



# Splash

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## What Can You Do About The Drought?



Kurt Elvert at the podium concluding his talk on water conservation. He presented some serious facts on our situation and outlined the programs that local water companies have introduced to help combat the drought.

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*Visit our Web Site at: [www.sckoi.com](http://www.sckoi.com)*

### Club Meetings:

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month except July (Third Friday) and December (No Meeting) in the Willow Glen Public Library, 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. Check the web site Calendar for updates and a map. At our meetings we get acquainted with any guests, address any pond issues from guests or members. We generally follow this with a presentation which is usually related to pond or water gardening. Finally, we enjoy refreshments and open discussion.

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## Membership

Club dues are \$30.00 per year. Our fiscal year starts July 1, so if you join before that date, your dues for the remainder of the current year will be prorated at the rate of \$2.50 per month.

To join, send your name, address, phone number and email address along with your check for dues to:

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San Jose, CA 95157

## Treasurer's Report

Since the Splash is widely distributed and available online, the Treasurer's Report is no longer published.

The report is available from the club Treasurer.

Refreshment Volunteers	
Meeting	Volunteer
September:	Nadine Jacobson
October:	Linda and Alan Merrifield
November:	Sue Zaslav and Marty Liss
December:	Party

**If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact Linda Merrifield as soon as possible at: [lmerrifield@comcast.net](mailto:lmerrifield@comcast.net).**

## August Steering Committee

The August meeting was held Monday evening, 8/3. Frank, Cal, Eve, Diane, Kay, Mel, Rita and myself were in attendance.

Cal is still working on a tour of the Aquaponics facility at Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz. We have not yet finalized plans for a Holiday Party. Rita agreed to work on that project. Please let us know if you have any ideas or requests.

Eve has been reviewing the club bylaws and suggested we should make change to reflect how we are actually operating. She also pointed out that we should be working on a new slate of officers for 2016.

## August Meeting

Our regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, August 18.

### Guests and Attendance

We had a good turn out with 23 in attendance. Our guest speaker was Kurt Elvert from the San Jose Water Co. He brought his lovely Wife, Katheryn and Sister, Erika. Paul Spyksma was also a guest.

### Pond Problems

Paul had a friend that was keeping catfish with his koi and appeared to be having problems with the catfish attacking the koi.

He wanted to know if this was a problem. Mel indicated that he didn't think it should be. Several in the group had some experience keeping game fish with

koi and didn't think there would be a problem unless the koi were very small.

### Club Business

Cal thanked the Bretzke's for moving our equipment to a new storage location. This move will save the club a significant amount of money each year.

Eve handed out copies of the Bylaws and requested everyone to review them. She is working on proposed changes.

She also put up a list of the club positions. We should be proposing a new slate of officers at this time and asked for people to consider volunteering some time to fill one of these positions.

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### Presentation

The presentation has been much anticipated and much requested. By now everyone is seriously concerned about the drought and koi keepers are especially concerned about the effects it will have on the care of their charges.

Kurt Elvert is the head of Conservation Audits for the San Jose Water Company. His presentation was entitled Water Supply and Conservation.

He started by giving us a pretty detailed review of where our water comes from and pointed out the status of the various sources. Not much good news there.

He then spent quite a bit of time explaining the new rules that have been put into effect to combat the drought. Things like the watering restrictions, allocations and modified rate plans.

He then followed with describing some of the plans the water company offers to assist home owners conserve water. Advice on grey water recycling, low flow shower heads and toilets and landscaping rebates.

You can obtain a great deal of information at their website: <https://www.sjwater.com/>.

One of our correspondents, Jim Boso, was unable to make the meeting, but sent in this helpful idea.

He has Ultra filter that he back washes frequently. He flushes the waste water into three 50 gallon barrels.

After a couple of hours all of the settlement is at the bottom. The water above the sludge is very clear and he can return probably 90% of the water back into the pond.

He used clarifier at one point thinking that would help clear the water but, found the water was just as clear without the clarifier. He is looking for a half ton grape bin to replace the 50 gallon barrels to make this process a little easier.

He was hopeful this idea might be helpful to some of club members with similar filters.

### Desert

Eduardo and Michael brought a nice selection of healthy wrap sandwiches to fuel a lively discussion of water and other things as we brought the evening to an end.



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## Some Cool Koi Art



Stairway in Korea

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## What Turns You On

Let us know what you'd like to hear about at our meetings or in the Splash. Just drop a line to [scvkwg@gmail.com](mailto:scvkwg@gmail.com) with your ideas.

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### Fridenstine Pond Tour 9/93



Stairway in San Francisco

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Helen, Oliver, John

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