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Drought Tolerant Plants – From the Desert Look to Stunning Ornamentals

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In the West, whiskey is for drinkin' and water is for fightin' – Mark Twain



Water war between CA & AZ in 1934



“Obama Plays Water Guzzling Desert Golf Courses Amid California Drought”

-Time Magazine



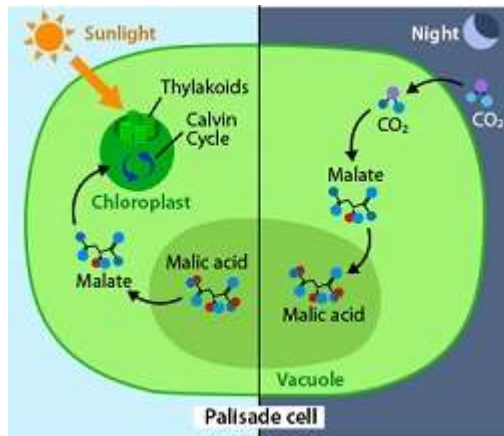




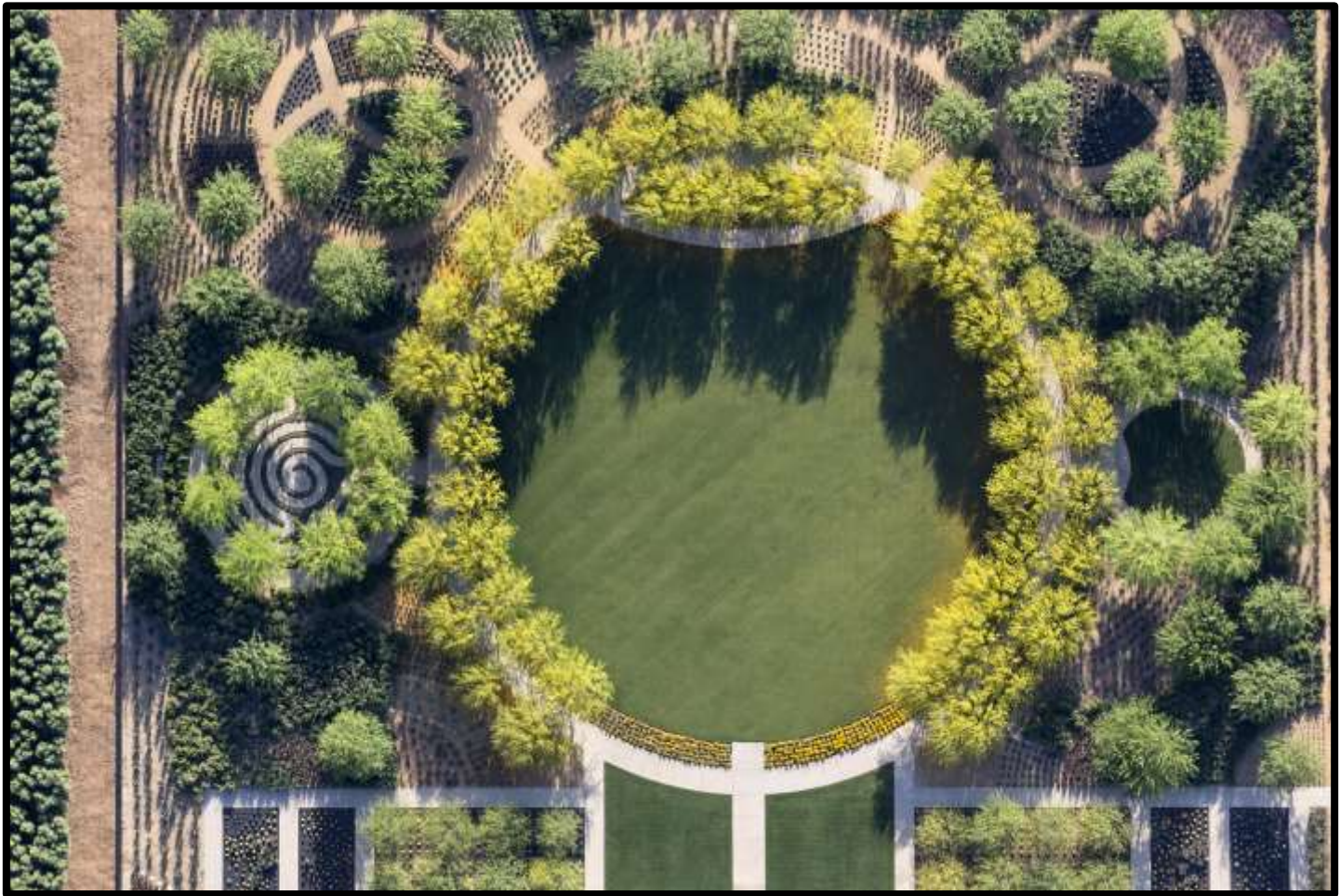


A few words about:

- Succulents and Cacti
- CAM Photosynthesis
- Soil
- Watering Practices



























60 Acres of Turf Reduction

- 32 acres of mulch
- 28 acres of Tall Grass

Challenges

- Brutal Environment
- Nutsedge
- Common Bermudagrass
- Weed Pressure
- Native Blow Sand

Original Tall Grass Mix

- Plantago (Allelopathic Nurse Crop)
- Sideoats Grama
- Purple Three Awn
- Blue Grama
- Idaho Fescue
- Weed Seed



Timeline

- Hydroseeded mix in Fall 2011.
- Hydroseeded warm-season grasses in Spring 2012.
- Continually seed “High-Visibility” areas with Sideoats Grama and Purple Three Awn

Saving Water?



Aesthetically = Success

Water savings is minimal



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