

MBCA News

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Water in Dry Times

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association [MBCA] presents a Desert-Wise Living program focused on the critical issue of water usage.

Saturday, September 19, 2015

12:30-3:30 PM

Yucca Valley Community Center

\$5 donation requested

Visit the ["Water in Dry Times" event page](#) on our website for some additional details.

Keynote Speaker Peter Brooks

The Future of Water:

Understanding the World's Most Precious Resource



After four years of service in the US Marine Corps including two tours of duty in Iraq, Peter has had a distinguished career in academic and policy research related to water resource management. He was awarded a Fulbright-Nehru Scholarship in India, an MBA from Harvard Business School and a Master's of Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. While at Harvard, he won a teaching award. In January 2015 Peter joined NLine Energy, Inc., as director of business development. NLine Energy is a renewable energy company that has developed a process to convert wasted energy found in water transmission and distribution systems into renewable electricity.

Local Water Use Experts

Jill Giegerich and Tim DeLorey

What Difference Can Each Water-user Make?



Jill and Tim will discuss local water conservation through wise landscape planning, emphasizing the integration of hardscape elements and water retention techniques. Jill is an artist, a Guggenheim Fellowship recipient, a certified permaculture design consultant, a founding member of Transition Joshua Tree and a Professor Emeritus at UCR. Tim DeLorey is a highly published scientist, a certified permaculture design consultant, a long-standing member of Transition Joshua Tree, and a Contour Regenerative Designer.



Deborah Bollinger

Assessing Irrigation Systems – How much water are you wasting?



Deborah will present an overview of how water audits are conducted and share current landscape elements that save water, bringing attention to efficient irrigation systems. Deborah has worked as a consultant to desert water districts for over 10 years, specializing in landscape water conservation, and is the founder of Bollinger Consulting Group. Deborah's aim is to bring the desert closer to net zero water use in the landscape.

A panel discussion with local water purveyors will conclude the program.

This Desert-Wise Living program is made possible through generous funding from the Mojave Water Agency.