**Ten Tips for Planting in Arid Climates**

1. Utilize the fall and or spring to maximize soil moisture and provide time for roots to establish before periods of drought. Wetland plugs should be planted in August to allow root establishment before deep freezes as frost heave will push them out of the ground.
2. Arrange for irrigation for first summer or two during sustained heat and drought.
3. Refer to Water needs of plants to determine the general locations at project site for each different species.
4. Take advantage of project site amenities by placing holes in slight depressions to collect water and near woody debris that will provide afternoon shade and protection from prevailing winds.
5. Scrape away grass for at least 2 feet around hole placements.
6. Shade structures or woody debris or rocks can be placed on south and west sides of holes.
7. Make sure holes are deep enough so that the roots hang straight down (no “J-hooks”) and the root crowns are at soil surface or slightly below.
8. Pour water in hole if the soil is not saturated. Let it percolate down.
9. Fill soil in around the root mass to eliminate air pockets before filling up hole.
10. After planting, cover area around plant with wood chips or other biodegradable mulch. If non-degradable mulch is required, have a plan to remove it within a year to allow natural reseeding.