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Comments/Questions: Since much of our urban water use is on landscapes, why not pull together a group to create materials and a demonstration garden(s) to educate the public on NO-IRRIGATION landscaping here. We have an amazing palette of very tolerant native plants which, when combined with passive water harvesting and organic and gravel mulches can thrive without irrigation after about one year of supplemental irrigation to become established. I think most people fear that it would mean living with yards that look like creosote flats, so providing design ideas would be very important too.

Going to a native palette will also increase benefits for wildlife and create a Tucson sense of place that is missing in many parts of our community.

I know this works. My yard is designed entirely with natives and it is doing very well despite a year of paltry rainfall. Since installing it nine years ago, we've seen many more local and migratory songbirds and have a healthy population of native bees and other pollinators.

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