



**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA**

**San Clemente Community Center  
Ole Hanson Fireside Room  
100 North Calle Seville  
San Clemente, California**

**January 9, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

**RULES FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

**Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee are requested to limit discussions or questions to three minutes.**

**Please note: Written material distributed to the Coastal Advisory Committee, after the original agenda packet was distributed, is available for public inspection in the Environmental Programs office located at 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, during normal business hours.**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. December 12, 2013**

**Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee on matters of public interest pertaining to the City may step to the podium, state their name and the City in which they reside, and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to three minutes. Since the Committee cannot discuss or take action on matters not on the agenda, items of concern which are not urgent in nature can be resolved more expeditiously by completing and submitting a written request to the Engineering Division, Environmental Programs Section.**

**For matters on the agenda, public comments will be received at the time that the Coastal Advisory Committee considers the agenda item.**

- 4. PUBLIC INPUT**

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**5. OLD BUSINESS – None.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Clean Ocean Outreach Campaign Update

A presentation by Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, on the FY2014 Clean Ocean outreach campaign.

Staff Recommendation: Information and discussion item

B. Environmental Sustainability Grant Application Recommendations

A memo by Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, on the recent applications and recommendations for the Environmental Sustainability Grant.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Coastal Advisory Committee recommend City Manager approval of 7 grants as presented, appropriating \$5,000 from the Clean Ocean Fund, \$1,000 from the Solid Waste Fund and \$4,000 from the Water Conservation Fund.

C. Strategic Priority Planning – Upcoming Budget Process

A memo by Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, on the Strategic Priority Planning and Budget Process.

Staff Recommendation: Information and Discussion Item

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Bacteriological Monitoring Report – Date of Posted Report 1/6/14

Information item – Receive and File

B. December 2013 Environmental Programs Update

A summary of recent activities conducted by the City related to runoff/surface water quality and solid waste/recycling.

Information item – Receive and File

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Potential Future Agenda Items

A memo by Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, on scheduling of potential future Coastal Advisory Committee agenda items.

Staff Recommendation: Information and Discussion Item.

**9. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting of the Coastal Advisory Committee on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, California.

**3.A.**

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE  
REGULAR COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, December 12, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Community Center, Ole Hanson Fireside Room  
100 N. Seville, San Clemente, CA 92672

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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Committee Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Ambrose, Don Brown, Ken Nielsen, and Michael Smith;  
Chairman Bill Hart (arr. 7:20 p.m.)

Absent: Richard Dickey, Chair pro tem Peter Salgado

Staff Present: Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst  
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

In the absence of Chair Hart at the beginning of the meeting, it was moved by Committee Member Ambrose, seconded by Committee Member Nielsen, and unanimously carried to appoint Committee Member Brown to chair the meeting until Chair Hart arrived.

Agenda items are presented in the originally agendized format for the benefit of the minutes' reader, but were not necessarily heard in that order.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the Joint Council/Commissions/Committees Meeting of October 22, 2013

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AMBROSE, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, AND CARRIED 3-0-1, WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN ABSTAINING, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2013, AS SUBMITTED BY STAFF.

B. Minutes of the Regular CAC Meeting of November 14, 2013

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER NIELSEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO

RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 14, 2013, WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION:

Page 6, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, insert “spring” between “future” and “agenda”

- 5. **PUBLIC INPUT** - None
- 6. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
- 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Clean Ocean Fee Renewal Update

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, provided a verbal update on the Clean Ocean Fee Renewal campaign. She announced that the final tabulation of votes occurred today, with the final tally of 53% in favor and 47% opposed. She speculated the higher than previous percentage of residents opposed to the fee is a result of the proposed increase and/or confusion regarding the fee's impact on time share properties. She recommended the Committee discuss the renewal fee process.

Chair Hart suggested staff contact the City Clerk's office for information and perform an analysis and evaluation of the vote statistics to determine strategies to improve the percentage in favor of the fee for the next fee renewal campaign.

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed analysis and evaluation of the votes would be helpful for the next campaign; noted staff has decided to start disseminating information on the next campaign earlier in the process to ensure understanding of the fee's impacts and benefits; described confusion regarding the timeshare votes.

- B. Pharmaceutical Drop Box Update

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak reviewed the memo from Danna McIntosh, Environmental Services Coordinator, and an update on the implementation of San Clemente's Pharmaceutical Drop Box. She recommended the Committee receive and file the report.

Committee Member Ambrose requested that staff forward this memo to the City Council, and Councilmember Donchak in particular, to ensure that they are aware that the goal of establishing easily accessible pharmaceutical waste disposal has been achieved. She noted that this issue had been of particular interest to City Council during the Coastal Advisory Committee member appointment process.

