

An Environmental Affair

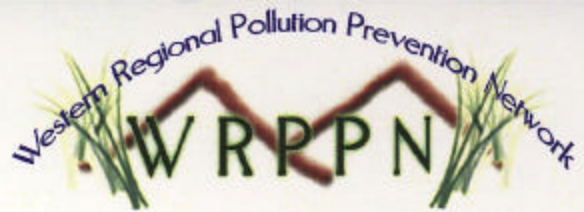
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The City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Department was established in 1990 to advise the city on environmental issues and provide a centralized source of environmental information. The Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, workers and visitors in the City of Los Angeles.

WRPPN Annual P2 Conference

Near North Lake Tahoe, the Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network (WRPPN) recently held its annual pollution prevention (P2) conference. WRPPN is a strategic alliance involving local, state, federal and tribal pollution prevention (P2) programs throughout EPA Region 9 (which includes the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, the Tribal Lands and the Trust Territories of Guam and American Samoa). The serene and rustic location provided an inspirational reminder to P2 professionals who attended the conference on what they are trying to protect—our natural resources.



Since the passing of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, P2 has been the national approach to environmental protection. Source reduction (or other practices which reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water or other resources) is the preferred method of preventing pollution, followed by recycling, treatment, and, as a last resort, disposal. The usage of P2 benefits include economic advantages through savings in material and supply costs, reduction or elimination of waste disposal fees and treatment costs, improved compliance with regulations, improved employee safety and morale, and a cleaner environment.

This year's conference provided P2 professionals the latest information on upcoming local, state, and federal environmental P2 initiatives as well as a way to network with the environmental leaders and innovators of today. Guest speakers included Glen Robinson, Acting Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, Tom Porta, Deputy Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and Wayne Nastri, Administrator of EPA Region 9.

"Green products" or "environmentally preferred products" were on display, including 100% biodegradable and compostable food containers such as clear beverage cups made from corn starch and reusable cups, plates and bowls made out of sugarcane fiber or a combination of bamboo, tapioca and water. The products will decompose within 28 days under the proper composting conditions. Another manufacturer displayed bio-based lubricants aimed at replacing every petrochemical-based lubricant currently used in vehicles today. For more information on the Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network (WRPPN) and the conference, visit www.wrppn.org.

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Carpool to School with Metro School Pool

Are parents at your school dealing with too much stress trying to get their kids to school on time? Is traffic around your campus getting out of control in the mornings, causing traffic and safety issues? Metro has created a solution to alleviate your school's traffic congestion problem and reduce parental stress.

At no additional cost to your school or parents, Metro School Pool matches parents who are interested in carpooling with other parents who have kids attending the same school.

It's simple and easy to get started. Once your school is enrolled in Metro School Pool, interested parents can find carpool partners. All they need to do is sign up and they will receive a list of phone numbers of other parents who are interested. Parents then call one another and determine if they want to start a carpool by discussing the students' schedules, driving responsibilities, etc. This program is designed to provide parents with the resources they need to make life just a little bit easier. It is completely voluntary and there are no obligations.

As a bonus, schools that join now are eligible to earn valuable rewards. To enroll your school in Metro School Pool, call Metro Commute Services at (213) 922-2811.

Proposed Exposition Light Rail Transit Project Community Open Houses

The Exposition Light Rail Transit Project, which would operate from downtown Los Angeles to Venice/Robertson Boulevards in Culver City, will use local funding instead of federal New Starts funding, thereby keeping the project on an accelerated schedule for a June 2010 completion. The Exposition Light Rail Line will be approximately nine miles in length and will share common track and two stations (7th St. /Metro Center and Pico/Chick Hearn) with the Metro Blue Line as it leaves downtown Los Angeles. Just south of downtown the line will proceed west on the Metro-owned right-of-way on Exposition Boulevard, which parallels the heavily congested I-10 Freeway, with a terminus at Venice/Robertson. Approximately eight new stations will be constructed between downtown Los Angeles and Culver City. A future second phase would extend the Exposition line to the City of Santa Monica.



