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Drought tolerant guidelines from Linda Gates & Associates

- Limit use of non-living plant material, such as cobble and boulders to less than 10% of total landscape area. These materials should be used as special ornamentation, such as boulder outcrops or dry creek bed.
- Mass shrubs in single species clusters with 3 - 7 shrubs per mass.
- Shrubs should vary in height to create visual interest but generally not exceed 3' - 4' height at maturity.
- Locate larger shrub mass to create special enclosure around planes of low shrubs and groundcover.
- Cluster accent shrubs in focal areas near home entry or street edge.
- Space plants considering ultimate spread, for example kangaroo paw should be planted 30" on center; while Lavender (depending on species) may be planted 3' - 4' apart.
- Consider sightlines from driveways when locating shrubs. Need to be able to see when backing up.