Report received and filed.

C. SANDAG Project Update

Lawrence Honma, Independent Consultant, narrated a presentation entitled, "SANDAG-Beach Sand Project II, Construction Monitoring, City of San Clemente Coastal Advisory Committee, dated December 12, 2013." The presentation included an overview of the monitoring program elements, analysis of causes/conditions that lead to loss of sand, identification of issues concerning permits and regulatory agencies, and examination of the process of moving sand. Additional issues addressed included the importance of replacement sand texture, determining the best location of source sand, determining the best route for moving the sand, avoiding negative effects on the sand borrow site, and importance of close monitoring of the entire program. He displayed photos illustrating the condition of beaches before and after sand replacement efforts; addressed ancillary issues such as restricted surfing/swimming/fishing access during project construction; displayed maps of sand dredging and dumping sites; noted grunion monitoring very important to obtain permits; discussed short and long term impacts.

In response to questions from the Committee Members, Mr. Honma advised that most federal funding for sand replenishment is focused on the East Coast as the problem is most severe there; advised the dredger used for the project was moved from the East to the West Coast at a cost of 8 million dollars; advised results are somewhat dependent on weather conditions, with an average of 5 years before additional measures are warranted; discussed TOT funding for the project; advised City staff to discuss funding with staff at the cities of Solana Beach and Encinitas for funding particulars.

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to forward a copy of Mr. Honma's presentation to the Committee Members.

Committee Members thanked Mr. Honma for his time in creating and presenting the information.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Bacterial Monitoring Report Dated December 3, 2013

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak discussed effectiveness of weekend coyote decoys at Poche Beach; announced the ultrasonic device has been turned off for now; noted the falconer was working at the landfill at this time; noted the UV program is on its winter maintenance schedule.

Committee Member Nielsen speculated the presence of a lesser amount of birds in the pond area is a result of the abundance of anchovies in the surf.

B. November 2013 Environmental Programs Update

Senior Management Analyst Vondrak briefly reviewed environmental programs on the update, with particular emphasis on clean up events.

Committee Members received and filed items 7A and 7B.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A. Potential Future Agenda Items

Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the Potential Future Agenda Items and requested the Committee Members provide input. Committee Members added “Beach Trail Update” and “Poche Beach Action Plan Update” to the February agenda, with recommendation for a more comprehensive update and discussion in the spring; added “Sand Replenishment Program Update” to the March agenda.

In response to the Commission’s discussion of a recently published letter regarding conditions and a variety of issues related to the Beach Trail, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to provide an update on Beach Trail issues to the Committee in February, and will work toward goal of providing a more comprehensive update involving informed staff in March if possible. She agreed to inform the City Manager of their concerns.

Chair Hart speculated that in-depth reporting on the Beach Trail has the potential to require a lot of Engineering Division, as well as Beaches, Parks, and Recreation Division staff time. He noted importance of identifying and quantifying the challenges, as well as determining whether intervention is needed and necessary to address. It’s possible that recent events referred to in the letter could be isolated incidents. He suggested it may be prudent for staff to postpone an in-depth review of the Beach Trail issues until/unless directed to do so by City Council.

Committee Members agreed the most prudent approach is for staff to gather as much information as possible for an update at the February or March meeting, and following discussion of the issues, the Committee will discuss potential for further review or action.

In response to a suggestion from Committee Member Smith that the Coastal Advisory Committee be involved in the decommissioning of SONGS, Chair Hart requested that Senior Management Analyst Vondrak discuss potential for their involvement/help in the decommissioning process with the City Manager and report back.

Committee Members briefly discussed potential Plastic Bag Ban, and Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to keep them updated on legislative efforts to pass a ban at the State level.

In response to a comment from Committee Member Smith regarding possible increase in sting ray population and/or injuries, Senior Management Analyst Vondrak agreed to contact Bill Humphreys, Marine Safety Chief, for information and report back.

Report received and filed.

## **10. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Member Smith reported that at their last meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission forwarded a recommendation to City Council that dogs be allowed in all City parks but prohibited from sports fields; did not support installation of dog waste disposal bags at parks; elected to receive additional bids for the completion of Courtney's Sandcastle due to bids coming in significantly over budget; formed an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss guidelines for a memorial/tribute program for park/trail amenities.

Committee Member Nielsen recommended the Committee Members read a recent article in the San Clemente Journal regarding sand replenishment.

Committee Member Brown reported that the Planning Commission will receive an update on the Planning Division's upcoming tasks at their next study session; advised the City Council is moving closer to approving the Draft General Plan.

