

Build a California-Native Water Feature in Containers

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Water-Feature Checklist

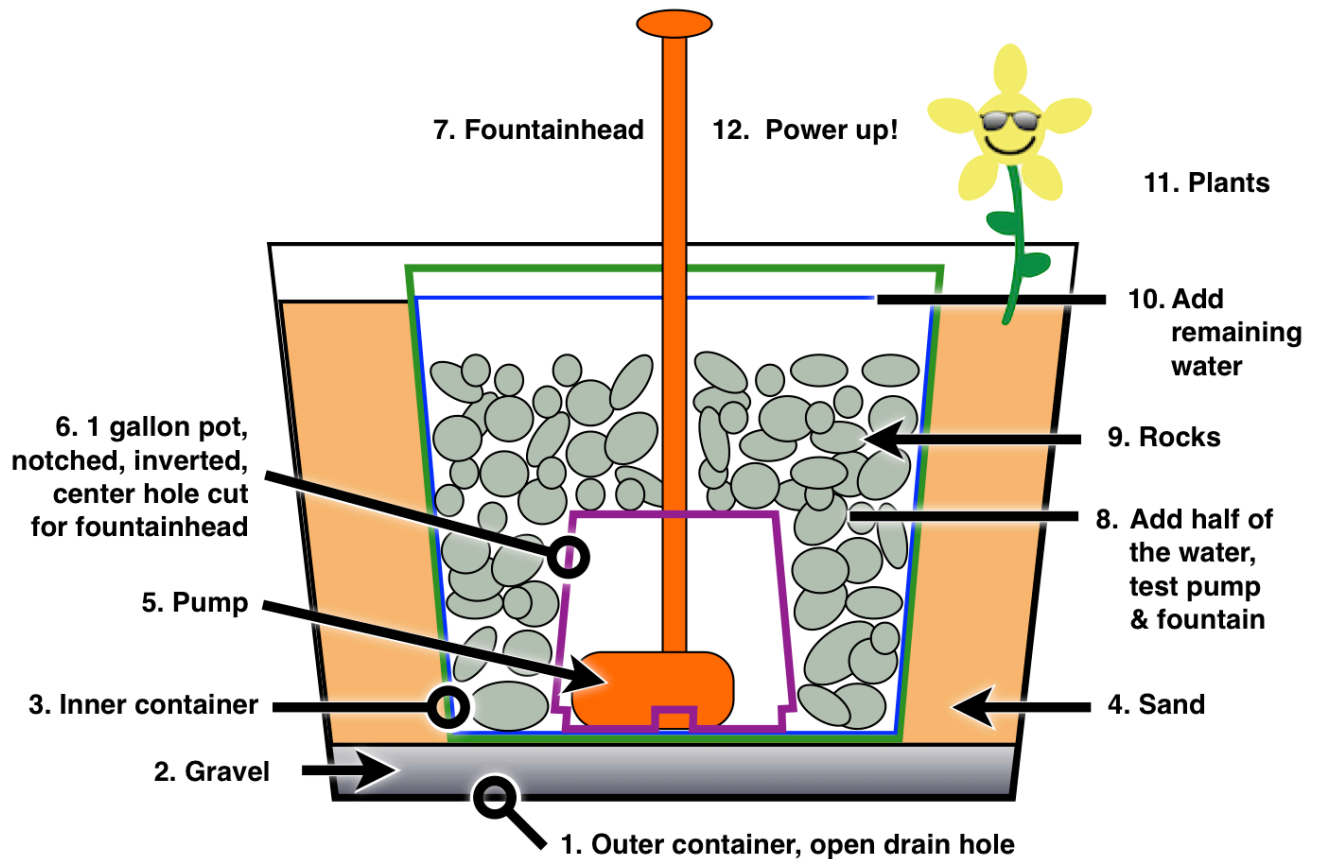
- Inner container
- Outer container
- 1 gallon pot
- Pump & Fountain head
- Rocks or Pebbles
- Gravel & Sand
- Mosquito Dunks

Pump Suppliers

Domestic (AC) powered pumps are easy to find. Most nurseries and home improvement centers, around \$25-30.

Solar-powered pumps are a bit harder to find. Most retail outlets do not stock them, but you can easily buy them online. A search on the web for “Solar Pond Pump” turns up several choices, even more every time I search, and prices have fallen dramatically in recent years as solar panels improve. Here are two California companies.

- **Fountain Mountain** (<http://fountainmountain.com/> & <http://www.cheappumps.com/>)
 - **Small Solar Pump Kit** (model FT-201). 1.5 watt flat solar panel, 6V DC pump, 170 LPH (45 GPH), \$30
 - **Medium-Large Solar Pump Kit** (FT-752). 8 watt flat solar panel, 18V DC pump, 606 LPH (160 GPH), \$80
 - **Solar Pump with Battery** (model FT-203). 1.5 watt solar panel in an artificial rock, with battery backup (inside the rock) so it can continue to run about 8 hours into the night, 6V DC pump, 170 LPH (45 GPH), \$60
- **eSolarLighting** (<http://www.esolarlighting.com>)



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California Native Plants Suitable for Water Features

MAGNOLIIDS

Saururaceae - Lizard's-tail Family

Anemopsis californica - California Lizard's Tail, Yerba Mansa

MONOCOTS

Cyperaceae - Sedge Family

Eleocharis spp. - Spike-rush

Orchidaceae - Orchids

Epipactis gigantea - Stream Orchid

EUDICOTS

Asteraceae - Sunflower Family

Bidens laevis - Smooth Bur-Marigold

Erigeron philadelphicus - Philadelphia Aster

Helenium puberulum - Rosilla

Lasthenia spp. - Goldfields; *Layia platyglossa* - Tidytops

Campanulaceae - Bellflower Family

Lobelia cardinalis - Western Cardinal Flower

Lobelia dunnii var. *serrata* - Rothrock Lobelia

Fabaceae - Pea Family

Lotus heermannii - Woolly Lotus

Lupinus latifolius - Stream Lupine

Lamiaceae - Mint Family

Pycnanthemum californicum - California Mountain Mint

Salvia spathacea - Hummingbird Sage

Stachys spp. - Hedge-nettles (not a real nettle)

Onagraceae - Evening Primrose Family

Camissonia cheiranthifolia - Beach Evening Primrose

Epilobium canum - California Fuchsia

Phrymaceae - Lopseed & Monkeyflower Family

Mimulus cardinalis - Scarlet Monkeyflower

Mimulus guttatus - Stream Monkeyflower

Rosaceae - Rose Family

Horkelia cuneata, *H. truncata* - Horkelia

Potentilla glandulosa - Sticky Cinquefoil

Scrophulariaceae - Figwort Family

Scrophularia californica - California Figwort

Verbenaceae - Verbena Family

Verbena lasiostachys - Western Verbena

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