



Dear AWAC Supporter;

This is a very exciting and busy year for AWAC. We have some new faces in our group, which has now grown to 40 ACTIVE participants, representing a wide variety of agencies.

We are holding and booking events in many of the High Desert cities. AWAC's Education Committee has increased the number of landscaping workshops from six to nine. Homeowners who attend certain workshops will be able to receive a "*Water Smart Homeowner*" certificate, which will be presented to them at their local water agency or City Council meetings.

AWAC will be participating in two garden parties this year in Victorville on Saturday, April 5, and Barstow, Saturday, April 26. We are also supporting Mojave Water Agency's Water Conservation Incentive Program (www.highdesertsaveswater.org).

We are in the process of working with the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, as they develop a horticulture program that they will be offering to youth service organizations (4H, FFA, Grange...) and our local students. We expect to offer workshops or classes in water conservation, low water use landscaping, and irrigation design through this program.

Back copies of the Executive Briefing's may be found on AWAC's website at www.hdawac.org. In addition, the calendar section is filling up fast.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at tblomker.mojavewater.org, or call me at (760) 946-7013.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

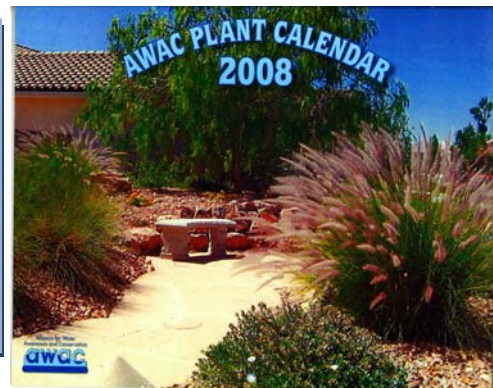
For the period January through March 2008

(These activities summarize some of the achievements during the past quarter only, and do not represent the progress AWAC has made since its inception in 2003.)



◆ Saturday, March 8, the Education Committee held the first of three workshops scheduled for Helendale Community Services District. Residents learned how to incorporate a low water use landscape into their yards that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

◆ AWAC participants distributed 25,000 copies of the 2008 AWAC Plant Calendar. This year's calendar featured Plant of the Month photos as well as landscapes from throughout the High Desert.



◆ The Research Committee is finalizing the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) Progress Monitoring form and letter that will be sent to all water purveyors in the MWA service area to develop a base line estimate of water use and connections by customer class. This information will be requested each year starting with data for the year 2000, and will allow MWA to measure the effectiveness of its conservation programs and support the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

◆ The Morongo Basin Committee has sent a Request for Proposal for landscape architect services to develop "templates" (typical landscape plans). The architects will develop six to 10 landscape plans that are consistent with the AWAC's model landscape ordinance. The Plans will emphasize high desert plants that are non invasive, to be used in front yards of a variety of typical lots (small and large sized lots, flat, slopes, etc.). AWAC is directing the work. The architects will also develop plans for a demonstration garden at Joshua Basin Water District consistent with the landscape templates and the ordinance.