Chair Hart reported the City Council revised the Coastal Element of the General Plan in response to issues raised by homeowner; reported on recent Marine Corps dinner and night of entertainment and prizes provided by the Watershed Task Force.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER SMITH, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. to the Regular Meeting for the Coastal Advisory Committee to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, at the Community Center, 100 N. Seville, San Clemente, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Hart, Chair



Attest:

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Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst

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# Memorandum Engineering

December 19, 2013

To: Coastal Advisory Committee  
From: Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst  
Danna McIntosh, Environmental Services Coordinator  
Andrew Kanzler, Water Conservation Analyst  
**Subject: Environmental Sustainability Grant Application Recommendations**  
Copies: Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer

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The purpose of San Clemente's Environmental Sustainability Grant policy is to provide funding resources for environmental programs or projects that directly benefit the community. Revisions to the policy were adopted on April 2, 2013 which allow for organizations to request funding for well-established programs or services if a clear benefit to the City of San Clemente and community would be provided by the activity. Environmental Grant Committee members review each application and take into consideration the overall fit of the application compared to the guidelines of the grant, its direct benefit to the City of San Clemente community, and look for a well conceived and obtainable scope of work.

During the fiscal year 2014 budgeting process, City Council allocated funding for the Environmental Sustainability Grant for two application cycles. The deadline for this application period was December 15, 2013. There is \$10,000 available for this funding cycle. Nine applications were received by the application deadline requesting a total of \$15,000 for various non-profit and school entities. The applications are attached for your consideration.

The attached proposed funding breakdown was decided among the Environmental Grant Committee members and is presented for CAC consideration. The highlighted areas are a guide for the funding recommendations as follows: green indicates 100% of the requested grant is recommended for funding, yellow indicates a partial funding, and red indicates denied funding. The three grants that the committee recommends partially funding were determined to have material needs that could be provided by the City outside of this grant. The Concordia Elementary Garden Club application is being denied because they have not submitted a required Grant Summary Report for a previous Environmental Sustainability Grant award. The Ecology Center Backyard Skills Workshop & Lecture Series is a well conceived beneficial program to the community. With the limited funding available for this grant cycle

and the Ecology Center ability to collect fees for their workshop, the committee suggests that their program would be least impacted by non-funding.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Coastal Advisory Committee recommend to the City Manager approval of seven grants as presented in the attached table, appropriating \$5,000 from the Clean Ocean Fund, \$4,000 from the Water Conservation Fund and \$1,000 from the Solid Waste Fund.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT**  
**Environmental Committee Funding Recommendations**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>\$ Requested</b>	<b>\$ Recommended</b>	<b>Clean Ocean Fund (\$5,000)</b>	<b>Solid Waste Fund (\$1,000)</b>	<b>Water Conservation Fund (\$4,000)</b>
Casa Romantica	Casa Kids Garden Workshop	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Clarence Lobo Earth Lodge	Earth Lodge Curriculum Booklet	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
San Clemente Watershed Task Force	Earth Day Festival	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	
SCHS Env Class	Ocean Water Quality Monitoring	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Las Palmas Elementary	Las Palmas Community Garden	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,000.00
Clarence Lobo PTA	Lobo Garden	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
SCHS Env Alliance	Carbon-Free SC and Project Beauty	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
EcoCenter Inc. dba The Ecology Center	Backyard Skills Workshop & Lecture Series 2014	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Concordia Elem Garden Club	Learning Through Nature Garden	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,000 Available for Funding</b>	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: 12-10-2013

Name of Organization: Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens

Request Authorized by: Berenika Schmitz

Contact Person: Berenika Schmitz

Mailing Address: 715 Avenue Granada, San Clemente, CA 92672

Email: Berenika@casaromantica.org Web site: www.casaromantica.org

Amount Requested: \$ 2,000 Date funding needed: April 2014

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: \$3 fee per child(60 students) for refreshments and expenses above grant req.

Project Title: Casa Kids Garden Workshop

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – **Limit one page**)

Please see attached description

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: 90

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation: Jan 1, 2000

Federal I.D. Number: 33-0944424 State I.D. Number:

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA:

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

Signature

Date

Berenika Schmitz

Executive Director

Printed Name

Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

**CASA ROMANTICA CULTURAL CENTER AND GARDENS**  
**City of San Clemente**  
**Environmental Sustainability Grant Application**  
**December 10, 2013**

**Casa Kids Garden Workshop**

In past years, Casa Romantica has successfully utilized city sustainability grants to hold water wise workshops for the general public and homeowner's associations; print over 1,000 drought tolerant gardening brochures and maps; train docents to lead educational tours through the Casa's water sipping landscape; and recruit and train volunteers to care for the gardens. For the 2013-14 grant-year, the Casa proposes to offer four gardening workshops, for youth ages seven to ten years, during their spring and summer vacations from school.

