

News Release

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MCWD Hosted Class on Plants that Thrive in Mammoth

Last month, The Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD) offered a free class to the public discussing plants that thrive in the Mammoth region. MCWD provided the class as an educational tool for customers to improve their landscape by selecting plants that do well in Mammoth's harsh growing climate and don't use much water. Dustin Blakey, the Farm Advisor for the University of California Inyo and Mono Counties Cooperative Extension, presented the material.

Three main topics were covered, copycat selection, zone-based selection and discussion of specific plants to consider. Blakey's presentation provided numerous resources for people to utilize when making plant selection and included impressive pictures of suggested plants. The approximately 50 participants were engaged by Blakey's great sense of humor and respectable knowledge in horticulture. Attendees had plenty of questions for the Farm Advisor, ranging from plant specific information to dealing with the fauna in Mammoth. Steve Black, president of Mammoth Reservation Bureau, who attended with his wife and a few of his employees, stated in an email "Thank you for arranging the seminar about local plants. It will be helpful as we convert our condominium landscaping to water-saving foliage, from lawns." Carol Costello, a homeowner who attended the class, stated "We enjoyed the presentation and lunch was a wonderful bonus! It was very interesting and informative and helpful in making some choices for us."

MCWD wants to provide our customers with tools to make smart choices in their landscape and infrastructure to ensure water efficiency. To receive notification of MCWD upcoming classes sign up for MCWD's WaterSmart customer portal at mcwd.watersmart.com. The portal allows customers to receive emails from the District, monitor their water use and get notifications about potential leaks, unusually high bills or high use at their property.

The presentation and resources from this class as well as other plants lists can be found on our new "Plants for Mammoth" page on our website www.mcwd.dst.ca.us/plants-for-mammoth.html.

