

Waste Meeting Agenda

Sustainable Concepts: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle / Close the Loop / Consume Less

10 minutes

Welcome/Attendance/Announcements

Please announce the following:

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

SUSTAINABLE WORKS Blogger Beach Clean-up

October 24, 2009

Santa Monica Beach at Ocean Park, between lifeguard stations 26 and 27

Meet at 4 pm; cleanup begins 4:20 pm; more fun ensues 4:40 until ?

Sustainable Works has just partnered with Siel of green LA girl and Sara Bayles of The Daily Ocean for the Blogger Beach Cleanup. We will clean the beach for 20 minutes, then mingle and mix with like-minded green Angelenos over drinks and yummys while plotting out a plan for our sustainable future.

All you need to do is show up, ready to pick up trash. You'll clean the beach - but only for 20 minutes (why only 20 minutes? Learn more about [The Daily Ocean's project](#)).

After that, you'll hear very brief invitations from local nonprofits for the next event that lets YOU make a difference in this whole big problem of climate change you've been hearing so much about.

Then you'll get to chill out, drink, and eat with your new friends while waxing lyrical about pristine beaches, clean waters, local craft beer....

350 FOR A SAFE CLIMATE FUTURE

OCTOBER 24, 2009

3 PM - MANHATTAN BEACH PIER

Join the Amazing Waving Human Tide Line

Climate change is already happening and now puts our children's' future at great risk. We must reduce the CO2 in our atmosphere to 350 ppm to avoid the worst impacts to their health, safety & quality of life. We can do it if we wake up and start today. Bring your family and friends & be part of the Amazing Waving Human Tide Line. Let our leaders know we need serious climate action now.

LEARN MORE AND RSVP TO BE PART OF CLIMATE HISTORY:

www.350.org/Southbay350

Santa Monica College Environmental & Urban Issues Lecture Series

All programs start at **6:30pm** on **Wednesday nights** at the [Bundy Campus](#) and last at least one hour, plus a question and answer session.

October 21, Bundy 123: Introduction to Permaculture Design

Traci Reitz and Westside Permaculture Group show us the basics of ecologically inspired design and how to create sustainable human habitats for our communities with an emphasis on local food production.

A Climate Change Call to Action

Book Signing with Environmental Writer Tim Flannery

In 'Now or Never' Tim Flannery, the internationally acclaimed author of 'The Weather Makers' returns to the subject of climate change. The Australian author's new book is a forceful call to action and a deeply pragmatic road map toward sustainability.

Friday, October 23rd

Lecture at 6:30 pm followed by book signing

Efficiency First Workshop

See Flyer

GARDEN PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY, A NEW AND EXCITING SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PROJECT

Do you enjoy fresh vegetables but don't have the time or expertise to grow them? Are you a Santa Monica home/property owner with a small area in your

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front or back yard that you are willing to share with an experienced gardener? Consider signing up for the City's new GARDEN PARTNERSHIP REGISTRY. It's simple... home/property owners provide the land and the water and the gardeners do the work. Together, you share the crop!

The City maintains a registry of homeowners and potential gardeners based on information provided on the applications. The homeowner then selects a gardener from the registry and together the homeowner and gardener determine the specific arrangements that will work best for both parties.

For more information visit

http://www01.smgov.net/comm_progs/gardens/index.htm

or call (310)458-8573.

Dr. Sean Anderson "After the Rivers Run Dry: Lessons from Phased Ecological Restoration Experiments - from California Salt Marshes to Anatolian Steppes and Points in Between"

Tuesday, 11/3/2009

Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Resource Management at CSU Channel Islands will discuss the results of efforts to restore damaged ecological systems.

Free. Location: SCI 140, 11:15 AM

RAIN BARREL & CISTERN SALES EVENT

Sunday, November 8, 2009; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Santa Monica Airport, 3050 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

FREE ADMISSION

REBATES available for all featured products

The City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability & the Environment (OSE) is holding its first annual rainwater harvesting products showcase and sales event with many leading manufacturers and distributors participating.

Harvesting rainwater from your rooftop protects the Santa Monica Bay from polluted runoff, reduces potable water demand, and adds a little excitement to your life and landscape.

- Rain barrels are the easiest and least expensive way to get started. See examples of how to install the products, and take the product home with you.
- If rain barrels aren't doing it for you, cisterns are the way to go. Holding anywhere from hundreds to thousands of gallons, cisterns will be on display for the professionals or the more adventurous among us.

Get event updates as they are announced at www.sustainable-sm.org

Rain Harvest Rebates:

<http://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/categories/content.aspx?id=3847>

"Explorations In Sustainable Architecture"

Wednesday, 11/4/2009

Architect David Randall Hertz explores green materials and buildings ranging from contemporary natural houses and commercial projects, to his most recent projects.

Location: Bundy Campus Room 123 6:30 PM

Please leave for Worm Bin 10 MINUTES after your Crew begins to meet Madeline or Gina at the Worm Bin 15 minutes into your Crew time.

20 minutes

Worm Bin and SMC Recycling Field Trip

- Meet Madeline Brodie or Gina Garcia at Worm Bin
- After the Worm Bin, take a look at the trash/recycling containers on your walk back to the Center. Ask Crew Members to look at the signs on the containers, and then look inside the recycling bin and trashcan. Point out any trash you see in the recycling bin, and any recyclables you find in the trashcan. Then share the following information:

Last year, over half of the recyclables purchased on campus never made it to a recycling bin. Bottles and cans can be recycled here on campus and should be placed in a recycling bin, not a trashcan.

Bottles and cans are not trash – they're worth money. Does anyone know how much?

5 cents for small containers / 10 cents for large containers

That might not seem like much, but if all of the students at SMC recycled one bottle or can a week, those recyclables would be worth nearly \$1500 a week – that's more than \$77,000 a year.

Head back to the Center and follow

15 minutes Sharing Energy Reflections

- Crew members share one response from p. 84
- Crew leader asks how implementing Energy went
- Crew Leader collects Energy reflections

25 minutes Topic Overview – Watch “Story of Stuff”

- Use discussion questions to start conversation after movie (5 minutes)

5 minutes Sustainable Quiz Activity

- Prize this week: Reusable Canvas Bag

10 minutes Solutions

Review Waste solutions

- Solutions provide ways for Crew Members to do something about their impact. Review each Solution with Crew Members.
- As you discuss Solutions, use toolkit items and displays to illustrate Solutions
- Offer hand-outs and brochures to those who want them

Picking Waste Solutions to Implement

- Crew Members share which Solutions they will implement

5 minutes Homework Reminder

- Implement Waste Solutions
- Write what you did and fill in your Waste reflections
- Read the Chemicals Chapter and highlight things you want to do or discuss at the next meeting
- Attend your community service opportunity if you signed up for this week