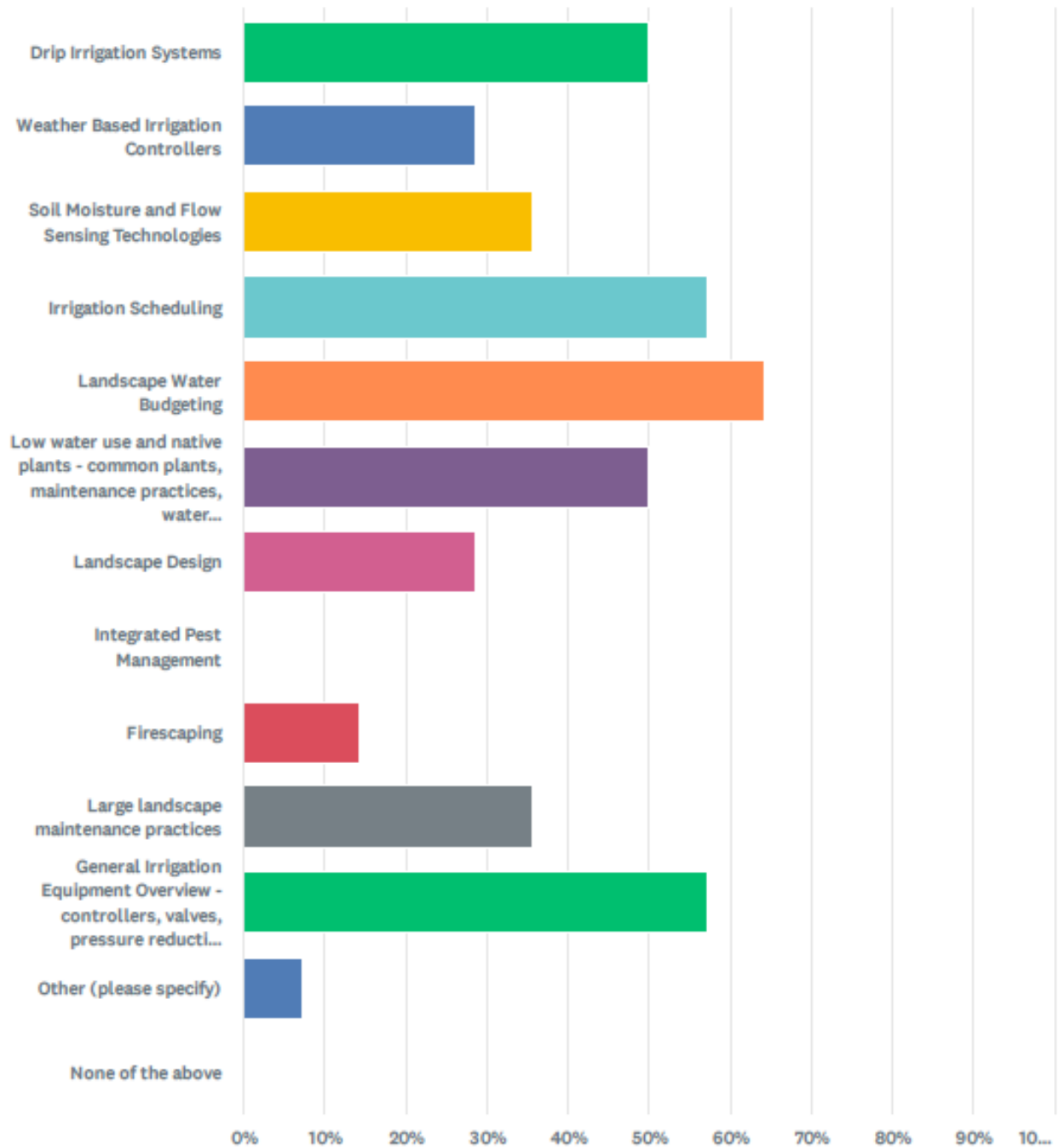


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Local Presentation

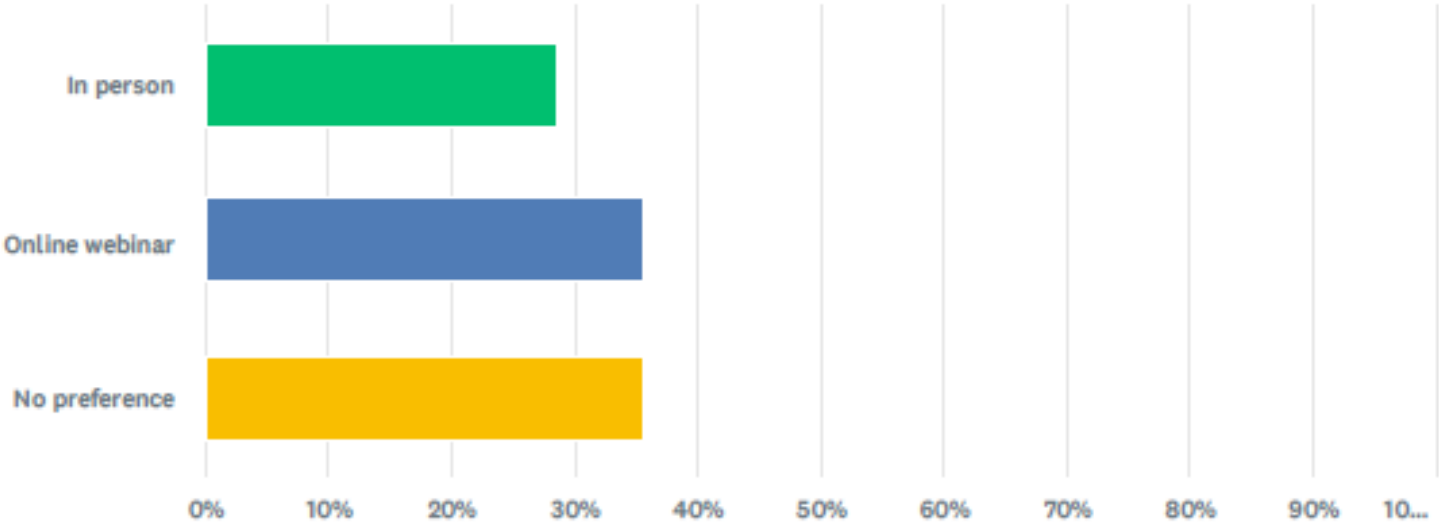


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Q2 Would you prefer for this 2 - hour training to be in person or online?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0



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Irrigation 101 Training

- Dave Fujino and Don Franklin
- Irrigation 101 and 201 Trainings for 2026
- 2-2.5 hours
- In person
- CEUs for CLIA, QWEL and CA NV AWWA
- Any dates in mind? June? August?
- Need a location
- Who is in????



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Irrigation 101 Topics

Irrigation BMP's 101: How Much Water do Your Plants Need?

1. What do I need to consider before I begin (basic audit) to determine how often to irrigate my landscape?
2. How often do you need to irrigate (frequency) and what are the factors that need to be considered?
3. How long do you need to water (duration) and What are the factors that need to be considered?
4. What resources (tools) are available for determining how much water my plants need?
5. What do you think is the most effective resource or tool?
6. How do I proceed with irrigating my landscape?
7. What information do we need to communicate to our customers?
8. How do we effectively communicate this information to our customers?

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Irrigation 101 Topics

