

## Water Quality Team Outreach Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008 6:00 PM

SCREC Conference Room

### In Attendance:

Darren Haver, Tammy Majcherek, Sam Chien, Alan Fitzgibbon, Beverly Krassner-Bulas, Carolyn Jensen, Myrna Liepold, Fred Tarnay, Norma Yarbrough

### Announcements

#### Volunteer Hours

- Please send your hours worked to Tammy Majcherek – thank you to those who have already done so. Don't forget to also post them on the VMS.

#### 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/>

#### Action Item:

**Add links to the program website that will be useful to the public, i.e. the OMRI Database.**

#### Next Meeting

- The next monthly Water Quality Team meeting will be held on September 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the SCREC conference room.
  - Be sure to keep an eye out for program emails.

### Demonstration Home Consultants

#### 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.

### Workshops

#### May 17, 2008 – UCCE Demonstration Landscape Open House and Vendor Fair

- Attended by Treatment Site Residents, City Personnel, Landscapers/Contractors and Master Gardeners.
- Information booths included – Hunter Irrigation (MP Rotator products), Irrrometer (WaterMark Sensor), Tierra Verde (Mulch products), Your Turf (Artificial Turf products), Spectrum Brands (Less Toxic Pesticide Alternatives), UCCE IPM/Water Quality Team (Pesticides and Alternatives, etc.), UCCE Water Quality Team (Low Impact Plant Material), and UCCE MG Master Composters (Composting)
  - Additional materials and product provided by:
    - Tree of Life Nursery – Handouts and Displays
    - Private – Plants
    - Green Thumb – Plants
    - Kellogg – Mulch and Organic Fertilizer products
    - Integrated Waste Management – Handouts
    - CLCA – Handouts

#### “Cul-de-Sac” demonstrations

- Low Impact Plant Material Demonstration held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano.

- Presentation given by Jeanne Lepowsky.
- Visited other homes on the street – answering questions, etc.
- Attended by 10+ neighborhood residents (a few did not sign in).
  - Residents did not receive flyers mailed on May 21 – notified by homeowner.
  - Suggestions were made to walk the neighborhood with flyers for the next events.
- Irrigation Demonstration held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Laguna Niguel.
  - Presentation given by Fred Tarnay
  - Attended by 9 neighborhood residents.
    - Residents did not receive flyers mailed on May 21 – notified by homeowner.
    - Suggested materials, in addition to those distributed, include water company information, rebate packets, additional list of sources for equipment.
    - Additional irrigation controllers will be used in the next presentation.
- Irrigation Demonstration tentatively scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano.
  - Presentation will be given by Fred Tarnay and Darren Haver using the irrigation model and a hands-on look at retrofitting existing sprinkler heads with MP Rotators.

**Action Item:**

**Tammy Majcherek will finalize details with demonstration home resident, send out flyers (resident has also offered to pass out additional flyers) and acquire additional materials as suggested.**

- Fall Demonstrations
  - Target dates have been set for Saturday, October 4, 2008 and Saturday, November 8, 2008. Please put this on your schedule – your participation will be needed.
    - Proposed sites include one of the small neighborhood parks in the LN8 neighborhood and the common area in the SJC2 neighborhood. Tammy is working on securing locations.
    - The events will be advertised in the program newsletter and HOA newsletters, along with flyers mailed to residents and posted in the neighborhoods.
  - The focus of the demonstrations will be on ‘Preparing Your Landscape for the Winter’. Topics will include (but not limited to):
    - Irrigation scheduling
    - Pest control during the wet season
    - Mulch
    - Planting for Spring
      - Suggestions were made to have illustrated posters created for visual reference.

**Hotline**

**Updates**

- The UCCE MG Hotline has received two substantiated calls/emails from residents in our treatment area as a direct result of the UCCE Demonstration Landscape Open House and the June/July Clippings Newsletter. One was from LN8 and the other resides within SJC2.

**Action Item:**

**Norma Yarbrough would like to answer the incoming hotline questions from the treatment sites that are not demonstration homes.**

**Newsletter**

**Updates**

- The June/July issue was been mailed to the residents within the treatment sites and posted to the program website following grant administrator approval. Darla Miller would like to thank everyone for their contributions and support.
- Contributing newsletter articles written by Darla Miller, Duane Jones, Elizabeth Bancroft, Myrna Liepold and Darren Haver.
- Design layout changes made by Alice Houseworth.

**Newsletter Article Requests**

- **Articles are needed for the next newsletter by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**
  - **Phil Concan**– Garden Tools
  - **Duane Jones**– Timely Issues
  - **Darren Haver** – Pervious Surfaces on hand, would like more.....
  - **Myrna Liepold** – Plant of the month for the next two newsletters
  - **Norma Yarbrough** – Hotline Information
  - **Norma Yarbrough** – Master Gardener Fall Seminar
  - **Anyone** – Upcoming and Past Events, Rebate Information, etc.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM TAMMY:

Many, many thanks to everyone for all of your hard work and dedication this last month! We had a lot to accomplish, and as is the fashion of the UCCE Master Gardeners of Orange County, you did it successfully.

Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Tammy