

# 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.**

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Twenty-five new school gardens will be created in Los Angeles this spring as the City's Gardens for Kids L.A. program begins its first year.

The Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) is initiating the program with \$100,000 in City funding designated by Mayor Riordan to support gardens. EAD's partners on this initiative include the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), Common Ground (a UC

## Gardens for Kids L.A.

Cooperative Extension program), Gardens for Kids (a nonprofit organization that creates gardens in schools), and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Additional funds for the project are available through a grant of federal funds from the Urban Resources Partnership.

EAD and its partners are working with garden team members at the school sites to finalize garden plans and spring construction dates.

A kickoff event is

planned for the month of February as we plant the first seeds and seedlings at one of the newly constructed school gardens. Watch for more information on the kickoff event and an update on the Gardens for Kids L.A. program in our March newsletter.

How are we doing? Look on page 7 to find our newsletter survey and let us know!



## Newly Updated Hazardous Waste Management Guide

The 1999 Hazardous Waste Management Guide is now conveniently available on the EAD Web site, located at <http://www.cityofla.org/Ead/eba/index.htm>.

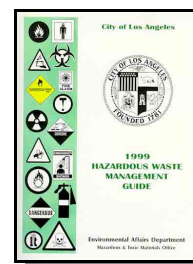
The guide was produced to assist both businesses and City departments with management of hazardous materials.

In addition to proper hazardous waste management practices, permit requirements, and pollution prevention information, topics include new local storm water and industrial wastewater requirements.

Past editions of the Guide have been enthusiastically received by businesses and agencies that find it to be

a useful resource.

For more information about the Guide, contact the EAD Hazardous and Toxic Materials Office at (213) 580-1023.



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### PLEASE POST

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## California "Bottle Bill"



The "Bottle Bill" is a change in California's existing recycling law, which states that more beverage containers will now be included in the state redemption-for-recycling program.

As of January 1, 2000, any plastic container that contains a beverage covered by the program will be eligible for CRV.

*The following beverage containers are now INCLUDED in the program:*

- Beer and other malt beverages
- Wine and distilled spirit coolers
- Carbonated and noncarbonated water, soda and mineral water, and similar soft drinks
- Carbonated and noncarbonated

fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice

- Coffee and tea drinks
- Carbonated fruit drinks

*The following beverage container are EXCLUDED from the program:*

- Any product sold in a container that is not aluminum, glass, plastic, or bimetal
- Wine, or wine from which alcohol has been removed, in whole or in part, whether or not sparkling or carbonated
- Milk
- Medical food
- Infant formula
- 100% fruit juice in containers 46 ounces or greater in volume
- Distilled spirits

In addition to adding containers, the updated program increases recycling and redemption convenience by tripling the dollars allocated to curbside recycling as well as other redemption programs.

"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

— Warren Buffett



### Staff Changes in the EAD



Last month the EAD welcomed Amife Milo to our Administrative Division. Amy, our new senior accountant, transferred from the Department of Recreation and Parks where she worked as an auditor for the last three years. She has been a City employee for 8 years.

## What is WasteWise?



WasteWise is a free, voluntary, EPA program through which organizations eliminate costly municipal solid waste, which benefits businesses as well as the environment.

WasteWise is a flexible program that allows partners to design their own solid waste reduction programs tailored to their needs. As a WasteWise partner, your organization can save thousands or millions of dollars by reducing, reusing, and recycling solid waste

materials. Extensive services are available, such as the WasteWise help line, resource library, and waste reduction publications.

Learn about waste prevention methods to help create less waste in the first place—before recycling. Get recycling ideas for your organization by reading about purchasing or manufacturing recycled products.

Registration information for joining the WasteWise partnership program is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/wastewise>.