1. Smart irrigation controller (weather and/or soil moisture)
2. Online scheduling calculator
3. Knowledge (online resources)
4. Efficient irrigation (surface and sub-surface)
5. Very low and low water use plants for your city (WUCOLS)
6. Mulch

1. Water pressure
2. Number of landscape zones and exposure
3. Distribution uniformity
4. System leaks
5. Irrigation type (surface and sub-surface) by zone
6. Controller type (smart or conventional)
7. Matched irrigation nozzles by zone (eliminate mixed nozzles)
8. Surface and/or sub-surface irrigation layout by zone

1. Smart versus conventional
2. Surface versus sub-surface

1. Weather
2. Exposure (full sun, full shade, part sun)
3. Type of plant (very low, low, moderate or water-use)
4. Soil type (clay, loam, sand)
5. Root depth (shallow or deep)
6. Slope
7. Mulched or unmulched

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2. Soil type (clay, loam, sand)
3. Root depth (shallow or deep)
4. Slope
5. Type of irrigation (drip, spray, rotary, bubbler)



Program Updates

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CA NV AWWA Leak Registry Training

Description:

This webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of the Leak Registry Requirements due January 1, 2029 (based on 2026 - 2027 leak data) and share best practices for tracking and compiling leak information. Participants will gain practical insights into compliance strategies, data management techniques, and tools to streamline reporting processes.

