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Walnut Valley Water District Launches Mandarin Conservation Workshops In Celebration of Water Awareness Month & AAPI Heritage Month

Walnut, CA (April 23, 2021) - To increase water use efficiency, Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) in partnership with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, is inviting customers to learn more about how to plant and care for sustainable, water-saving California Friendly® landscapes through free multilingual virtual workshops, including a new Mandarin-language option.

The one-hour classes are taught live on Zoom and feature three available courses: California Friendly® and Native Landscapes; Turf Removal and Garden Transformation; and Garden Design. The first [Mandarin-language](#) option will take place on Wednesday, May 12 known as "Water Wednesday." Classes in English and Spanish are also ongoing and occur monthly.

"Diversity and inclusion is imperative in the fight against water waste and leading a water-efficient lifestyle," said WVWD Director of External Affairs, Lily Lopez. "The District's goal is to make our water-efficiency programs more accessible to all residents of the communities we serve which includes Diamond Bar and portions of Walnut, Rowland Heights, Pomona, Industry, and West Covina."

The classes go hand-in-hand with Metropolitan's [Turf Replacement Program](#), which offers homeowners within the district's six-county service area a \$2-per-square-foot rebate for converting lawns to more water-efficient landscapes. WVWD customers are also eligible for additional rebates including high-efficiency devices, pool covers, and urinals for commercial properties.

EPA WaterSense Partner Green Gardens Group hosts the classes on behalf of WVWD, Metropolitan, and its member agencies. Classes were previously held in person and switched to a virtual format in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information on class registration and water-saving rebates is available at www.wvwd.com/conservation.

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About Walnut Valley Water District

Walnut Valley Water District was formed in 1952, and after more than six decades of service to the community, the District operates and maintains two large imported water pipelines, 497 miles of distribution mains, 17 pump plants, and 31 reservoirs with a storage capacity of 94.1 million gallons of water. The District also provides water service to more than 27,000 connections in an area encompassing 17,900 acres, serving a population of more than 100,000 residents and businesses in six local communities.