Community Open Houses about the proposed Exposition Light Rail will take place at the following locations:

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005 (5-8 p.m.)
Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4117 Overland Ave.
Culver City

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 (5-8 p.m.)
West Los Angeles Church
3045 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005 (5-8 p.m.)
Exposition Park
(Muses Room in the Wallis Annenberg Building)
700 State Drive
Los Angeles

Prop O Project Workshops

The City of Los Angeles Proposition O Citizens Oversight Advisory Committee and the Department of Public Works are encouraging nonprofit and community organizations to submit their ideas for projects that improve water quality. If the project is approved by the City of Los Angeles, the Department of Public Works will design and build it with Prop O funds approved by voters last year.

Project workshops will be held throughout the metropolitan area in November, the first of which is on Wednesday, the 9th, from 7-9 p.m., at the Rancho Park/Palms Library. For more information on project workshops, the RFP, and to download an application and guidelines, visit the City of Los Angeles Stormwater Program RFP website at www.lacity.org/SAN/wpd/WPD/general/measure_o/about.htm or call the Watershed Protection Division at (323) 342-1501. **Applications are due by 2 pm on December 16, 2005.**

Backbone Trail Celebration November 5th

Interested in hiking the Backbone Trail? Join the National Park Service (NPS) for this informal event featuring the latest Backbone Trail information and handouts from NPS, Sierra Club, Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council and other groups associated with the Backbone Trail.

Meet and mix with others who have hiked the trail, potential trail hikers and those who are just interested in the challenge. Bring your lunch for a noon picnic afterwards at the site. The event takes place at Peter Strauss Ranch, located in Agoura Hills on November 5, 2005, at 10 am.



For directions to Peter Strauss Ranch, call (805) 370-2301, or visit <http://www.nps.gov/samo/pphtml/maps.html>. Meet in the patio area beside the ranch house.

Community to Business Pollution Prevention Funding Program (CBP2) Request for Proposals are Available

The Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) also is announcing the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) from local, non-profit community organizations and educational institutions in response to the new Community to Business Pollution Prevention Funding Program (CBP2). Awards will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The CBP2 Funding Program is being initiated this year to support community-based projects that raise local businesses awareness, understanding, and implementation of pollution prevention policies and practices. Any non-profit community/environmental organization or educational institution within the City of Los Angeles can apply.

The CBP2 Program will fund proposals aimed at businesses within the City of Los Angeles and can include such projects as training workshops, roundtables, survey maps, pollutant profiles, videos, brochures, and collection programs. The CBP2 Program is designed to encourage the development of unique pollution prevention partnerships among many diverse groups and will give funding priority to collaborative efforts that best address pollution prevention and reduction of hazardous and toxic materials at local businesses.

The CBP2 Program is particularly interested in projects that promote pollution prevention on a community-wide basis through team-based policy and planning. **The deadline for proposals is December 1, 2005.** For more information, contact Karin Christie at (213) 978-0875 or George Payba at (213) 978-0884, and visit www.lacity.org/ead for more details.

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Visit <http://www.lacity.org/ead> for more grant opportunities.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Small Grants sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

NAWCA and matching funds may only be used for wetlands acquisition, establishment, enhancement, and/or restoration; they may not be used for signage, displays or other educational materials, programs, or equipment, even though the goal of the project may ultimately be to support wetland conservation education curricula. Projects oriented toward education are not ordinarily eligible for NAWCA funding because education is not a primary purpose of the



Act. The objective of these grants is to promote long-term wetlands conservation activities by encouraging participation by new grantees and partners who otherwise may not be able to compete in the Standard Grants program. The anticipated magnitude of wetlands and wildlife resources benefits that will result from project execution are important factors to be considered in proposal evaluation, as may be reflected in whether or not the Small Grants project is part of another or broader initiative. For 2006, with the approval of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, \$2 million for Small Grants has been established as the funding goal for high quality proposals. To be considered for funding in 2006, proposals must have a grant request no greater than \$50,000. For more information, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (703) 358-1784, or visit the grant's webpage at www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/USsmallgrants.html. The due date for applications is **December 3, 2005**.

Shell Science Teaching Award The Shell Oil Company annually recognizes one K-12 science teacher from a public or private school. The award is given to a teacher who has had a positive impact on his or her students, school and community, through outstanding science teaching. The winner is awarded \$10,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to the National Science Teachers Association national convention. For more information visit

<http://email.e-mailnetworks.com/ct/ct.php?t=1042230&c=577459434&m=m&type=3>.