2CEU hours will be provided for attending.

Dates Offered:

March 12, 8-10 AM

March 19, 10-12 PM

March 26, 3-5 PM

\$30 Members / \$60 Non-Members

Find your desired date and register here: https://www.ca-nv-awwa.org/CNS/CNS/EventsandClasses/Class_and_Event_Schedule.aspx?hkey=649fff53-39ef-4c42-8bf0-b0fc0cb0435f



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Badger/PCWA/RWA Meter Training

Date: April 22nd (same day/location as the WEP public outreach meeting)

Time: 12:30 -3:30 pm (Lunch served at noon)

Location: RWA Office located at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA

Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions

Small Meters (PD & Ultrasonic)

Large Meters (Mechanical & Ultrasonic)

Clamp-on Ultrasonic/Mag Meters

Reading Technology AMI/AMR

Water Quality, Pressure Management, Acoustic Leak Detection

Q & A

CEUs: State Water Board Distribution and Treatment approved

Please **RSVP** [here](#) if you would like to attend so we know how much food to provide.



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Landscape Trainings

- **Irrigation 101-201 Training with Dave and Don**
- **Landscape Plants/Landscape Design with Cheryl Buckwalter**
- **Dates TBD**
- **CEUs – QWEL, CA NV AWWA and IA**
- **CLIA – maybe Bay area training available – William?**



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Other Trainings?

- Anything else?



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Fix a Leak Week



March 16th through 22nd



2026 USEPA Fix a Leak Week

March 16th through 22nd



Prompt: Cartoon advertisement for 2026 USEPA Fix a Leak Week March 16th through 22nd with WaterSense Logo

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Public Outreach Update

Don't forget our remaining March social media posts!

Facebook and X – Week of March 16th

It's Fix a Leak Week — and small fixes can make a big difference. The average household can waste 10,000 gallons of water a year from leaky toilets and other easy-to-miss drips. The good news? Most of them are simple to fix. Learn the Check 🔍 Twist 🔄 Replace 🛠️ method and tackle common leaks in minutes.

Facebook and X – Week of January 26

A leak doesn't have to be obvious to cost you. [This video](#) walks you through simple ways to find hidden leaks - from your water meter to silent toilet leaks. A few minutes now can save a lot later. To make it even easier, Be Water Smart is giving away free leak detection kits. Get yours here: <https://bewatersmart.info/promotions/>



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Public Outreach Update

- **Regional Messaging & Media Briefing & 2026 Outreach Program Preview**

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (campaign preview over lunch)

Format: Hybrid — in-person preferred at the Regional Water Authority at 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833, with a virtual option available upon request

- **Please [RSVP here](#) to attend.**

The first portion of the meeting will be a **fun and practical media and messaging workshop**. Together we'll explore some of the toughest — and sometimes most surprising — questions water providers receive from customers and reporters.

Questions like:

Why is my water bill going up if you want me to use less water?

Why should I save when it just goes to Southern California?

Why keep building houses if we don't have enough water?

After the briefing, we'll **continue the conversation over lunch** with a preview of the **2026 Regional Water Efficiency Outreach Program**, along with a brief look back at key outreach activities from 2025.

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Mulch Mayhem – Saturday, May 16th

Guiding the Sacramento Region to
Be Water Smart

Find your rebates and watering guidelines [Submit](#)

EVENT
Free Water Saving Mulch Available Saturday, May 16, 2026


SPOTLIGHT
What is the New Nonfunctional Lawn Law for Businesses, Public Institutions and HOAs?

PROMOTION
Free Leak Detection Kit, Moisture Meter, Gardening Gloves, or Drink Koozie

MULCH MAYHEM

Example of Nonfunctional Lawn

Are you water smart?
Find out more ways your family can save water inside and outside the home. [Water Use Calculator](#)



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Mulch Mayhem – Saturday, May 16th

Where?