## City Honors Third Class of Brownfields Training Graduates



Brownfields Training Graduation Ceremony

EAD General Manager Lillian Kawasaki was pleased to join the City Council in honoring the third graduating class of the Brownfields Training Program as they received certificates from the Council on December 17<sup>th</sup>. After the presentation, the graduates had fun getting their pictures taken with Councilmembers Mike Hernandez and Mark Ridley-Thomas. The 14 graduates completed a 12-week course that included training in carpentry skills, hand and electrical tool use, lead and asbestos abatement, as well as hazardous waste and emergency response training. The program will now assist the graduates in obtaining jobs in the construction trades and with environmental firms.

### **Successful Partnership**

An impressive private-public

partnership makes this program possible. Funding comes from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority.

Other partners who recruited and trained students were the Carpenters Educational Training Institute (part of the Carpenter's Union), Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Century Housing Corporation, and the Watts Labor Community Action Committee.

Additional partners who also made this program possible were the Environmental Affairs Department, the Mayor's Office of Economic Development, the Alameda Corridor Engineering Team, the Center to Protect Workers Rights, the Southern California/Nevada Regional Council of Carpenters, the Alameda Corridor Business Opportunity Program, and the Los Angeles Brownfields Job Training Partnership Advisory Committee.

### **Benefits Those in Need**

This program creates yet another benefit of redeveloping brownfield

properties: training and jobs for local residents during the revitalization process.

More well known benefits of brownfields redevelopment include: eliminating blight, cleaning up contamination, and creating businesses which ultimately provide jobs and services to local residents. However, the job-training program now provides local residents a way to work earlier in the process through construction and hazardous material training.

In particular, the program targets local women and minority residents who have an interest, but have not yet acquired the skills, for this kind of work.

Graduates of this program can then contribute to further revitalization of their communities as the numerous other brownfields are redeveloped.

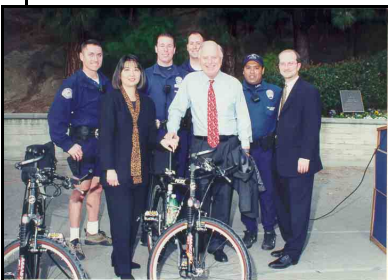
For more information about the brownfields program, call Maxine Leichter (213) 580-1072.

## Cops on Bikes

The LAPD Bicycle Patrol is a community-based program that provides the Police Department with a visible, low-cost, clean alternative to fuels.

Recently, 135 mountain bikes were distributed to LAPD officers, purchased with the City's Clean Air funds and a DMV surcharge specifically collected to reduce mobile sources of air pollution.

LAPD uses bikes for a variety of applications, including gang suppression, narcotics enforcement, patrol support and special events. By not using cars, bike patrols LAPD, DOT, Recreation and Parks, as well as the Zoo, provide a real air quality benefit, while enhancing public safety. It is estimated that more than 50 tons of air pollutants will be reduced by using bikes.



L-R: EAD General Manager Lillian Kawasaki, L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and EAD Commission President David Michadson with LAPD officers.



LAPD officers at bike presentation event.





From L-R: Steve Andrews, Jim Freeland, Maxine Leichter, and Ron Nagai.

Four members of the City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program staff joined 2,300 others in attending the U.S. EPA-sponsored Brownfields '99 Conference in Dallas Texas December 6th through 8th.

Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination. Redevelopment of underused inner-city industrial property as an alternative to urban sprawl has become a hot topic for local government staff, developers, consultants, community groups, and others all anxious to support and benefit from this environmentally-based redevelopment strategy supported by the Clinton Administration.

Ron Nagai, Senior Project Manager, Mayor's Office of Economic Development found the conference extremely informative,

"Brownfields '99 was resource

## Brownfields '99

heaven! The collection of written materials and the number of brownfields professionals with which to share information was unsurpassed. What a learning experience!"

Steve Andrews, Chief of Strategic Planning, for the City's Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was struck by how far some of the issues surrounding the redevelopment of brownfields has developed even in the last year. "We are seeing a tremendous amount of energy devoted to developing new approaches throughout the professional, legal, financial, governmental policy, and environmental regulatory worlds. These new developments will give us an even stronger base for developing an effective brownfields revitalization program here in the City."

