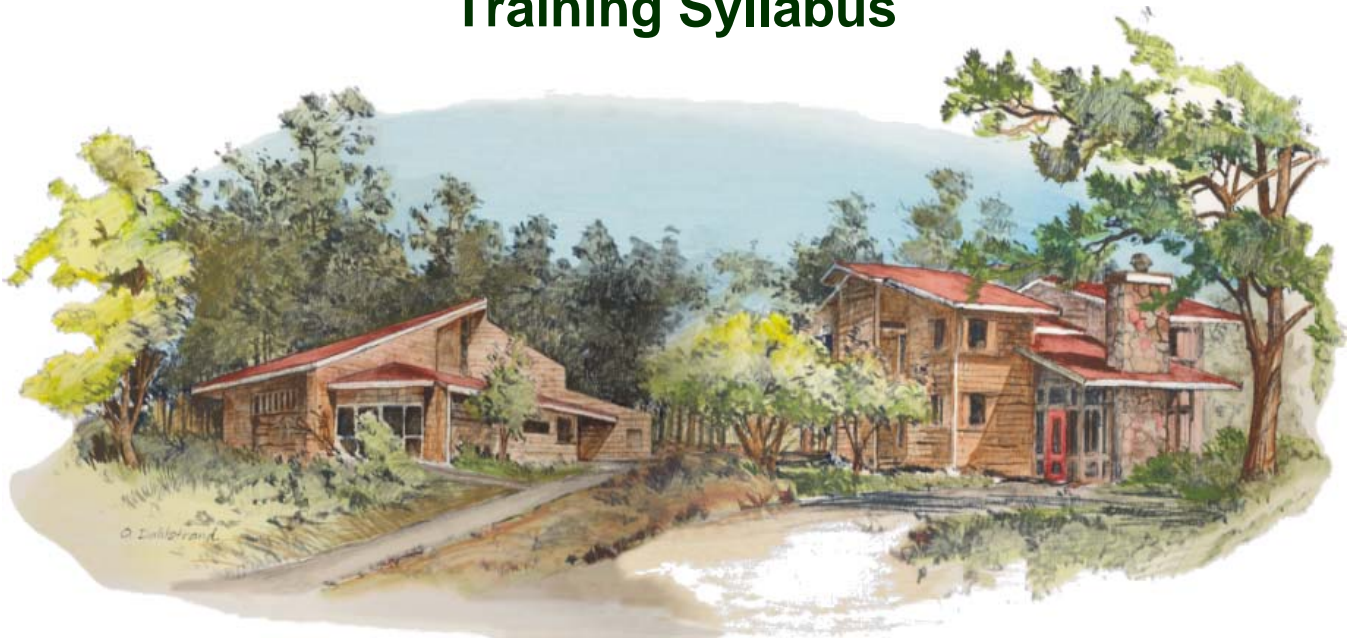


BASIC LANDSCAPING

January 24-29, 2016

Training Syllabus



William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center



Memorandum

Date: December 11, 2015

To: Supervisor

From: Debbie Fredricks, Department Training
Officer Training Section
California State Parks

Subject: Employee Attendance at Formal Training
Basic Landscaping Group 13

An employee from your office will soon be attending the formal training program described in the attachment. Please ensure that the employee is fully prepared to attend the session and that the groundwork is laid for the employee's implementation of the training upon returning to work. You can assist with capturing the full value of the training by taking the following steps:

Prior to Training

1. Make sure that **specific** employee needs are identified and, if necessary, called immediately to the attention of the Training Coordinator.
2. Review with the employee the reason for the employee's attendance.
3. Review objectives and agenda with the employee.
4. Discuss objectives and performance expected after the training.

Immediately Following Attendance

1. Discuss what was learned and intended uses of the training.
2. Review the employee's assessment of the training program for its impact at the workplace.
3. Support the employee's use of the training at the work place.

Three Months Following Training

1. Supervisor evaluates the effectiveness of the training on the employee's job performance and meets with employee to discuss the evaluation.

