

## Water Quality Team Outreach

January 10, 2008 7:00 PM

### Meeting Meetings

#### Update:

Article in SJC HOA newsletter

Mailed packets containing project information and quick tip cards (Ants, Top Ten, Safe Use & Disposal, How to Hire a Pest Control Service)

Seven homes (four in SJC2, three in LN8) have agreed to participate with this project as demonstration homes. We are still waiting to hear from the last homeowner.

Two demonstration home assessment/interviews have been completed to date. The assessments are being done by walking through the landscape using a checklist (see attached) and taking notes on positive and negative attributes, thus, giving us a better idea of any problem areas that we should be focusing on. As the assessment is being done we will also be interviewing the homeowner to learn of their needs, various garden practices etc.

#### Demonstration Home Consultants:

Volunteers assigned to homes as per attached list. Volunteers still needed.

“Response Log Binder” and “Tool Bag” distributed to consultant teams present that have been assigned to the homes above. Logs sheets will be turned in to Tammy once a month.

Consultants are encouraged to participate in the demonstration home landscape assessments. It is a good way to meet the homeowner and become familiar with the landscape, which will aid in answering landscape problems or questions.

Follow-up visits will need to be schedule to go over recommendations – consultants are strongly urged to participate.

Please keep track of your mileage while making any visits to the demonstration homes. Standard mileage rates will be paid for travel between your home, the demonstration home and back. Please see Tammy for forms.

#### Workshops:

Determine spring dates:

Tentatively - April 5, 2008 – UCCE Demonstration Landscape Open House and Vendor Fair

The group discussed having smaller workshops at the individual demonstration homes for the cul-de-sac (and any other neighbors that would like to attend) focusing on various topics of concern to IPM and water quality such as:

- Treating for Snails and Slugs – least toxic alternatives and where to purchase them.
- Treating for Ants – least toxic alternatives and where to purchase them.
- Fertilizer – What to use and how often.

(These topics can include safe use and disposal of pesticides, demonstrate how to cover landscape drains during application, pesticide alternatives, and proper clean up techniques. All the while explaining why it is important to minimize chemicals from running off our landscapes (contaminants with the potential to endanger human health and wildlife)

- Irrigation – How to schedule your clock and fine tune those sprinkler heads
- Low water use plants – examples, how to care for them, where to purchase, etc.

Everyone is encouraged to give some thought to ideas on topics that fit with our mission of teaching better gardening practices to improve water quality and reduce runoff in urban environments. We will discuss these at our next meeting in February.

Thank you to Helen Magruder who has stepped forward as chair person for this group.

A fact sheet is to be created by Darren and project researchers that will include a brief mission statement along with information explaining the environmental hazards of the various constituents this project is concerned with.

Volunteers will be needed to contact local agencies (water, Integrated Waste Management, Household Hazardous Waste etc.) for participation at our open house event at SCREC. Darren will contact a few vendors from the irrigation industry. If anyone has contacts that you feel would be beneficial to this event please let Helen, Darren or Tammy know.

#### Hotline:

Procedures for handling calls from the treatment neighborhoods (SJC2 and LN8) have been developed and are being worked out with the MG hotline. Karen Ward will be retrieving and tracking all project calls from the hotline ensuring they are forwarded to the proper demonstration home consultant team. Consultants will be responsible for returning the homeowners call and addressing their questions.

#### Chairs:

Work with each group – do they have the support they need? Is their paperwork being filled out and turned in? Do they have the supplies or equipment needed?

Recruit additional volunteers for special events (i.e. open house) if needed.

#### Data Entry:

Survey area stores and products available such as:

- Water-wise/Ca. native plants
- Less toxic pesticides and alternatives
- Products or tools (mulching mower, aerator, Thatcher etc.)

Enter project data and assist with mailings as needed.

Please give thought to ideas for a project newsletter. Please contact Darla Miller if you would be interested in helping with this.

**Next Meeting:**

We will meet monthly to go project updates and progress. Individual work groups may meet separately as needed. Tammy will send out a schedule next week containing future meeting dates.

