

Samples of Community Partnering Program Sponsorships 2006/2007

Algalita Marine Research Foundation

Watershed Wonders: Coastal Wetlands and the Journey of the Fluke

Funds co-published this 30-page grade K-5 activity guide within an environmental education program that includes strong watershed education protection messages. The goal of the program is to help elementary students understand the importance of wetlands and watersheds for clean ocean water, and to learn what each of them can do individually to help. The guide includes case histories and lessons about wetlands, watersheds and groundwater conservation.

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

"Eaton's Water Film"

Co-sponsored a water education film event to bring alive local water history. Distributed the film to Pasadena Unified School District schools; the film provides appropriate web links for follow-up discussion.

City of Whittier

Citrus Station Historic Exhibit

Co-sponsored a historic exhibit describing how the area's water resources played a vital role in the region's early development. The permanent, outdoor exhibit is open year-round. It features plantings, interpretive signage, and interactive exhibits that reflect the area's rich agriculture heritage. It explains how water, from the San Gabriel River and from wells near the river, influenced the area's development. The exhibit is part of the Whittier Greenway Trail, a five-mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway using an old railroad right-of-way.

Cucamonga Valley Water District

Student Environmental Festival

In keeping with the mission to promote water conservation, the funds sponsor more than 1,000 fifth-graders in the Rancho Cucamonga area to enjoy a children's environmental educational theater program and participate in a variety of challenging water resources activities such as the "Water Whiz" game.

Economic Education Foundation of San Diego

Economics of Water and the Environment

Supported a one-day teacher workshop targeted for grades 7 - 12 instructors who lead classes in economics, current events, debate, science, law and civics. Discussion topics: incentives, opportunity costs, the characteristics of property rights and law, marginal costs/benefits, and public choice. Other co-sponsors were the Political Economy Research Center, the Foundation for Teaching Economics, and the San Diego County Office of Education and the San Diego Center for Economic Education.

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Water Fair

In partnership with local water agencies, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency provided a regional Water Fair on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 in Montclair. This community outreach event promoted water conservation by showcasing programs, appliances and devices and available financial incentives. The fair had four main exhibits: Saving Water Indoors; Saving Water Outdoors; Saving Water in Business; and The Kids Zone which includes water related activities and crafts.

Local Government Commission

Smart Growth Conference

Co-sponsored the 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference held in Los Angeles on February 8, 2007. LGC has developed a set of water principles that address community design, natural resources protection, conservation, water reuse and recycling, and implementation strategies that include public involvement and multi-multi-jurisdictional collaboration. A guidebook being developed by the LGC will help local governments when making decisions on local land use and water resources.

Los Angeles Audubon Society

Baldwin Hills Native Plant & Wildlife Garden Education Program

An elementary education program was co-sponsored for some 2,000 local students to learn which Southern California native plants and trees are best suited to the area's coastal chaparral climate, how natives conserve water and why to keep our environment clean. Students met at the Kenneth Hahn Recreation area of the Baldwin Hills Native Plant and Wildlife Garden.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Stewards

Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve Interpretive Trail signage

Sponsored five watershed education / native plant storyboards and ten native plant identification signs along the trails adjacent to the Long Beach Marine Stadium. The storyboards in the five-acre reserve serve as the educational backdrop for field trips by Long Beach Unified School District students and California State University Long Beach biology / environmental science / geography students. Promotes the California Friendly™ landscape campaign, watershed education, groundwater protection, and non-point source pollution.

Manzanita Elementary School

SHRUBs—Students Helping Restore Urban Biomes

In cooperation with the National Park Service, sponsorship funds assisted in curriculum development for the watershed education element of this Ventura County outdoor classroom program in the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area. Park rangers teach Newbury Park fifth-grade students how a native plant restoration nursery works, from gathering the seeds to planting, repotting, transplanting, and final planting in a restoration area which previously had invasive plant species.

Orange County Coastkeeper

Santiago Canyon College garden literature

Complements a prior-year Metropolitan Water District City Makeover grant for this 2.5-acre heritage garden in Orange. The California Friendly™ landscape campaign color-coded literature promotes three interrelated subjects; natural history, water, and home landscaping while highlighting the six native habitats on display at the garden.

Newport Harbor Nautical Museum

Partnership for Clean Water

Co-sponsored a 10-hour course aligned with the California science standards for fifth-grade classes in the Newport Mesa Unified School District. Classroom instruction is accompanied by watershed water quality test activities, water cycle information and material to answer the upstream question, “What is non-point source pollution?”

San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy

“Wildflower of the San Gabriel Mountains”

Supports the first printing of the specialty book that includes California Friendly™ campaign resource pages highlighting local native plant nurseries.