



Our Mission

Morongo Basin Conservation Association advocates for a healthy desert environment that nurtures our rural character, cultural wealth, and economic wellbeing.

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2017 Calendar of Special Events

*Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 2017
Desert-Wise Landscape Tour, East end/ West end.*

*September 2017
Desert-Wise Event—TBA*

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MBCA Annual Meeting & Water Symposium



The Morongo Basin Conservation Association presents

*What about my water?
The story about
Morongo Basin
Water Districts*



Saturday, January 28, 2017
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Center for Healthy Generations
57121 Sunnyslope Drive
Yucca Valley





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Cultivating an attitude towards conservation....

Program

- 8:45 am** sign-in
- 9:00 am** Welcome MBCA Annual Meeting
— Recognizing Cindy Zacks —
Yucca Valley High Science Educator
- 9:50am** Ruth Denison Scholarship
Announcement
- 10:00 am** Intermission
- 10:15 am** Water Symposium
— Moderated by Stacy Moore —
Local water professionals share details
about water delivery and conservation
and future challenges
- 12:15 pm** Q and A
- 12:25 pm** Closing Remarks
- 12:30 pm** Adjourn Meeting

Honored Guest: Ms. Cindy Zacks who wrote the curriculum for the ecology classes over twenty years ago that she continues to teach today at YVHS. She is driven by her passion for the environment and loves teaching based on the tenets of ecology mixed with field study methodology. Through an extension of the classroom, she takes students to the outdoors sharing how key individuals in US history have made a difference in preserving unique places in the Mojave Desert.

Water Symposium Speakers

Tony Culver, Director of Water Operations, Hi Desert Water District: His career in the water industry spans over 30 years with the last 21 years serving the constituents of the Hi Desert Water District. Initially he served as the pipeline replacement crew supervisor but for the last 5 years he has been in charge of daily water operations. He is a state certified water distribution operator (D4) and water treatment operator (T2) and licensed General Contractor.

Curt Sauer, General Manager Joshua Basin Water District: Curt has been the General Manager of the Joshua Basin Water District since 2014 having served previously with the National Park Service from 1976 until 2010, working at Rocky Mountain, Grand Canyon, North Cascades, Olympic and Joshua Tree National Parks. After retiring as Superintendent at Joshua Tree in 2010, he served as Department of Interior Incident Commander within the Unified Command Structure during the BP Oil Spill, January 2011 until June 2013.



Matt Shragge, Distribution Lead Worker, Twentynine Palms Water District: Matt has been employed with the Twentynine Palms Water District for 10 years where he currently serves as an Operations and Maintenance Lead Worker. Among many duties, Matt is responsible for the Cross Connection Control Program, all “water waste” complaints and he is Chairman of the District’s Safety Committee. He is CA state certified in Water Distribution (D4), Water Treatment (T2) and certified by the American Water Works Association as a Cross Connection Control Specialist.

Marina West, PG, General Manager, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency: Serving as General Manager since 2008 her career in the water industry began in 1987. Her education includes an BS in Geology and MS in Public Administration. A CA licensed Professional Geologist with certifications in water distribution (D5) and treatment (T2).