

## Timeline of Bay Area Water Agency Partnerships

Over the last two decades, severe drought in California has increasingly threatened the state's water sources. Outdoor landscapes are one of the biggest urban water users, and sustainable approaches can sharply reduce water demand while improving water quality, conserving energy, reducing emissions, and sequestering carbon.

Since 2004, StopWaste has been a leader in promoting Bay-Friendly landscaping and gardening, and educating home gardeners and landscape professionals about sustainable approaches for lawn conversion and water conservation with an emphasis on using compost and mulch. Over the last two decades, we've actively partnered with water agencies to help broaden these outreach efforts and to provide communities with the resources and incentives they need to adopt sustainable, water-wise landscapes and gardens.