Thank you for your assistance in seeing that the full benefit of training is realized.

Attachment

cc: Participant

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***Mission Statement
Training Section***

***The mission of the Training Section is to improve
organizational and individual performance and productivity
through consulting, collaboration, training, and development.***

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FORMAL TRAINING GUIDELINES

Welcome to formal training, an essential component in your career development.

Since 1969, our Department has been providing a continuously changing number of diverse training programs at its main training facility, the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center, and other locations including Marconi Conference Center. The Department strives to enhance your learning and job performance with formal training of the highest quality.

Our Department's dedication to training is only one aspect of its commitment to you and to the public. This commitment is costly and represents an important investment in you and your career. You and the Department realize a return on that investment by your positive participation in formal training itself and post training follow-through.

The program you will be participating in is described in this training syllabus, which outlines what you can expect from this training and what is expected of you. This syllabus details what you should do before you leave for training; what to do when you arrive; what you will be doing while in training; and, importantly, what you should be able to do when you return to your work site. Specifically:

1. **SYLLABUS:** The syllabus is now accessible on the Employee Training Management System (ETMS) and on the Parks and Recreation website under the Learning/Training Section. Your copy of this syllabus is an important part of your training experience and should be brought with you to training. Read it before you arrive and review it following the program along with material you received at training.
2. **PRE-TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS:** Your completion of pre-training assignments is essential to the success of your training. You are responsible for all reading assignments in preparation for classroom sessions. Time will be provided during working hours to accomplish any assignments which involve either individual or group efforts and resources.
3. **TRAVEL:** Arrange your travel to and from the training through your District or Office. (No reimbursement for travel expense - including per diem costs - will be approved for travel not specifically authorized in advance by the District

Superintendent.) Individuals may claim reimbursement for incidental expenses incurred as outlined in DAM 0410.6. The Mott Training Center does not have the capability to provide transportation to/from Monterey airport.

The cost of your travel (airfare, mileage, rental car, etc.) is paid by your District or Office **to** and **from** the location of the training.

4. **HOUSING:** Housing will be assigned to you on a shared-room basis and will be available from 3:00 p.m. on the date of arrival to 12:00 noon on the date of departure. The Department provides your room and board expenses at the Mott Training Center only. No per diem allowance will be authorized for living off-grounds. This does not preclude living off-grounds at your own expense. Advise the Department Training Specialist no later than two weeks before your scheduled arrival if you plan to live off-grounds. No animals are permitted in Asilomar housing. In the event of an emergency, staff must know your room assignment; therefore, you may not switch rooms without staff approval. Overnight guests are not allowed in the buildings unless registered beforehand at the front desk in Asilomar's Administration Building. Quiet hour for lodge living areas is 10:00 p.m.

Note: You may be assigned a room at a motel while attending training. If so you may be asked to present a valid credit or debit card while checking in to your room. Many motels require a credit card to cover charges incurred such as telephone calls, damages to rooms and/or furnishings, fees to clean rooms that have been smoked in that are not designated as smoking rooms, etc. Be prepared to handle this appropriately.

5. **ENROLLMENT OR HOUSING CANCELLATION POLICY:** To cancel participation in a course, the participant must have their District Superintendent or Section/Office Manager send an email to the Training Specialist assigned to the course requesting to remove the participant. If you do not need lodging or must change or cancel your reservation for lodging, you must contact the Mott Training Center or Training Specialist assigned to the course at least 2 weeks prior to your date of arrival. Lodging, registration, and associated fees will be charged to the employee's District or Section/Office if a training cancellation is received with less than two weeks' notice.

The Training Section is committed to ensuring that the reservation that has been made for you is accurate and needed.

6. **OFF-GROUNDS ACCOMMODATIONS:** When authorized to stay off-grounds by the Department Training Specialist, the Mott Training Center will absorb the cost of your room and meals at the current DPR Asilomar rate. If you stay off grounds and have meals on grounds, the Mott Training Center will authorize only what the Department pays Asilomar for lodging.

