

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**  
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As we go into the middle stages of summer, the effects of the "drought" and subsequent water reductions we are all facing are becoming much more physically obvious. Green is out and brown is in --the late rains of May were of some salvation, but now we must go on without the benefit of nature's help. How do we maintain in a reduced water situation such as we are now facing? If you have followed our recent meeting programs, you have learned to raise mowing heights, reduce nitrogen fertilization, increase potassium levels, check for leaks diligently, check sprinkler nozzle output, and overall, become better turf and water managers. Seems like we should be doing all this all the time, even when we have bountiful resources available! Are we growing and maintaining turfgrasses at too high a level, all the while forgetting when the drought ends and we have endless supplies of water again, we will continue to try and achieve maximum turf hardiness and irrigation efficiency through what we have learned!

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An "Information Referral Service" is now being finalized to provide our members with information, advice, or help as the need may occur. Part of this service will be a pool of qualified Superintendents representing the varied areas of our Association, who can share their experiences and advice, and who can, if necessary, refer the member to other sources of information. This service, along with the other resources of GCSANC, is an overall effort to assist members in problem solving through the interaction of the most valuable resource we have -- each other.

If you have not attended one of our recent meetings to gather some of the above information, and if you have not contacted some of your fellow superintendents about help, now is the time to do so. Put your pride in your pocket and reach out to your fellow members of this Association -- we're all here to help.

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**RE-CAP OF THE JULY SPEAKER**

Our hats off to Kathleen Brenzel, Garden Editor, Sunset Magazine, for this timely speech given at the July meeting. Below you will find a partial list of the plants she discussed, if you would like further details, contact Jean LaDuc at 415/493-1413.

Plants for summer-dry California,  
and how to water them.

**Drought resistant shrubs and groundcover:**

- Achillea (yarrow)
- Aloe
- Bush anemone (carpentaria californica)
- Ceanothus
- Rockrose (cistus)
- Buckwheat (Eriogonum)
- Flannel bush (fremontodendron)
- Grevillea
- Lantana
- Lavender
- Nerium oleander
- Fountain grass (pennisetum setaceum)
- Cape plumbago
- Proteas
- Leucodendron
- Matilija poppy (Romneya coulteri)
- Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia)
- Bougainvillea
- Wisteria
- Chinese pistache
- Oak (Quercus)
- California pepper

**Ground Covers**

- Gazanias
- Star Jasmine

**Annuals and Perennials**

- Celosia
- Coreopsis
- Cosmos
- Petunias
- California poppies
- Penstemons
- Portulaca
- Rudbeckia
- Salvia leucantha
- Verbena



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