Maxine Leichter, Environmental Supervisor with the Environmental Affairs Department was a workshop panelist speaking about the City's Brownfields Job Training Program (see page 3 of this issue). "Hearing the enthusiastic speakers discussing their brownfields job training programs around the country gave me new ideas and energized me to expand our program. At EAD, we are especially concerned that

economic benefits of brownfields redevelopment are shared by residents of communities with brownfields."

Jim Vreeland, the City's Brownfields Program Manager, stated, "The conference was great... it was encouraging to see the diversity of attendees who participated and the support from a variety of federal agencies who make up the National Brownfields Partnership."

All of the four participants returned with new ideas and enthusiasm that will benefit the City's Brownfields Program. In terms of grant money attracted and program scope, the City has one of the strongest brownfields programs in the U.S. Four major sites are now in the process of being redeveloped. The former Crown Coach site in East Los Angeles has a Request for Proposal for development now in circulation. Many other sites either have or will receive technical and/or financial assistance. For more information on the City's program, visit the Brownfields web page at [www.lacity.org/EAD/labf](http://www.lacity.org/EAD/labf).

## A Garden in Every School Conference



On March 4th, at North Hollywood High School, Partnership for Agriculture and Science in Education (PASE) will present the 2nd annual "A Garden In Every School" Conference. Last year, over 375 teachers attended.

The conference will open at

8:00AM with a wide array of displays and exhibits that are aimed at helping teachers. Teachers have discovered that their school gardens help educate their students about a variety of subjects.

School garden efforts are growing statewide. Mayor Riordan

has included \$100,000 in the city budget for a new program, *Gardens for Kids, L.A.* (See article on page 1). This will strengthen and expand the LAUSD school garden program. Presently, about 200 LAUSD campuses have gardens. There are

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## The Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership Bids a Fond Farewell to Michael Rogers

Upon the occasion of his retirement from 42 years with the United States Forest Service, including 5 years service on the Steering Committee of the Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership, LAURP bids Michael Rogers, Forest Supervisor for the Angeles National Forest, a fond farewell.

Michael Rogers served as Forest Supervisor on the Angeles National Forest since August of 1990. Born and raised in Altadena, California, Mike began his US Forest Service career in 1957 as a firefighter, protecting the critical watersheds of the Angeles National Forest.

He worked summers for the Forest Service while going to college, where he graduated from the School of Forestry at Oregon State University in 1966 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Forest Management.

During his career, Mike also worked on the Cleveland, Mendocino and Shasta Trinity National Forests, and held the position of National Fuel Management Specialist in the Forest Service Washington, DC Office. In his time with the Forest Service, Mike has had the good fortune to have worked 31 years in

southern California, including 26 years on the Angeles National Forest.

In 1995, along with his duties as Forest Supervisor on the Angeles, Mike became involved with the Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership. His enthusiasm for and dedication to the improvement of the Los Angeles area ecosystem has been invaluable to the success of the LAURP program. Mike, Congratulations! We will miss you!

### School Gardens, Continued

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about 1600 public schools in California with campus gardens.

Delaine Eastin, State Superintendent of Education, wants a garden at every California public school. "There are lots of academic connections that can be made to science, our environment, and human health through school

gardens," Eastin said. Governor Davis has just signed the School Garden Program bill that allocates \$175,000 for this proven educational method.

A.G. Kawamura, an Orange County farmer, and dynamic agricultural and community leader, will keynote the March 4th conference.

The teachers will choose which of the 16 workshops they will attend. Their choices include: Starting your Garden, Finding

Gardening Resources, Science and Gardens, Math and Gardens, Nutrition and Gardens, or Correlating Curricular Standards with Gardens.

Conference attendees will also have 15 mini-workshops available. Some choices include: Finding funding, recruiting support, curriculum integration and environmental careers.

For more information, contact Don MacNeil, of PASE at (805) 498-3937.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Environmental Education Fair



The Los Angeles Environmental Education Fair (LAEFF) focuses on young people

and the necessity for natural science and understanding of the

environment. Educators, parents, students and other environmental organizations are encouraged to participate and attend this event which will be held at the Arboretum of Los Angeles County in Arcadia on March 11, 2000.