Sacramento County

Carmichael: Carmichael Water District
7837 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Carmichael

Hosted by Carmichael Water District

Bring a shovel, container or tarp, and a means to haul away

Info: (916) 483-2452 | carmichaelwd.org

Sacramento: Sacramento Suburban Water District Facility
917 Enterprise Drive in Sacramento

Hosted by Sacramento Suburban Water District

Bring a shovel, container or tarp, and a means to haul away

Info: (916) 972-7171 | sswd.org

Sacramento: TBD

Location details coming soon!

Hosted by the City of Sacramento

Self-loading station (hand shovel) or truck/trailer fill available

Info: (916) 808-5605 | SacWaterWise.com

Placer County

Lincoln: Lincoln Airport

1420 Flightline Drive (Open Field Adjacent to Airport)

Hosted by the City of Lincoln

Bring a shovel, container or tarp, and a means to haul away

Info: 916-434-2450 | lincolnca.gov/water

Rocklin: Sierra College, Overflow Parking Lot

Corner of Rocklin Rd. and El Don Dr. (opposite the campus) in Rocklin

Hosted by Placer County Water Agency and San Juan Water District

Self-loading station (hand shovel) or truck/trailer fill available

Info: (530) 823-4850 | pcwa.net

Roseville: Parking Lot – Foothills Blvd.

Entrance located at 9100 Foothills in Roseville

Hosted by the City of Roseville

Open truck and trailer fill only—no shovels required

Info: (916) 774-5761 | roseville.ca.us/mulchmayhem

Public Outreach Update

- NFT Webinar – March 31, 2026 @ noon
 - Share with your customers
 - Registration required
 - 20-minute presentation, then Q&A

Customers can sign up at: BeWaterSmart.info/NFT

Additional dates:

- May 21st
- August 12th
- October 8

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BWS Articles Upcoming

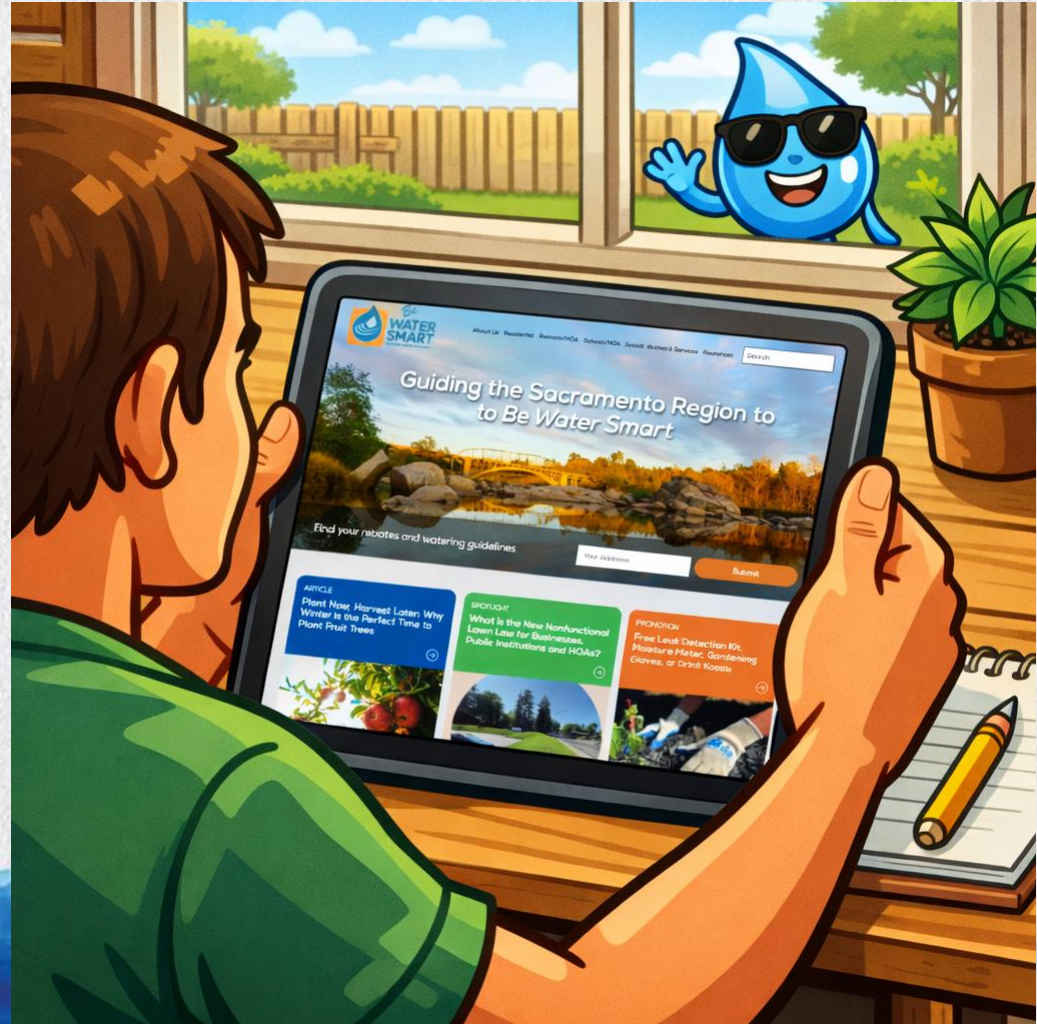
- April Theme- Sprucing Up Sprinklers
- May Theme- Mulch
- June Theme – Watering early in the morning