The "Casa Kids Garden Workshop" will teach children how to propagate and grow low water plants, using herbs, succulents and California native plants at home. Each 1½ hour program will be taught by the Casa's Garden Director, Jodie Cook, with assistance from the Orange County Master Gardeners, interested Casa docents, and the Casa program director.

Class participants will:

1. Tour the various gardens on-site including: the herb and California native gardens, the butterfly garden, and the Native American garden.
2. Children will be encouraged to use all of their senses for pure enjoyment and as a way to identify some simple characteristics of low water using plants.
3. Class instructors will demonstrate, using the City's Watershed Model, how activities on land such as pesticide use, over-fertilizing, or overwatering in the garden can pollute the ocean.
4. Students will plant their own herb, succulent or native plants in 4-inch pots and take them home to care for them; and later transplant into their family garden.
5. Parents have the option of attending the last half hour of class for a tour by their child of the Casa gardens. Master Gardeners will remain to answer questions, offer gardening advice and distribute gardening and water conservation literature.
6. Families are encouraged to bring a bag lunch to eat outside on the ocean bluff or in the amphitheater after class. Light refreshments of cookies, herbal tea and lemonade will be served.

For 2013-14 we would like to accept 15 children per workshop for a total of 60 students plus an estimated 30 parents equaling 90 residents served.

Estimated Budget = Native wildflower seeds (\$3/packet x 60 packets = \$180); Four inch clay pots and saucers (\$1.75/pot x 180 pots = \$315); Herb and succulent cuttings (free); Master Gardener and docent recruitment and training by Casa Volunteer Coordinator (\$20/hour x 6 hours = \$120); Class time and preparation by Garden Director (\$22 /hour x 6 hours/class x 4 classes = \$528); and Program Director (\$22 /hour x 4 hours/class x 4 classes = \$352); Marketing and website promotion (\$28/hour x 2 hours/class x 4 classes = \$224); Fixed overhead expenses/utilities (15% of request = \$300); Refreshments (\$2.25/child x 60 students = \$135); Garden/office supplies and printing (ink, handouts, brochures = \$20) **Total Expenses = \$2,174**

**Grant request = \$2,000\***

\* A modest \$3 fee/child will be charged (\$3/child x 60 = \$180) to pay for refreshments and expenses and over and above the \$2,000 grant request.



CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT
APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673
949.361.6143

Date: 12-13-13
Name of Organization: Clarence Lobo Elementary / Earth Lodge
Request Authorized by: Cheryl Sampson
Contact Person: Dina Whitaker / Kogee Thomas
Mailing Address: 200 AVE #10 Vista Montana SC 92672
Email: dinaoneheart@msn.com Web site: N/A
Amount Requested: \$ 2000 Date funding needed: when available
List amount and source(s) of other project funding:
Project Title: Earth Lodge Curriculum Booklet
Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary - Limit one page)

please see attached

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?
Yes No Estimated number of residents affected: 4000+ potentially

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?
Yes No Date of incorporation: unknown - CapUSD
Federal I.D. Number: 95-232-1055 State I.D. Number:

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?
Yes No Name of school, club or PTA:

First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.

Signature: Cheryl Sampson Date: 12-13-13
Printed Name: Cheryl Sampson Title/Agency: Principal, Clarence Lobo

Send or Deliver Application to:
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

## Project Description

The Earth Lodge at Clarence Lobo elementary school is the sister project to the Lobo Lodge Native American Museum, the only such exhibit to exist on a public school campus in the United States, to our knowledge. Both are part of the Indian education program, but designed to benefit all students in the Capistrano Unified School District. While the objective of Lobo Lodge is to teach students about Native American cultures, the objective of the Earth Lodge is to introduce students to the concepts of environmental studies with a focus on water ecology. What sets it apart is its mission to teach these concepts from not only a conventional scientific perspective but from a Native American perspective as well, which emphasizes respect for the environment and all the relationships within it. The exhibit showcases various water biomes with an emphasis on the San Mateo Creek watershed. ~~It~~ With hands-on, interactive displays, the exhibit is commensurate with Common Core and the standards for the California environmental initiative in education.

After two years planning (and with very little funding and a completely volunteer effort) in November 2013 the Earth Lodge opened.

The next phase of our planning is to create a curriculum workbook and teaching guide, geared for K-5 students. The booklet will be approximately 20 pages and will mirror what children are taught in their tour of the Earth Lodge. It will accompany planned staff development workshops for teachers at the beginning of and throughout the school year.