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, November 15, 2005**.

Arbor Day Poster Contest A free curriculum kit explaining how to conduct the annual Arbor Day poster contest is now available. This contest activity is open to all California fifth grade children assisted by their teachers, parents, or youth or club leaders. The kit contains suggestions for activities and projects that will increase student awareness and appreciation of the importance of trees and conservation of forests. The contest theme for 2006 is "Trees are Terrific...in All Shapes and Sizes." These activities are correlated to California's science standards! To request a kit, contact Kay Antunez, contest coordinator, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at (916) 653-7958 or Kay.Antunez@fire.ca.gov. To find out more about Arbor Day, log on to The National Arbor Day Foundation website at <http://www.arborday.org/>. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, March 1, 2006**.



Young Naturalist Awards The American Museum of Natural History presents a research-based essay contest for students to promote participation and communication in science. The Young Naturalist Awards program invites students to plan and conduct their own scientific expedition that will provide questions, data, observations and conclusions on a topic in the field of biology, Earth science or astronomy. You do not have to travel far from home. You can take your expedition to a park, a lake, stream, beach, backyard or through the lens of a telescope as you look at the planets and stars. For more information, visit <http://www.amnh.org/youngnaturalistawards>, email yna@amnh.org or call (212) 496-3498. Grade: 7-12. Application deadline is **Friday, January 6, 2006**.

Target All-Around Scholarship Program High school seniors and college students age 24 and younger are eligible. The Target All-Around Scholarship Program is unique, as it recognizes volunteer work as well as academic achievement. Target is proud to be able to thank and reward any student who makes the grade at such a high level in the community. For more information, visit http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/scholarships.jhtml.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EACH MONTH:

(EAD recommends contacting event sponsor prior to event)



IMAX Theater Presents Wild Safari 3D: A South African Adventure

Join the search for the "Big Five" animals of the African grasslands—the elephant, the Cape buffalo, the rhino, the leopard and the lion. Once considered the most dangerous animals in Africa, they are among the most spectacular and exciting animals on the planet. *Wild Safari 3D* puts you in the passenger seat of a South African Safari vehicle using the most advanced live-action 3D cinematography available today. South African zoologist Liesl Eichenberger is your guide, presenting important information about each animal and their habitats. The drama unfolds as if you are actually there in the jeep — unaware of what you will find over the next hill or around the next turn. Charging elephants, hungry lions, elusive leopards are all part of the adventure as you experience the plight of creatures and their resurgence from the brink of extinction. Call the IMAX Theater at (213) 744-7400 for show times, or visit <http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Imax/Features/Features.php>.

The IMAX Theater is located in Exposition Park at 700 State Drive in Los Angeles.



California Science Center Special Small Exhibit "Stem Cells and You" is featured at the Science Center from through January 2, 2006.

The exhibit addresses the questions of "What is a stem cell?", "Stem Cells in Medicine" and "Why study stem cells?". Free with admission. For more information, visit the California Science Center's website at www.californiasciencecenter.org or call (323) SCIENCE. The California Science Center is located in Exposition Park, at 700 State Drive in Los Angeles.

Children's Nature Institute (CNI) Family Walks

CNI docents will lead families with babies, toddlers and children up to eight-years old on exciting educational outdoor adventures. Walks are two hours

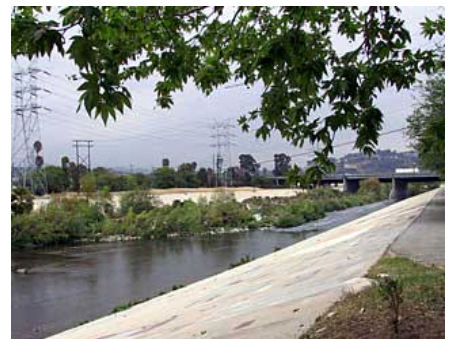


long with many fun and educational activities. Children will search for animal homes and hideaways, listen for animal activity, mimic the sounds of nature, sing songs, smell and touch plants, learn how to treat plants and animals respectfully, learn about colors, shapes and sizes in nature and more. Family Nature Walks are scheduled on weekdays and weekends at over 40 kid-safe sites in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties year-round. Many sites are stroller accessible.