7. MEALS: Meals will be provided, semi-cafeteria style, from dinner on the date of arrival through lunch on the date of departure. Meals will be served at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast, 12:00 noon for lunch, and 6:00 p.m. for dinner. Hot or box lunches may be provided on some days. If you require a special diet, please contact the Training Specialist Kenney Glaspie to request the Asilomar Dietary Restriction form no later than two weeks prior to the course start date. The Training Specialist will forward the form to the appropriate Asilomar Conference Grounds staff.

In order to assist participants with limited mobility, Asilomar provides a shuttle to and from the dining hall. Contact either Asilomar staff upon check-in, or Mott Training Center staff upon your arrival, for instructions on arranging a transport.

8. CLOTHING: Field uniforms as found in "Description of Required Field Uniforms", DOM Chapter 2300, Uniform Handbooks, will be worn daily by all uniformed employees during formal training sessions **unless otherwise specified in the Program Attendance Checklist**. Non-uniformed employees shall wear apparel normally worn on the job. Appropriate attire includes apparel suitable for professional office dress. It does not include such items as shorts, t-shirts, tank tops, or sandals.

Because we are on the conference grounds with many other groups, and the image we project as State Park employees is important not only during working hours but off duty hours as well, your informal sportswear should be appropriate.

9. ROOM SAFES: Two safes have been installed in each of the lodge rooms used by the Mott Training Center (Live Oak, Tree Tops, and Deer Lodge). These safes are a type that allows the user to input their own combination of numbers to facilitate opening and closing. The Mott Training Center has a master key for emergency entry. Safes are to be left in the open position when checking out of your room.
10. WEAPONS: Weapons are permitted in rooms under the following conditions. Authorized firearms and magazines stored while at the Mott Training Center shall be in a safe condition and stored in one of the following locations: your room safe in Live Oak, Tree Tops, or Deer Lodge, one of the Mott Training Center's safes in the Whitehead Room or secured in your vehicle.
11. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Participants shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages in common areas (living room) while on the Asilomar Conference Grounds unless provided and hosted by Concessionaire ARAMARK.
12. SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted in the Mott Training Center or in any lodge or guest room on the Asilomar Conference Grounds.

13. **TRAINING CENTER:** The Mott Training Center is located on Asilomar Conference Grounds, part of Asilomar State Beach. The Conference Grounds are operated for our Department by a concessionaire, and all lodging and food services are provided to us by employees of the concessionaire. Constant efforts are made to maintain a sound, harmonious working relationship between the Department and concessionaire. None of us can expect preferential treatment for any reason and, as a departmental employee you will be expected to join in our continuing effort toward an effective relationship with each Asilomar concession staff member. On occasion, non-departmental groups may be staying in the same lodges. It is imperative that you represent the Department well on and off duty.
14. **REGISTRATION:** When you arrive at Asilomar Conference Grounds, proceed directly to the front desk at the Asilomar Administration Building for your room key and dining room ticket. If you require vegetarian meals, notify the front desk representative and your meal ticket will be marked accordingly.
15. **COURSE LEADERS:** The formal training you will attend is developed and, for the most part, conducted by experienced State Park employees in field and staff positions. Some courses will be conducted by qualified instructors from other agencies and educational institutions. Your course leaders have proven their ability and knowledge in their profession, and provide a level of expertise difficult to match.
16. **TRAINING SECTION STAFF:** Kenney Glaspie is your Training Specialist and has been assigned the responsibility for your training group. That staff member usually serves as a Course Leader as well as a Coordinator. During the program, you may be asked to assist Training Section Staff in the logistics of your training program (organizing field trip transportation, supervising classroom breaks, etc.). Training Section Staff will do all within their power to make your training experience pleasant and meaningful.
17. **TRAINING MATERIALS:** May be made available to you at both your unit and the Mott Training Center. Handout materials issued at your unit should be brought to training for possible use. A conference binder or notebook will be issued to you at the training session for note taking and convenience in handling materials. Bring your own pens and pencils.
18. **ATTENDANCE:** Regular attendance is a critical course requirement and your participation is important to the success of this training. An absence of more than 10% of the course hours constitutes grounds for dropping a participant from the course. The Department Training Specialist may modify this requirement based upon participant knowledge level and/or the portion of the course missed. All absences, except those of an emergency nature, must be approved in advance by the Training Specialist.