The Fair will have hands-on activities, exhibits, tours, nature

games and prizes all geared toward science and the environment. There will be a special emphasis on this year's event that marks its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you would like more information please call Sandra Limón of CREEC Network and TreePeople at (818) 623-4855.

# Current Grants

## The Los Angeles Urban Resources Partnership and Los Angeles

### Conservation Corps

**Description:** Community based organizations are invited to apply for up to \$5,000 to plant trees in their neighborhoods.

**Deadline:** February 15, 2000

**Contact:** Chelsea Cochrane at (213) 580-1055

## National Brownfields Assessment Pilots

**Description:** Cities, towns, states and Indian tribes are eligible.

**Deadline:** February 16, 2000

**Contact:** SuperFUND hotline at (800) 424-9346



## Donald R. Barker Foundation, Inc.

**Description:** Supports arts programs, education, environment and natural resource conservation and protection.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2000

**Contact:** Nancy Harris at (760) 324-2656, or send requests for guidelines on letterhead to: P.O. Box 936, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

## The National Science Foundation (NSF) Biodiversity Grants

**Description:** NSF is offering grants to U.S. universities and nonprofit research organizations, which support integrated research to better understand and model complexity that arises from the interaction of biological, physical, and social systems.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2000.

**Contact:** Ted Elliott, Directorate for Biological Sciences, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1479, [te Elliott@nsf.gov](mailto:te Elliott@nsf.gov), or visit the Web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2000/nsf0022/nsf0022.htm>. Note Program Number 46824, and title, "NSF--Biocomplexity: Integ. Res. To Understand/Model Complexity (00-22)."

# Ongoing Grants

## ARCO Foundation

**Contact:** S.J. Giovanisci at (213) 486-3342.

**Purpose:** Support for environment and community development.

## BankAmerica Foundation

**Contact:** Ruth Hannan at (213) 345-9764.

**Purpose:** Support for environment and community development.

## California Community Foundation

**Contact:** Sr. Program Secretary at (213) 413-4130, or visit the Web site at [www.calfund.org](http://www.calfund.org).

**Purpose:** Support for the rehabilitation, maintenance and beautification of parks and recreation areas.

## California State Coastal Conservancy

The Coastal Conservancy has Proposition 204 funding specifically allocated for LA River Projects. Projects should focus on habitat restoration, construction of public access facilities and others. Projects must show linkage to the coast. For more info, call (510) 286-4169.

## Energy Research Grants

**Contact:** U.S. Department of Energy at (800) 683-0751.

**Purpose:** The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable is seeking applicants for up to \$6 million in grants to research renewable energy programs.

Look for the LACC Green Bank insert for "Community & School Greening Assistance!"

*As part of our efforts to provide the best newsletter possible, please take a moment to answer the following questions. Thank you.*

### **An Environmental Affair Customer Satisfaction Survey**

1. How useful and or informative for you are the following sections?:  
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# February Calendar of Events

It's a Leap Year —Enjoy!

## Ongoing Events

*Forestry Training* with TreePeople. Saturdays. Call (818)623-4844 for more information.

*Cool Schools Projects* with TreePeople. Generally on weekdays from 8am-1pm. Call Rachel Dawson at (818)623-4843.



*Sea Rangers* Explore the shore at Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park with a Sea Ranger. Identify wildlife and learn about wetlands. For more info call (310)548-7562.

*Habitat Restoration Days.* Help restore wildflowers, trees and shrubs that were once here 200 years ago at the Madrona Marsh Preserve. Everyone is invited to help in planting, weeding and collecting and growing seeds in this rewarding work project.

**Every second Saturday of the month.** Also, morning maintenance is done from 9am-noon **every Tuesday and Wednesday.** For more information, call (310) 32-MARSH.



*Satwiwa Sundays* from 10am to 5pm at Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa.

Meet guest hosts, watch demonstrations and share the experiences of the Native American LA Community. Call (805) 370-2301 for more info.