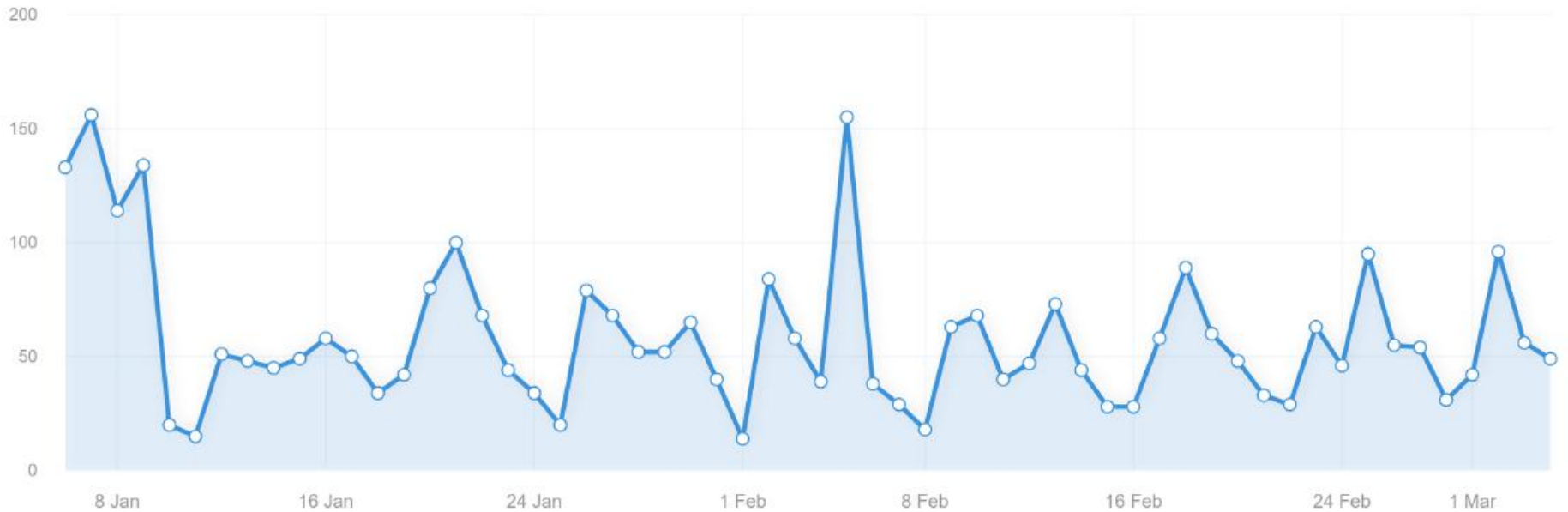
Ideas on who to interview?

