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WEST BASIN HOSTS FIRESCAPING WORKSHOP FOR THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

Free online class teaches landscaping techniques to help protect property against wildfires

CARSON, Calif. – The West Basin Municipal Water District will host a free online firescaping workshop on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. to teach Palos Verdes Peninsula residents how to use landscaping techniques to help safeguard their properties from the threat of wildfires.

“The Palos Verdes Peninsula is known for its open canyons, lush nature preserves, hills and coastal bluffs covered in brush. As such, this beautiful natural landscape makes the area vulnerable to wildfires,” said West Basin Board President and Division I Director Harold C. Williams. “It’s important that we recognize these risks and provide our service area communities with resources to help protect their homes and businesses.”

Douglas Kent, MS, MLA, will present at the District’s April 21st workshop. Kent is a subject-matter expert and author of several landscaping books including *Firescaping: Protecting Your Home with a Fire-Resistant Landscape*. For nearly three decades, Kent has helped to create fire-protected communities. He will provide useful tips and insights tailored for Peninsula residents and business owners. Information will include landscaping techniques, native plant selection, and smart irrigation systems to help the community protect structures, use less water, and ultimately save money on their water bills. To register for the workshop or to learn more about firescaping, please visit: www.westbasin.org/firescaping.

The West Basin workshop will focus on its Division I service area, which includes the cities of Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates. However, all interested service area residents are welcome to participate given that California has dry, windy, and often hot weather conditions spanning from spring through fall.

The Peninsula firescaping workshop is part of a larger District-wide water-efficiency program and efforts to expand its reach to portions of service area at risk for wildfires. Last year, on June 23, 2020, West Basin successfully hosted a firescaping webinar for service area residents located in the City of Malibu and Los Angeles County area of Topanga as part of the Malibu & Topanga Smart Program.

For the Peninsula workshop, West Basin is partnering with a local agencies and organizations to join and promote the workshop, including: [California Water Service](#), [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](#), and South Bay Cities Council of Governments’ [South Bay Environmental Services Center](#).

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