A \$2,000 Environmental Sustainability grant from the city of San Clemente will allow us to develop and print the booklet and assist with the costs associated with staff development workshops. We would allocate \$500 toward the workshops, \$800 toward the writing of the booklet, and \$700 for printing costs.

For more information regarding the Earth Lodge project we are including some recent press coverage we received after our opening. While the Earth Lodge is for the benefit of all students of CapoUSD, it is students who are San Clemente residents who benefit the most as they are the ones who spend most of the time in the exhibit.



# Lobo Lodge Expands Educational Opportunities

Native American museum at SC school adds second building

By Jim Shilander  
San Clemente Times

Tucked behind a San Clemente elementary school named for an Acjachemen leader now sits a pair of unique portable classrooms housing a native American museum.

Since its return three years ago, Clarence Lobo Elementary School's Lobo Lodge has allowed students in the Capistrano Unified School District the opportunity to examine the history of native and indigenous peoples across the country and in south Orange County. Led by a dedicated group of staff and volunteer docents, a second building, the Earth Lodge, has recently been added. The new addition will afford students the opportunity to explore, from both traditional western scientific and native perspectives, their own impact on local watersheds.

Staff members believe the lodges may be the only museums located on the grounds of an elementary school dedicated to the study of native cultures and peoples.

Members of the Lobo school family, as well as educators and members of area tribes, celebrated the opening of the school's Earth Lodge Monday, with tribal dances and words of thanks to those who helped make the museum possible.

The effort to bring the Earth Lodge to Lobo began two years ago, when the Children's Museum at La Habra was breaking down an exhibit on the science of water.

Jacque Nuñez, a storyteller and member of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, was got her hands on the display. With an exhibit in hand, volunteers pieced together the new lodge and, in the words of docent Dina Gilio-Whitaker, worked to "indigenize" the exhibit.



Desert plants illustrate the importance of water in different parts of the ecosystem at the Earth Lodge. Photo by Jim Shilander

At that time, Nuñez worked as a storyteller at the museum. When employees there asked her to take look at the display, she was impressed, and she said she knew she wanted to do something with it. She thought of using the display for her and her husband's company, Tamaayowut, which supplies renewable energy sources to reservations. Nuñez looked at creating

a mobile education program, but ultimately decided it was unfeasible.

"After that, I decided I would do anything I could to buy it from them," Nuñez said. "So I bartered with them, the old Indian way."

In exchange for telling a number of stories at the museum, Nuñez was able to ensure the display would be used for public education and outreach.

"I hope it opens students' eyes to know they can make a difference," Nuñez said.

The real work however, soon began, as volunteers from the community took two years to reassemble the exhibit with the addition of artifacts, photographs and displays to illustrate the native perspective. This was done, Whitaker said, with only \$1,000 in district funding, through a grant from the CUSD Foundation.

Whitaker said the new museum will provide insight into the native-American perspective on water. The exhibit includes information about how watersheds transport water from mountains down to the ocean, as well as the way water effects different types of ecosystems. Additions to the exhibit include a native home, the kiicha, to illustrate the way indigenous peoples made their homes near water and how they balanced their own needs with sustaining the waters.

"There's a whole different way of seeing

the relationship to water," Whitaker said. In recent years, she noted, western science had come to look more favorably on the understandings of native people had for water. Specifically, she said, this meant that rather than viewing resources like water only in terms of what could be extracted, it meant also understanding that humans are part of whatever ecosystems they inhabit.

"The challenges we face demand nothing less than the best of all cultures working together," Whitaker said. Not only are people to act as caretakers of the land, they also need to understand they were part of it.

First-year Lobo principal Cheryl Sampson said students at the school were "Very much a part" of the lodge, with students learning songs and dances, along with being able to tour the facility to provide real illustrations on lessons about native cultures. Having the new Earth Lodge on campus only enhances those educational efforts, she said.

"It really ties into our new core curriculum and standards," Sampson said.

Trustee Amy Hanacek said the lodge would provide something unique for district students.

"I think it shows we are always expanding and creating something for everyone,

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Jacque Nuñez and Dina Gilio-Whitaker helped to bring the earth lodge exhibit to life. Photo by Jim Shilander

## EYE ON SC

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so that everything is a learning opportunity," Hanacek said. "We're making a strong push in STEM education (science, technology engineering and math) and this incorporating native Americans and what they have given to where we are today, from an ecological point of view."

Hanacek said by providing the opportunity for children to have hands-on experience, both in being able to study native American cultures, and now the science of water, students will better understand what they were being taught.

"I think this is going to be exciting to finally bring the kids through, to have the field trips," Hanacek said. "I think it's connecting. It connects all the kids in the district who'll be able to experience this. I'm just blown away. I had no idea how excellent this was, and it's obviously a labor of love. I'm really proud of this school district."

### NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT CUSD

While the district has had a program in place since the 1970s, it was originally located at San Juan Elementary School in San Juan Capistrano. When Lobo opened in 1994, it was moved there, then to R.H. Dana Elementary School in Dana Point. It returned to Lobo in 2010. The program provides tutoring and educational opportunities for both the 250 native students in the district, as well as providing educa-



Dancer Ba'ac Garcia performs a traditional Grass Dance. Photo by Jim Shilander

tional opportunities, like the lodges, for non-native students.

Stacy Yogi, the executive director for state and federal programs, who oversees the district's efforts, said both lodges would be made available to students from around the district immediately for field trips. The program receives just over \$42,000 in federal funds.

"It's a wonderful cultural resource," Yogi said. "It's a really great project for na-

tive American students as well as others."

Nathan Banda, who chairs as president of the district's Native American Parent and Student Committee, was part of the program while a student at San Juan. Now, as a parent, he sees the goal of the program as one of expanding educational opportunities for native students. This includes providing family nights where native students can dance and share their own tribal cultures, since the area has

native students from tribes throughout the country. Banda said the program also partners with area colleges to make it feel like a much more real possibility, including overnight visits to UCI. Banda said that process begins in middle school.

Many of the artifacts in both lodges are from the personal collection passed down through generations of Kogee Thomas. Thomas is a long-time educator who helped start the American Indian Studies Center at UCLA and the American Indian Resource Program at UCI. She has also worked at CUSD as a teacher in the program since 2000. She was instrumental in setting up the program in the 70s.

Thomas said the goal of the new lodge is to foster a sense of ownership for resources among new generations.

"We're trying to impart the message, 'one person, one earth, one change,'" Thomas said.

While Thomas was quick to focus on the next generation of educators, such as Whitaker, Nuñez and Banda, all three said Thomas' example was a key one to follow.

"When Kogee calls, everyone listens," Nuñez said. "She has that way about her."

Thomas said she was happy now to see others step forward to carry on her work, and that new educational opportunities for all students were being created.

"They're now working on making the dream a reality," Thomas said. "That's much more important than just having the dream." **SC**



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date:

Name of Organization: San Clemente Watershed Task Force

Request Authorized by: Bill Hart

Contact Person: Nanci Mavar

Mailing Address: 555 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente, CA 92672

Email: nmavar@cox.net or 2bhart@cox.net Web site: www.scwatersheds.com

Amount Requested: \$  Date funding needed:

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: Art auction: \$2,600, major sponsor: \$1,000, booths: \$400

Project Title: Earth Day Festival

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – **Limit one page**)

The San Clemente Earth Day Festival is held annually at Parque del Mar at the San Clemente Pier. The Festival facilitates environmental awareness in several ways: reminder and awareness via the festival itself, educational booths for non-profits and government agencies, and opportunities for providers of environmental products and services to display their goods. The Festival also features a beach cleanup, live entertainment, and an awards ceremony to recognize environmentally sensitive local businesses, and recognition of individuals.

The Earth Day Festival is staffed by volunteers. Money is needed to cover expenses such as booth and stage rental, supplies, awards, etc.

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected:

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation:   
Federal I.D. Number:  State I.D. Number:

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA:

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors.**  
**School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

William Hart   
Signature Date  
William Hart Chair  
Printed Name Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: September 30, 2013  
Name of Organization: San Clemente High School  
Request Authorized by: Lisa Kerr  
Contact Person: Lisa Kerr  
Mailing Address: 700 Avenida Pico San Clemente, CA 92672  
Email: lnkerr@capousd.org Web site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Requested: \$ 1,000 Date funding needed: ASAP  
List amount and source(s) of other project funding: This is a project that has had funding from PTSA, Ocean Festival, City  
Project Title: Ocean Water quality monitoring

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – **Limit one page**)

Ninety students in AP/IB Environmental Science will be testing four beaches two times a week for bacterial contamination, using the enterolert reagent and quantitray sealer. The results for the four beaches; Poche, North Beach, SC Pier, and Riviera, will be put up on the Blue Water Task Force website for the community to view. This will be our 14th year of longitudinal data testing these four beaches using this methodology

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: community

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA: San Clemente High School

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

Lisa Kerr 9/30/13  
Signature Date  
Lisa Kerr teacher SCHS  
Printed Name Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

## Vondrak, Mary

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**From:** Kerr, Lisa N. <LNKERR@capousd.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2013 3:34 PM  
**To:** Vondrak, Mary  
**Subject:** RE: Grant Application

Hi Mary,

I got my computer back! I have answered your questions below, please let me know if you need any additional information.