19. VEHICLES: All vehicles should be parked in the lots adjacent to the Mott Training Center. Any questions regarding use of a State vehicle while at the Mott Training Center should be discussed with your supervisor prior to your departure for training, or with your Program Coordinator while at the Mott Training Center.
20. BICYCLES: If you bring your bicycle, store it in the bicycle shed next to the Mott Training Center. Bicycles may not be brought into any building nor chained to lamp posts, trees, etc. The Mott Training Center has a limited number of bicycles available for your use. Prior to your use, you are required to complete a safety inspection and sign a waiver which is posted in the bicycle shed.
21. MAIL: Mail forwarded to you during your time at the Center should be addressed to you in care of:

Department of Parks and Recreation
WILLIAM PENN MOTT JR. TRAINING CENTER
PO Box 699, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
22. CELL PHONES: As a courtesy to your fellow participants and course leaders ensure that your cell phone is turned off during classes. Participants should not be receiving or making cell phone calls during class time. Limit those calls to your breaks.
23. FAX: The Mott Training Center's FAX number is (831) 649-2824.
24. TELEPHONE: Limit phone calls during classroom hours to urgent business or emergencies. Anyone wishing to contact you by telephone during working hours should call the Center at (831) 649-2954. Calls after 5:00 p.m. or during weekends should be made to (831) 372-8016, Asilomar Conference Grounds, and the caller should tell the switchboard operator you are with a California State Parks training group. **Note: There are no longer pay telephones outside of the Mott Training Center. There are pay telephones located at the Asilomar Administration Building.**
25. LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING: May be taken care of by you at one of several local establishments.
26. RECREATION: Facilities available on grounds include a heated swimming pool, pool tables, and a volleyball court. The Monterey area offers horseback riding, golf, tennis, racquetball, deep sea fishing, and many historical landmarks and scenic sights to explore.
27. POST-TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS: In connection with formal training are to be completed under the direction of your supervisor.
28. COFFEE BREAK REFRESHMENTS: Will be available throughout each session. You will be asked to contribute to the "Hospitality Fund" to defray expenses. Bring your own coffee cup.

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE CHECKLIST

To assist you in your preparation for formal training session at the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center the following list is provided:

____1. Read and understand the Basic Landscaping Program syllabus prior to your arrival at the Training Center.

____2. Arrange your travel through your District/Office.

____3. Remember to bring the following with you to training:

Program syllabus.

Proper field uniform, see Formal Training Guidelines #8.

Gloves and other personal safety equipment (hand, eye, ear and head protection, coveralls, RAIN GEAR, etc.).

Personal items (alarm clock, coffee cup, reusable water bottle, pens, pencils, recreation equipment, etc.).

POST-TRAINING ASSIGNMENT

Prior to ninety days after the completion of this program, the employee and his/her supervisor should discuss the impact and assess the effectiveness this program has had on the employee.

The post-training evaluation process is intended to provide a bridge between classroom instruction and the on-the-job application of training. The information obtained through this process will assist the employee, supervisor, and Training Section in providing a return on the training investment to the Department.

BASIC LANDSCAPING GROUP 13 - A G E N D A - January 24-29, 2016

Lead Instructors: Brent Brody
Assistant Program Coordinators: Skylar Goodner, Ray Cervantes

Special Notice: This program will be conducted at the Mott Training Center Shop Annex, 2211 Garden Road, Building C, Monterey, California. Vans are available to transport you to and from the Shop Annex and will leave the Mott Training Center promptly at 0800 daily and return by 1700.

