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## **“Get Into the ZoNE! Pathways to Zero Net Energy Living” Desert-Wise Living Program Coming November 4, 2017**

Yucca Valley, CA. The Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA) will host a Desert-Wise Living program Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9:30-12pm. In 2017 the DWL Series remains focused on the critical issues of energy and water consumption as they relate to our community’s role in local conservation and our impact on a renewable energy future. Presentations will focus on California's Zero Net Energy Residential Building program.

In this 2.5-hour program, **Ron Kliewer and Will Vincent** from Southern California Edison will team up to introduce us to the Zero Net Energy policy and how it is applied. The policy generates changes that improve energy efficiency in our buildings, reducing our energy use and saving us money.

**Ron Kliewer** has been working in the building industry on the cutting edge of energy efficiency since green was just the color of the building, not how it was built. Ron is uniquely qualified to share building perspectives about ZNE. Beginning as a carpenter, then becoming a licensed general contractor and a building science consultant, he acquired credentials critical to understanding energy efficiency. He is certified in thermography and building analysis. He has built research homes for Bonneville Power Administration and others. His work has been recognized across the industry, winning building awards such as The Leading Edge Design award and Energy Star for Small Business. Ron authored the white paper “Zero Net Energy Retrofits/ Gaps Identified and Lessons Learned”. Now employed at Southern California Edison, Ron supports SCE’s Emerging Technology and Demand Response building research, including the Irvine Smart Grid, ZNE Residential, ZNE Multi-Family, ZNE Commercial, Title-24 energy code, and Battery Energy Storage field tests.

**Will Vicent** is dedicated to re-imagining our built environment into one that is more inspired, more beautiful and more ecologically intelligent. He has been instrumental in bringing to life verified Zero Net Energy (ZNE) buildings in both the residential and commercial building sectors. In 2011, he founded a small building science consulting firm called “Between Built & Natural Environments” to help clients identify, evaluate and install cost-effective sustainable building solutions. In this capacity, he has worked closely with nationally recognized design firms, builders, research entities and investor-owned utilities. Currently, he is a member of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Energy Codes & Standards team, where he leads ZNE planning and coordination activities company-wide. Will has accepted invitations to speak on topics in building science at ASHRAE, USGBC, AEE, IBPSA, the White House and several universities.

Local solar contractors, the Town of Yucca Valley Town, and others will have exhibits and be available with answers to what steps and incentives are available for individual home owners.

The Program will be held at the Yucca Valley Senior Center, 57088 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 from 9:30-noon, doors open at 9:15am. Refreshments will be served.

This Desert-Wise Living program is made possible through generous funding from the Mojave Water Agency, Southern California Edison, Hi-Desert Water District, the Twentynine Palms Water District, Bighorn Desert View Water Agency, and the Joshua Basin Water District.

[http://www.mbconservation.org/desert\\_wise\\_living\\_program\\_fall\\_2017](http://www.mbconservation.org/desert_wise_living_program_fall_2017)



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