## Japanese Garden Tours

Docent-led tours of the Japanese Gardens at the D.C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys are offered during the day on Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Reservations are required. For more information call (818) 756-8166.

## Hyperion Treatment Plant Tours

Free public tours are available each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Contact Felice Kidd at (310) 648-5363 for information or to schedule a tour.

## February 2, Wednesday

*Tails!* Long, short, feathery, furry . . . what kind of tail is your favorite? Join us for this beginning Zoo class and find out. We will have a special circle time, meet an animal, and go for a special tour using our mini-backpacks. (2 year olds and adult) Come and meet other 2-year-olds and share the fun. 9:15 & 10:30 a.m. at the LA Zoo. To register, please call (323) 644-4294.

## An Environmental Evening.

State Bond Proposition No. 12 and 13 will be presented. 3301 West Torrance Blvd., 7pm, hosted by Friends of Madrona Marsh. For more info call: (310) 326-2774.

## February 3, Thursday

*Tyke Hike.* Enjoy nature in the winter. Look for animal tracks, listen for singing birds. See the changes in contouring of the soil

The EAD Web site, located at [www.lacity.org/EAD](http://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 Web site 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.



to improve habitat. 10am. Madrona Marsh

Preserve. For more info: (310) 32-MARSH.

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## February 4, Friday

*Healthy Start Kick-Off.* Come join us and get to learn about our wonderful program at Crescent Heights Elementary, 1661 South Crescent Heights Blvd, Bungalow 20. 10am-2pm. For more info call: (323) 937-

2528.

**February 5, Saturday**

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**February 8, Tuesday**

*The Future of Significant Ecological Areas.* Betsey Landis CNPS Chapter Education V.P. and Ilene Anderson, consulting botanist will discuss the county-wide concept for redefining and uniting significant ecological resources in Los Angeles County. 7:30pm-10pm. Hosted by the California native Plant Society (CNPS). For more info call: (818) 881-3706.

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**February 9, Friday**

*New Bird Walk.*



Winter residents have arrived! The Meadow larks, grassland birds, ducks and hummingbirds have arrived. Come join the fun!! 8am. For more info: (310) 32-MARSH.

**February 12, Saturday**

*Beach Cleanup.* Come help keep our beaches beautiful. Sweetwater Marsh. For more info call: (877) 4-COAST.

*Winter Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop.* De-mystify fruit tree pruning with this workshop. Learn to train young trees, renovate the old one, and prune for fruit production. At TreePeople, 9am-12:30pm. Call to register (818) 753-4600.

*L.A. Zoo Lovin'.* Love is in the air! The L.A. Zoo is the place to be for a warm and fuzzy Valentine's Day weekend with loads of heartfelt fun for the entire family. L.A. Zoo Lovin' embraces the weekend with entertainment, a craft area for making wild Valentine's Day cards, face painting, special guests and sweet goodies. Soothing chamber music fills the air and educational activities will feature longtime Zoo couples such as the Zoo's hippos, Maggie and Otis. KOST-FM and KLV E-FM radio stations will be on hand with fun music, games and giveaways. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free with paid zoo admission.



*Prime Mate Party.* In conjunction with L.A. Zoo Lovin', the Prime Mate Party is a fun, adults-only alternative to traditional Valentine's Day celebrations, giving visitors the inside scoop on animal breeding

in zoos.

Attendees will be treated to a slide show by General Curator Michael Dee, who will offer plenty of information about animal mating habits. The event also includes a docent-led tour of the Zoo's most successful breeding couples. Food and music make the day complete. Please call Andrea Chisholm at (323) 644-4294 for program cost and reservation information.



*Habitat Restoration Day.* 35 acres of upland dune systems that are being restored and enhanced with native wildflowers, shrubs and trees. A very rewarding project and all are welcomed. 9am-noon. Hosted by Friends of Madrona Marsh. For more info: (310) 32-MARSH.