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Websites Update

Rebates and Services





Stats at a Glance

All Time Stats

Total Page Views	5,975
Total Sessions	4,609
Number of Posts	323
Number of Pages	130
Number of Comments	1

Most Popular Times

Top days

Tue 19.88% of Views	Mon 18.86% of Views	Wed 17.81% of Views
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Top hours

2 PM 8.15% of Views	10 AM 7.75% of Views	9 AM 7.43% of Views
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New vs. Returning Visitors



Device Breakdown



Top 10 Countries

Country	Sessions
1. United States	2,719
2. China	223
3. Singapore	104
4. Germany	64
5. Czechia	54
6. Belgium	27
7. France	27
8. Japan	23
9. Austria	19
10. Iran	12
Total / Average	3,272

Top 10 Referrals

URL	Sessions
1. egwd.org	68
2. m.facebook.com	47
3. orangevalewater.com	46
4. rwah2o.org	32
5. facebook.com	16
6. sacdigsgardening.californialocal.com	8
7. arboretum.ucdavis.edu	7
8. lm.facebook.com	7
9. roseville.ca.us	7
10. myhealthdepartment.com	6
Total / Average	244

Water Efficiency Legislation - National

- [Shower Act \(H.R. 4593\)](#) – weaken showerhead efficiency standard
 - “Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing Act”
 - AWE opposes, AWE Sign on letter
- [NIST Plumbing Research Act \(H.R. 5511\)](#) – helps to answer critical water quality, safety, and affordability questions for how water is used in homes and businesses.
 - AWE Sign on Letter
- [Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act \(H.R. 1871\)](#) – eliminate federal taxation of rebates.
- [Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act \(H.R. 4626\)](#) – allows DOE to adjust efficiency standards.
 - “Don’t Mess With My Home Appliances Act”

Water Efficiency Legislation - CA

- [Assembly Bill 35](#) (Alvarez) – Climate bond implementation acceleration
 - CalWEP support
- [Senate Bill 1139](#) (Laird) – AB 1572 Enforcement – “special districts”
- [Senate Bill 676](#) (Allen) – Allows cities/counties to ban artificial turf if they want to
 - Related [Assembly Bill 1423](#) (Schiavo) – in 2025, prohibit sale of cosmetic products with PFAS like artificial turf.
- Prop 4 Funding
 - \$75 Million for Water Efficiency, now combined with Watershed Resilience
 - Solicitation not until late 2027
 - Survey to inform solicitation filled out by RWA

Leak Registry Basics

- The first leak registry is due by January 1, 2029 & includes:
 - The latest 3 years of data – meaning 2025, 2026, 2027
 - Calendar or Fiscal Year – should align with the water audit timeframe
 - Leak data collected prior to July 1, 2026 is optional to submit. Note: Final registry requirements were not released until December 2025.
 - Leak data collected after July 1, 2026 and after is required to submit.

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Pacific Institute/WaterNow Alliance

● Debt Financing Water Efficiency/Conservation

WaterNow and Pacific Institute are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for our new [Catalyzing Water Efficiency Investments through Debt Financing Project Accelerator](#). The deadline to apply is **March 27, 2026**. Selected applicants will be announced by April 30, 2026, and projects will be completed by May 2027.

The program provides **250 hours of pro-bono** technical assistance to public drinking water providers in California and Colorado to increase the reach and impact of their water efficiency programs. Assistance from WaterNow and Pacific Institute through the Accelerator can include:

- Determining the rate savings from debt financing efficiency incentives
- Evaluation of potential water savings from larger-scale investments in incentives
- Comparison of the potential cost of debt financing incentives with the cost of other water supply options
- Developing a range of target spending levels and associated water savings
- Developing language to include in capital plan(s) and bond issuances to ensure water efficiency incentives can be paid for with bond proceeds
- Support to apply for a State Revolving Fund loan to finance efficiency incentives
- Development of a target water savings to inform needed budget
- Documenting how larger-scale water efficiency serves as a source of local supply
- Facilitating discussions with internal finance staff and/or bond counsel to overcome concerns with using debt to finance water efficiency incentives
- Recommendations on how to implement scaled water efficiency investments



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Reporting Update

- Urban Water Use Objective Report (DWR)
 - Have you received your January 1, 2026 report summary document yet?
 - Anything flagged that you didn't understand?
 - Anyone want to share your experience?