PLEASE track all of your time while working on this project. It would be appreciated if you send your hours to Tammy monthly with a brief description of activities. Project economists are interested in the amount of time needed and activities involved to conduct neighborhood outreach.

## Demonstration Landscape Home Assessment Checklist

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall health and appearance of landscape	VERY GOOD	GOOD	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED	
Topography	Flat	Sloped		
Direction of front yard	N	S	E	W

**PLANT MATERIAL**

Hydrozoned:	Y	N		
Perennials:	Y	N		
Mulch:	Y	N		
Type: _____				

**TREES**

Type: _____				
Location: _____				
Staked:	Y	N		
Properly Pruned:	Y	N		

**TURF**

Approx. area of coverage: _____				
Healthy:	Y	N		
Type:	Cool Season	Warm Season		
Thatch Build-up:	Y	N		
Compacted:	Y	N		

**IRRIGATION**

Runoff:	Y	N		
Location: _____				
Number of zones: _____				
Broken/Clogged Spray Heads:	Y	N		
Location: _____				
Overspray:	Y	N		
Uniformity:	Y	N		
Irrigation Clock/Controller:	Y	N		
Type: _____				
Schedule: _____				
Seasonally Adjusted:	Y	N		

**PERMEABLE SURFACES**

Location: _____	Y	N		
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**DOWN SPOUT**

Location: _____	Y	N		
Gutters:	Y	N		

**LANDSCAPE DRAINS**

Visible:	Y	N		
Location and size: _____				
Condition:	CLEAR	SLUGGISH	BLOCKED	
Cored Curb:	Y	N		
Algae Present:	Y	N		

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# DEMONSTRATION HOME INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDENER Y N

May we contact: Y N

Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**LANDSCAPE**

Considering landscape changes? Y N

If yes, what changes? When? \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to add/remove to include water efficient vegetation? Y N

Irrigation system changes? Y N

If yes, what changes? When? \_\_\_\_\_

Hardscape changes? Y N

If yes, what changes? When? \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FERTILIZER APPLICATION**

Do you use fertilizers? SELF GARDENER

Frequency of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

What type of product? Organic Fast-Release Slow-Release Fertilizer/Insecticide Fertilizer/Weed

Where do you use fertilizer products? Turf Shrubs Trees Combination Combination

**PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

Applicator SELF SERVICE GARDENER

Name of service (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of Service : \_\_\_\_\_

Product Used: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your service? Yes No

Do you have ant problems? Yes No

How do you treat for them? Self Pest Control

How often do you treat? Spot 1-3 months 6 months

What type of products are used?

Are you satisfied with the course of treatment? Yes No

Have you tried less toxic alternatives? Yes No

If so, what?

Do you have other pest problems? Insects Weeds Pathogens Slugs and Snails Aphids

Do you treat for turf insects? Yes No

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you treat for weeds in turf? Yes No

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you treat for aphids on roses or other plants? Yes No

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you treat for snails and slugs? Yes No

Method: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of information would be most useful for you personally?

\_\_\_\_\_

Your neighbors?

\_\_\_\_\_

What type of workshops or demonstrations do you feel would interest the neighborhood?

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Is there a neighborhood gardening club?

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What nurseries/garden centers do you frequent most often?

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Notes:

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DEMONSTRATION HOME CONSULTANTS:

San Juan Capistrano 2 (SJC2)

CODE: SJC151-28      28782 VIA LOS ARBOLES

- Sharon Hollingdrake
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CODE: SJC161-48      28922 VIA BUENA VISTA

- Sharon Hollingdrake
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CODE: SJC141-01      28692 PASEO BAHIA

- Jim Conklin
- Barbara Conklin

CODE: SJC141-08      28701 PASEO BAHIA

- Jim Conklin
- Barbara Conklin

LAGUNA NIGUEL 8 (LN8)

CODE: L8531-15      8 CHANTONNAY

- Alice Houseworth
- Sam Chien
- Bev Krassner-Bulas

CODE: L8551-13      8 DENIA

- Alice Houseworth
- Sam Chien
- Bev Krassner-Bulas

CODE: L8471-13      26 MIKRO

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CODE: TBD

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