

Water Quality Team Outreach Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2008 6:00 PM

SCREC Conference Room

Attended by: Darren Haver, Tammy Majcherek, Isabel Barkman, Sam Chien, Alan Fitzgibbon, Carolyn Jensen, Myrna Liepold, Bill Magruder, Helen Magruder, Fred Tarnay, Georgia Thieben, and Norma Yarbrough

Announcements

Volunteer Hours

- Please send your hours worked to Tammy – thank you to those who have already done so. Don't forget to also post them on the VMS. The hours are collected to assist researchers with tabulating costs related to outreach.

Action Item:

Send your hours and mileage to Tammy at the beginning of every month.

Program Website

- The program website has been updated to include public friendly areas such as locating back issues of the *Clippings* newsletter, viewing photo albums of the various outreach events and other information that may be of interest. <http://groups.ucanr.org/pin51volunteers/>

Project Survey

- The follow-up survey has been mailed to the residents of all four sites (control and treatment). If you recall, the first survey was sent out to residents before we started doing outreach. The survey provided project researchers with valuable information such as the level of awareness pertaining to project related topics. This second survey will allow researchers to compare the two for any changes in awareness.

Project Extension

- Darren announced that an extension has been filed with the State Water Resources Control Board for one more year to allow for additional water sampling and to provide adequate time to write and prepare reports. There is the possibility of continuing selected outreach through September 2009. More details to follow once the extension has been granted.

Next Meeting

- The next monthly Water Quality Team meeting will be held on October 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the SCREC conference room.
Be sure to keep an eye out for program emails.

Demonstration Home Consultants

- **O.C. Coastkeeper L.I.D. Program**

- Potential financial assistance for residents willing to install suggested BMP's.

Action Item:

Consultants to pass on the project information and website www.coastkeeper.com to the demonstration homeowners for their review.

Action Item:

Tammy will send Darla an article for the newsletter so that all treatment site residents have the opportunity to participate in the OC Coastkeeper project.

- **Resident Contact**

- Continue contacting demonstration home residents every month; be sure to log your information (good or bad) on the contact data log.

- Turn in monthly contact logs every month to Tammy.

Action Item:

Log all contact and contact attempts made to residents. Turn log sheets into Tammy.

Workshops

Fall Workshops – ‘Preparing Your Landscape for Wet Weather’

- October 4, 2008 SJC2 Workshop to be held from 9am to 12pm in the greenbelt located at the end of Via Los Arboles.
 - Tables will be set up to provide information on irrigation, pesticides and fertilizers, low impact plants, etc. focusing on activities such as controller/clock adjustment, checking the weather before applying chemicals; proper chemical clean-up; planting natives, bulbs and other perennials; mulching to prevent erosion and weed growth, etc.
 - Volunteers needed to man tables and assist homeowners.

Action Item:

Tammy will send out event directions and gate code to assisting team members.

- November 8, 2008 LN8 Workshop to be held from 9am to 12pm – Parc Vista Overlook (PENDING).
 - Tables will be set up to provide information on irrigation, pesticides and fertilizers, low impact plants, etc. focusing on activities such as controller/clock adjustment, checking the weather before applying chemicals; proper chemical clean-up; planting natives, bulbs and other perennials; mulching to prevent erosion and weed growth, etc.
 - Volunteers needed to man tables and assist homeowners.

Action Item:

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Tammy if you are available to assist with manning information tables.

“Cul-de-Sac” demonstrations

- Irrigation Demonstration held on July 12th, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano.
 - Presentation given by Fred Tarnay
 - Attended by 10 neighborhood residents.
 - Format very well received by residents, one email regarding installing new clock and weather station as a result of the demonstration.

Newsletter

Updates

- The August/September issue has been mailed to the residents within the treatment sites and posted to the program website. Tammy showed how the project logo has been printed on either the envelope or the return label to help identify our mail upon arrival.
- Contributing newsletter articles written by Darla Miller, Darren Haver, Myrna Liepold, and Carol Goad.
- Articles, any length, are needed for the next newsletters. Anyone may contribute as long as they are projected related topics or events. Good sources are local water agency websites, magazines, newspapers, Quick Tip cards and countless others. No plagiarism please.

ACTION ITEM:

If you would like to submit articles for the next newsletter, please do so by September 15th, 2008. Darla’s email address is darla.miller@earthlink.com