*Lisa Kerr  
AP/IB Environmental Science, Biology  
CSF Advisor  
Recycling Coordinator*



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**From:** Vondrak, Mary [<mailto:VondrakM@san-clemente.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 11:18 AM  
**To:** Kerr, Lisa N.  
**Subject:** Grant Application

Hi Lisa,

How are you? I received your application for the next round of City Environmental Sustainability Grants. We will review this after the deadline in December and should have a decision in early 2014. Would you please provide me with some more detail on your project? Attached is the application for your reference. If you could answer the following questions then I should have everything I need. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me know. Thanks!

- What will the \$1,000 requested be specifically used to purchase or support?

The money will be used to purchase the enterolert reagent which is \$928.03, and to buy some of the 10 ml serological pipets, a case of 200 costs \$98.08 plus tax and shipping

- Would you consider adding bird counts to your data collection? Our research has indicated that gulls are contributing to high bacteria counts. It would be interesting to note if your students see a similar correlation between high bacteria levels and birds sitting in the ocean or on the beach.

I would be happy to modify my data table to include wildlife, no problem

- What is the blue water task force website address?

<http://www.surfrider.org/blue-water-task-force/chapter/24>

- Have you or the students done anything with the data or plan to do anything (like report or present the information to anyone)?

We have worked with the AP Statistics students and presented in front of the community before, we would be happy to make a presentation if you would like us to, I am very proud of the work my students do

### **Mary Vondrak | City of San Clemente**

Environmental Analyst | 910 Calle Negocio, Ste. 100 CA 92673  
office: 949.361.8204 | fax: 949.492.5289  
website: [www.sccleanocean.org](http://www.sccleanocean.org)

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# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: 12-10-13

Name of Organization: Las Palmas Elementary School

Request Authorized by: Kristen Nelson, Principal

Contact Person: Dagmar Foy

Mailing Address: 1101 Calle Puente, SC 92672

Email: Dagmar@slamsc.com Web site: http://lps.capsusd.ca.schoolapp.com/

Amount Requested: \$ 2000 Date funding needed: February 1, 2014

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: \$2000 Elk's Club, \$5000 Oppenheimer Fund

Project Title: Las Palmas Community Garden

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary - **Limit one page**)

Build an organic garden to be used by both the students & community of Las Palmas. Offer opportunities to learn about nature, gardening, the environment & self sustainability. Bring the community together, build relationships & build confidence within the community.

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?

Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: 1000+ students & their families

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?

Yes  No Date of incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Kristen to email  
Federal I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?

Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA: Las Palmas ES & Las Palmas PTA

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors.  
School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

Dagmar Foy  
Signature  
Dagmar Foy  
Printed Name

12-10-13  
Date  
Volunteer - Las Palmas PTA  
Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

**\$2,000 Funding Request to build and install raised garden beds at Las Palmas Elementary:**

TOOLS and Garden Items will all be stored in an existing school storage shed. We will need to purchase

*Small Fruit trees, starter vegetables and herbs*

*Five round headed shovels*

*Twenty pruning shears*

*A rake or broom*

*Twenty hand trowels*

*100 lbs organic fertilizer (complete, like Dr Earth)*

*30, 50 lbs bags of builders sand*

**RAISED BEDS**

*(Quantity 15) 2 x 8 x 8' redwood boards for sides*

*(15) 2 x 8 x 4' redwood boards for ends (half that number if Lowes can't cut them for us)*

*(6) 2 x 8 x 8' redwood boards for caps*

*(6) 2 x 8 x 4' redwood boards for caps (half that number if Lowes can't cut them)*

*(28) 4 x 4 x 2' redwood posts for corners (or equivalent length of whole posts if Lowes doesn't cut)*