**Sunday, February 13**

*Second Sunday Science: Mushrooms.*

Mohammed Ismail, a chef and mushroom authority, will bring several species of commercial mushrooms to see and taste. He will explain how they are grown and where they can be obtained. Hosted by Friends of Madrona Marsh, 2:00-4:00pm. To register call: (310) 32-MARSH.



**February 14, Monday**  
**Happy Valentine's Day**

**February 17, Thursday**

*Mountain Lions.* An audio-visual program by Orange County Parks Ranger Donna K. will be presented at the monthly meeting of the Whittier Area



Audubon Society. 7:30pm at the Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue. For more info call Jean Wiley at (562) 693-4088 or Jean Beaton (562) 869-6545.

*Community Voices about the River.* Take walking tours of the LA river and do an art or writing project based upon your experience there. Send an e-mail to [azuma@oxy.edu](mailto:azuma@oxy.edu) for more info.

## February 19, Saturday

*Around Catalina.* Join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Director Emeritus John Olguin in an all day trip circling Catalina Island. Learn about whales, dolphins, sea lions and marine birds. \$40 for adults, \$25 for children. 9am-4pm (appx). For more info call: (310) 548-7562.



### Kern River Restoration.

Volunteers needed to plant Cottonwood and Willow along the heavily impacted south fork of the Kern River. Tours will also be provided for the newly acquired Kelso Creek Preserve. 9am-1pm. For more info call: (818) 623-4871.

*Hansen Dam Park Planting, part 1.* Residents of Pacoima and Lake View Terrace will be gathering to plant 500 new native Sycamores and Oaks donated by the State of California.

Residents invite you to come join the fun and help restore one of the areas most widely



used parks. 9am-1pm. For

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### Family

*Camping: Monarch Butterflies at Pismo Beach.* Pismo Beach will serve as our base for this Family Camping outing. We'll look for sea otters, hike wilderness trails and, of course, view thousands of migratory monarch butterflies. Dave Wyman and crew will take care of the cooking. For more info call Andrea Chisholm at the LA Zoo at (323) 644-4253 for registration materials.

*Fast and Slow.* If all the animals in the Zoo had a race, who do you think would win? Who might be the slowest? Find out as we take a look at some speedy and pokey critters. 9:30 a.m. to noon. Ages 5 to 6. To register, please call (323) 644-4294.



*Planting For Erosion Control.* A class presented by Joe Scow. Mr. Scow has helped many So.

Californians design and implement beautiful erosion-safe gardens. 10am-noon. Sponsored by the Theodore Payne Foundation. To register call: (818) 768-1802.



## February 20, Sunday

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*The Complete Whalewatch.* View Gray whales along our coastline. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) will conduct a special program which includes a slide show and boat trip. For more info call Larry Fukahara at (310) 548-7562.

### Bolsa Chica is More Than Birds.

An audio-visual program by Peter Knapp will be presented at the Whittier Area Audubon Society. 7:30pm at the Whittier Community Center 7630 Washington Avenue. For more info call Jean Wiley at (562) 693-4088 or Jean Beaton (562) 869-6545.

### Down by the River Walk.

Explore the last remaining wetlands in LA, where the LA River sometimes emptied to in the past. Meet at McConnell Ave and Milton St. near Marina del Rey. Send an e-mail to [azuma@oxy.edu](mailto:azuma@oxy.edu) for more info.



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### AIR QUALITY

*Calidad del aire*  
South Coast Air Quality  
Control Management District  
(800) CUT-SMOG

**ASBESTOS** – *Asbestos*  
Environmental Hygiene  
(213) 738-4078

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*Infestaciones de abejas*  
Vector Control  
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*Recogida de artículos grandes*  
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(800) 773-CITY

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*Desembolso de materiales peligrosos*  
L.A. County Dept. of Public Works  
(888) CLEAN-LA, or  
L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation  
(800) 98-TOXIC

**ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO**



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Stormwater Management  
(800) 974-9794

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National Lead Information Center  
(800) 424-LEAD

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Leaf Blower Complaint Line  
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LA West Mosquito Abatement  
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(800) 773-CITY

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