The EAD website, located at www.lacity.org/EAD, contains updated information on this month's events. To ensure your event is included in our monthly newsletter, submit information to the editor by the 10th of each month prior to publication. After the 10th, events can be entered into our website calendar only.

The EAD reserves the right to edit all submittals and does not necessarily endorse the events listed. All events are subject to change, so call listed event contacts to verify information.

Reservations are required. Suggested donation is \$7 per family with discounts for members. For more information on walk schedules and locations, contact CNI at (310) 860-9484, or visit their website at www.childrensnatureinstitute.org.



Down-by-the-River Walks

Friends of the Los Angeles River and the Sierra Club are sponsoring monthly walks along the banks of the LA River. Join them at 4:30 pm on the third Sunday of each month for an informal, leisurely, hour-long walk. The walk is canceled if it rains. For more information, visit the FoLAR website, www.folar.org, or call FoLAR at (323) 223-0585.

THIS MONTH: (continued)

All Month Long

Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

Downtown Los Angeles' Pershing Square will host this holiday season's premier outdoor ice rink. This 50' x 90' attraction will serve as a recreational activity for children and adults to enjoy. Skating runs from **November 17 through January 16, 2006**, Mondays through Thursdays, noon to 9 pm, and Fridays through Sundays, 10 am to 10 pm. The holiday fun takes place at Pershing Square, 532 S. Olive Street, Downtown Los Angeles, \$9 per hour. For more information, contact the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. (888) LA PARKS (527-2757), or visit www.laparks.org.



Reindeer Romp Santa's Reindeer fly into the L.A. Zoo for Thanksgiving and stay until after the New Year. Kids of all ages can get up close to these beautiful creatures, talk to zookeepers, and make their own antlers and holiday crafts. Santa and friends will be available for souvenir photos and guests can ride the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo train. The Reindeer Romp takes place from **November 24 to January 1, 2006**, from 10 am to 4 pm. The Los Angeles Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles. Free with paid admission: \$9 Adults, \$4 Children (2-12). For



more information, call (323) 644-4200.

Weekend Tidepool Walks at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA)

CMA Education staff will conduct tours of the Point Fermin Marine Life Refuge during weekend low tides. Attend an informative slide show in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, then come along on a naturalist-led ramble on the rocks. Life ranging from simple sea anemones to mussels, sea stars, crabs and tidepool fishes are revealed. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised. Fee: \$1. Reservations required for groups. Contact the Aquarium for more information at (310) 548-7562, or visit www.cabrilloaq.org. The Aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen White Drive in San Pedro.



Tues, Nov 8

Election Day Go out and Vote!



Sun, Nov 13

2nd Sunday Science at Madrona Marsh

Tongva Indians once lived from Topanga Canyon through Aliso Creek in Laguna Beach. Linda Gonzales presents their fascinating history and sings their songs. The event takes place from 2 pm to 4 pm



Calendar at Madrona Marsh Nature Center, located at 3201 Plaza del Amo in Torrance. \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Contact the Nature Center at (310) 782-3989 for more information.

Thurs, Nov 17

Use Less Stuff Day...(the Thursday before Thanksgiving) inaugurates the high-waste holiday season. During the five weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, Americans produce an extra one million tons of trash per week, compared to any other time of the year. Although recycling gets a lot of attention, and although its importance cannot be understated, reducing waste in the first place is still the number one priority in the war on waste. (Remember that "reduce" is the first R in the EPA slogan, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!").

Sat, Nov 19

Harvest Food Festival The Harambee Farmers' Market presents its fourth annual festival to showcase African and African-American cuisine, cooking, food preservation, and entertainment. Visitors can enjoy the market while shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables, African clothing, handcrafted jewelry, and other accessories. November 19, 10 am to 4 pm. The festival takes place at 5730 Crenshaw Blvd. in Los Angeles. Free. Sponsored by the African Firefighters in Benevolent Association. For more information, call the Association at (323) 292-5550.