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Reporting Update

- **Submit by July 1, 2026**
 - Urban Water Management Plans
 - RWA to provide regional information for outreach and programs
 - Updated Pressure management WL Questionnaire
- **Submit by January 1, 2027**
 - Urban Water Use Objective Report (DWR)
 - Disclosable Building - Update
 - Spreadsheet and the utility certification
 - Water Loss Audit (DWR)
 - Audit spreadsheet, validator certification, utility certification

Reporting Update

- **By January 1, 2027**
 - NFT
 - Update ordinance and policies to reflect AB 1572 requirements
 - Submit copy as part of Urban Water Use Objective Reporting
 - Communicate NFT requirements to customers
 - All government and utilities properties – not waterings NFT
 - **“Annually demonstrate compliance with its objective”**
- **By June 30, 2027**
 - Classify all CII accounts (submitted July 1, 2028)
 - CII Classification Option 2 (submitted July 1, 2028)
 - CII MUM Option 1 (submitted July 1, 2028)
 - Updated Asset Management Questionnaire

CII Classification AI Tool – MEA/CalWEP

- Account name and address only data required
 - Automated, leveraging name matching, AI, and APIs to categorize accounts
- QAQC and some manual processes, check 5%
- Average \$2 per CII connection, min. \$1,000
- Receive spreadsheet with full classification and summary to plug into SWB reporting form
- Interested?
 - Contact merbeznik58@gmail.com – open to all
 - Through CalWEP julia@calwep.org + \$200

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WEP Dues for FY26/27

- Estimating an 5% increase for WEP
 - Average increase:\$ 1,400 per agency
 - Range of increase: \$250 to \$2,000
- Potential changes to the RWA budget so there is uncertainty in that amount.



Prompt: cartoon break time image for a water supply meeting include river and flowers

NFT Round Robin Discussion and Chart

- Round Robin
 - Updated ordinance yet? Yes or No? Estimate Time?
 - Where in ordinance/policy structure?
 - Customer outreach – website, mailers, etc.?
 - What/where Enforcement?
- William to help!

Dismiss

AB 1572 - NFT REQUIREMENTS

January 1, 2027 - Public properties owned or managed by local governments, including public school districts. Additional Deadlines for Commercial, HOA, and public properties in the future. Click here to find out more about NFT Requirements.



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NFT Enforcement Messaging

Regional Message

California law is phasing out the use of drinking water on nonfunctional lawn at commercial, industrial, institutional, public properties, and HOA common areas. This requirement applies statewide.

Because the law is implemented at the local level, each water supplier must incorporate the law's requirements into its own policies and ordinances by January 1, 2027.

- Enforcement of these requirements will vary depending on where you're located and may include customer education and monetary fines.
- Check with your local water provider for details.

What doesn't vary is the law itself: The requirement to stop irrigating nonfunctional lawn is statewide.

- Taking time now to understand which areas of your landscape may be affected—and getting familiar with the rebates, tools, and resources available—can help your organization prepare and make the transition smoothly.

For regional information about the law, definitions, timelines, and planning tools, please visit BeWaterSmart.info/nft and nonfunctionalturfca.org.

NFT Enforcement Messaging

Water Supplier Message

California law is phasing out the use of drinking water on nonfunctional lawn at commercial, industrial, institutional, public properties, and HOA common areas. This requirement applies statewide.

As your water supplier, we are responsible for incorporating the law's requirements into our policies and ordinances, which may also include a compliance and enforcement process.

- Those details are still being finalized and must be in place by January 1, 2027.
- Because each water supplier must set its own policies, compliance and enforcement may look different for other water suppliers.

Even as we work through these details, the underlying requirement remains the same: Potable (drinking) water can no longer be used to irrigate nonfunctional lawn CII and HOA common areas.

- Now is a good time for CII and HOA customers to understand which areas of your landscape may be affected and to become familiar with the tools and resources available to help.
- Talk about your rebate programs.

For information about the law, definitions, timelines, and planning tools, you can visit BeWaterSmart.info/nft or nonfunctionalturfca.org. Or your resources.

- We'll continue to share updates on our website as our local approach takes shape.

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2026 RWE PAC Meetings

Dates	Supplier Host
January 13, 2026	City of Sacramento
March 10, 2026	SSWD
May 12, 2026	CWD
July 14, 2026	SCWA
September 8, 2026	Roseville or SJWD
November 10, 2026	Roseville or SJWD
December 8, 2026	You know where!
January 12, 2027	City of Sacramento?

Holiday Social: @ The Old Spaghetti Factory, Rancho Cordova, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. All water efficiency staff are invited.





Announcements & Events