Sunday

January 24

1500- REGISTRATION: *Check in at the Asilomar Administration Building.* All

Monday

January 25

0830-0930 Program Orientation and Expectations Glaspie/Brody
0930-1200 P.E.F. (Project Evaluation Form) and CEQA Frangis/Sheriden
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1630 California Drought/California Drought Tolerant Vegetation Frangis/Sheriden

Tuesday

January 26

0830-1030 Turf Management Brody/Goodner/
Cervantes
1030-1200 Historic Gardens/Landscapes TBA
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1630 Historic Gardens/Landscapes Field Trip All

Wednesday

January 27

0830-1200 Tree Hazard Program/Natural Landscape Maintenance Bakken
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1630 Lab (Pruning Project) All

Thursday

January 28

0830-1000 Pest Control on Park Lands Conlen
1000-1200 Irrigation Systems Goodner/Cervantes
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1630 Basic Pipe Fitting and Remote Control Systems Goodner/Cervantes

Friday

January 29

0830-1130 Small Engines and Chain Saws Goodner/Cervantes
1100-1130 Examination All
1130-1200 Program Summary and Evaluation Glaspie/Brody
1200- Lunch and Depart All

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<u>PROGRAM OUTLINE</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
<u>ORIENTATION</u>	1.0
<u>LANDSCAPE ENVIRONMENTS</u>	8.5
Formal Landscapes (Gardens and Turf)	
Natural Landscapes Maintenance	
Historic Gardens	
<u>PLANT CARE</u>	14.5
Turf Management.....	
Planting and Transplanting Techniques	
Pruning and Trimming Techniques	
Identifying Plant Deficiencies	
Diagnosing Plant Disorders.....	
Identifying and Controlling Common Pests	
<u>RELATED TOPICS</u>	11.0
Landscape Maintenance Program	
Irrigation Systems.....	
Examinations.....	
<u>PROGRAM EVALUATION</u>	1.0
Total Hours	36.0

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PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Purpose: Participants will meet one another, the program coordinator and facilitator. The group will share expectations for the training program. In addition, program content will be reviewed.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Review program content, procedure and evaluation processes.
2. Share and record expectations with group members.
3. Review Training Center guidelines.

LANDSCAPE ENVIRONMENTS

Purpose: To provide an understanding of the philosophies and requirements for maintaining landscaped gardens and natural areas of the California State Park System.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the variety of landscapes found in the California State Park System.
2. Review the Department's philosophy for maintaining recreational landscapes, historic gardens and natural areas.
3. Identify specific impacts of visitor use on each landscape category.
4. Review specific maintenance activities, which must be performed to properly care for plant materials in each landscape category.

DIAGNOSING PLANT PROBLEMS

Purpose: To enable the participant to correctly evaluate common plant disorders.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Identify the symptoms of common plant deficiencies (nutrients, minerals, moisture and light).
2. Identify the symptoms of common plant disorders.
3. Gain understanding in the treatment of common plant deficiencies and disorders.

PEST MANAGEMENT

Purpose: To enable the participant to effectively deal with common pest infestations.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the laws, policies and health and safety issues relating to the use of landscape chemicals in the California State Park System.
2. Identify common plant pests and their treatment.
3. Discuss general safety requirements for pesticide use.

PLANT CARE/PLANT GROWTH

Purpose: To provide the participant with instruction in caring for State Park landscape materials.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Discuss correct watering and fertilizing procedures.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of correct planting and transplanting techniques.
3. Correctly trim and prune woody plant materials and roots.
4. Identify the growth characteristics of trees, shrubs and grasses.
5. Identify the elements needed by plants to maintain healthy growth.
6. Discuss the importance of soil structure in maintaining healthy plant growth.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Purpose: To provide the participant with specific information needed to maintain landscapes within the State Park System.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Demonstrate the ability to design, install, maintain and repair common landscape irrigation systems.
2. State how to repair common garden valves.
3. State how to work with PVC, vinyl and galvanized iron pipe.