Mayoral Staff for Energy and Environment

EAD would like to welcome three Mayoral Staff for Energy and the Environment: Nancy Sutley, Kecia Washington, and Romel Pascual. Nancy Sutley is the City of Los Angeles Deputy Mayor for issues dealing with energy and the environment. Ms. Sutley has extensive experience in environmental public policy at the federal and state levels, where she demonstrated an effective management record in complex environmental and program issues with diverse audiences.

She served on the California State Water Resources Control Board where she was confirmed by the California State Senate in 2003. Ms. Sutley oversaw the allocation and adjudication of water rights for public benefit and the protection of natural resources. From 2002 to 2003, Ms. Sutley served as Governor Gray Davis' Energy Advisor, a position in which she managed state and federal regulatory, legislative, financial and press matters. In the Davis Administration, she also served as the Deputy Secretary for Policy and Intergovernmental Relations within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA). As a senior level appointee for Cal/EPA, she advised on water and air pollution policy, lobbied federal agencies and Congress, and established budget and legislative priorities.

During President Clinton's administration, Ms. Sutley served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 9 in San Francisco, and as Special Assistant to the Administrator at the EPA in Washington, DC. Ms. Sutley received her Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and her undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

Working with Nancy Sutley is Kecia M. Washington, Associate Director of Energy. A graduate of Cal Berkeley and UCLA School of Law, Ms. Washington has 15 years experience providing legislative, policy, and regulatory guidance for public and regulated entities in the education, energy, and transportation arenas. She is married with three children ranging in age from 10 years to 9 months. She also has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club and served on the Chula Vista Housing Commission.

The Associate Director for Environment is Romel Pascual. Romel's involvement with environmental issues began in community organizations and grassroots leadership. He has over a decade of experience in the environmental and environmental justice fields. Prior to joining the Mayor's Office, Romel managed the environmental justice program for EPA, Region 9. His work focused on national environmental policy and program development and implementation as it relates to environmental justice.

From 2001-2004, Romel was the first Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice for Cal/EPA. In that capacity, Romel led the Agency efforts in developing the state's first environmental justice program. Between 1999-2004, the State of California passed 10 pieces of environmental justice legislation.

Romel also worked with the Urban Habitat Program, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco whose focus is to build multicultural urban environmental leadership. He was the Project Coordinator of the Brownfields Leadership and Community Revitalization Project. He also was a research planner with the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) where he conducted research on the impacts of environmental pollution on communities. He has a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA, and Masters in City and Regional Planning from UC Berkeley.

Staff Change at EAD

Tonya Taylor, Environmental Specialist II in the Air Quality Division, has accepted a promotion to Industrial Hygienist with the Department of Water and Power. Tonya's background is in public health and has been a valuable technical resource to the Environmental Affairs Department. Her contributions to the EAD team will be missed, but we wish her great success in her new position. Congratulations Tonya!



HOTLINE CONNECTION

The Environmental Information Center (EIC) serves as a referral source to the community. Our hotline connection offers a list of the most frequently requested numbers. If the number you need is not listed, please contact the EIC at **(213) 978-0888**. You can also visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/ead> and click on *Environmental Information Center*.

Air Quality

Calidad del aire
South Coast Air Quality Management District
(800) 288-7664

Asbestos

Asbestos
Environmental Hygiene
(626) 430-5100

Bulky Item Pick-up

Recogida de articulos grandes
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 773-2489

Hazardous Waste/e-Waste

Desembolso de materiales peligrosos
L.A. County Dept. of Public Works
(888) 253-2652
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation
(800) 988-6942

Housing and Building Complaints

Las quejas del construccion y albergar
Housing Code Enforcement
(213) 367-9411

Illegal Storm Drain Dumping

Depositos en los drenajes de desagües
Stormwater Management
(800) 974-9794

Indoor Air or Mold Concerns

Aire interior ó preocupaciones de moho
Environmental Hygiene
(626) 430-5440

Lead Poisoning

Veneno del plomo
National Lead Information Center
(800) 424-5323

Leaf Blowers

Sopladores de hojas
Leaf Blower Complaint Line
(800) 996-2489

Mosquitoes

Infestaciones de mosquitos
L.A. West Mosquito Abatement
(310) 915-7370

Recycling

Reciclaje
City of L.A. Public Works Dept.
(800) 773-2489

Smoking Violations

Infracciones de fumar
Office of the City Attorney
(888) 333-0730

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