

**TRACK NAME**

Landscape Architecture in Sustainable Environments - ASLA

**SESSION NAME**

Water Harvesting in the Southwest: A Municipal Perspective

**DATE + TIME + ROOM NUMBER**

Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm – 102C

**SESSION DESCRIPTION**

This session is an introductory water harvesting primer from an urban municipal perspective. Elements include: conservation of municipal water usage, principles of onsite water harvesting, water harvesting on public properties and considerations for potential unintended consequences.

**PRESENTER(s)**

Irene Ogata, RLA, CPM

**PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY (s)**

Irene is currently the Urban Landscape Manager for the City of Tucson, Department of Urban Planning & Design. A registered landscape architect, she worked in the private sector for over 19 years. Projects she was involved with included public participation programs, assisting communities to prioritize and develop their community goals, visions, implementation strategies and landscape designs. As a practicing landscape architect, designs included public and private sector projects. She has been with the City Tucson for just over 3 years.

Irene has been working with various internal city departments (i.e., Transportation, Water, Parks & Recreation and Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development, etc), a city appointed Landscape Advisory Committee, City neighborhood associations and individual City Ward offices coordinating city-wide urban landscape issues. A few recent projects include developing water harvesting curb cut standards, planting standards within water harvesting basins, landscape maintenance standards along public rights-of-way, ordinance and maintenance practices for buffelgrass, conducting an annual Urban Heat Island Workshop, and tree inventories within public areas.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT (CEU)**

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