*150 sf chicken wire for under beds*

*1 can Henry's asphaltic emulsion*

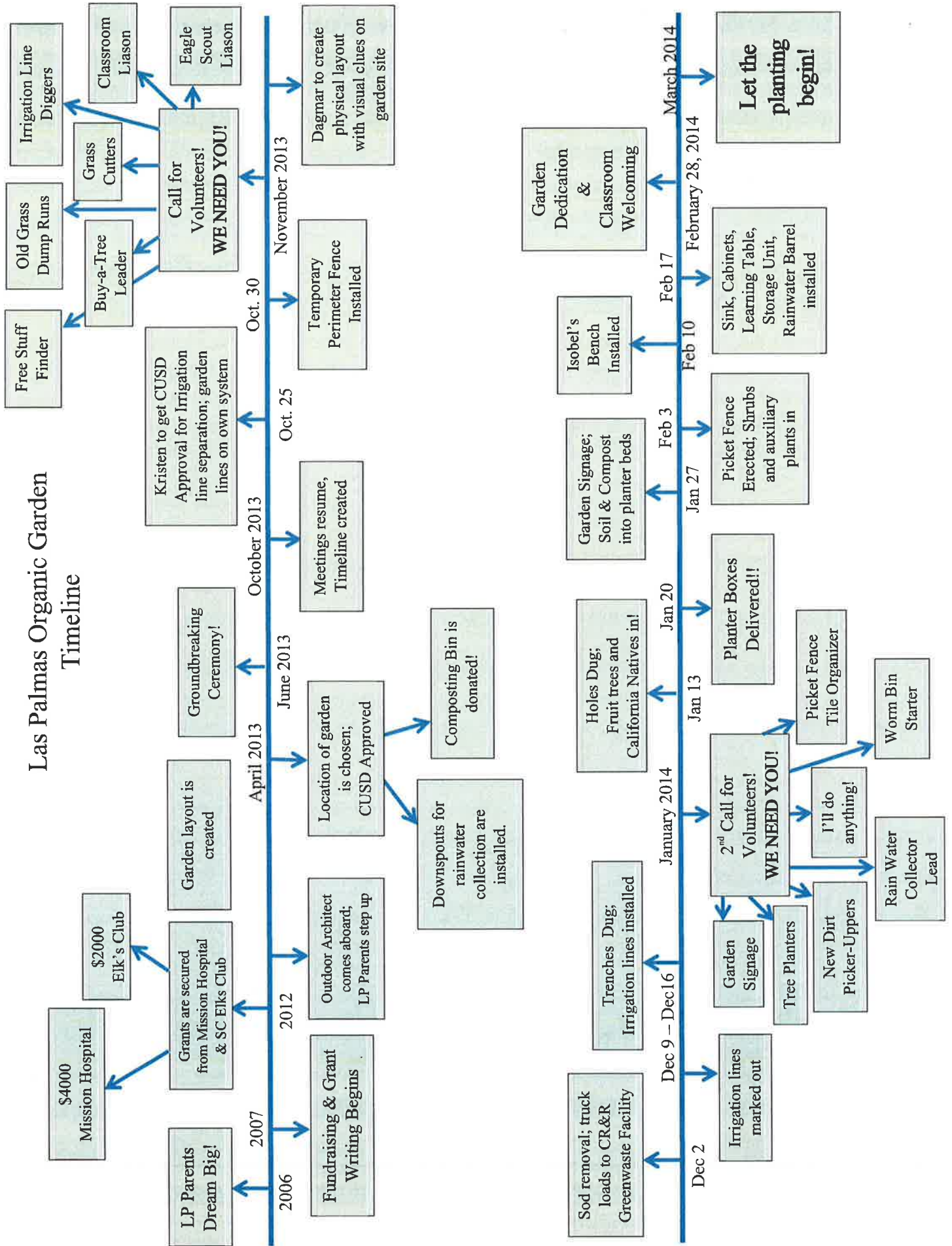
**IRRIGATION: Denise Obrero from the City will work closely with Capistrano Unified School Maintenance workers. There is already existing water lines at the Las Palmas School soccer fields.**

*100' 1/2" pvc pipe*

*50' 3/4" pvc pipe*

*3 automatic clock with approx 4 stations (outdoor)*

# Las Palmas Organic Garden Timeline







# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: 12/10/13

Name of Organization: CLARENCE LOBO PTA

Request Authorized by: Mrs. Sampson

Contact Person: LARISSA WIRTZ

Mailing Address: 200 AVENIDA VISTA MONTANA, S. CLEMENTE 92672

Email: LARAWIRTZ@YAHOO.COM Web site: http://cles.capouisd.ca.schoolloop.com

Amount Requested: \$ 2000.00 Date funding needed: 1/7/14

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: PTA ALLOTTED \$100.<sup>00</sup>

Project Title: Lobo Garden

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – **Limit one page**)

SEE ATTACHED

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: 480

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation: NOV. 8, 1943

Federal I.D. Number: 330619748 State I.D. Number: 9534511  
EIN

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA: LOBO PTA

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

[Signature]  
Signature  
LARISSA (LARA) WIRTZ  
Printed Name

12/10/13 Date  
GARDEN CHAIR Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

## Obrero, Denise

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**From:** lara wirtz <larawirtz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 08, 2013 12:13 PM  
**To:** Obrero, Denise  
**Subject:** Lobo Elementary Garden

Good Morning Ms. Obrero,  
my name is Lara Wirtz, and I am one of the mom volunteers for the garden at our school, Lobo Elementary.

The reason why I'm writing to you, is because our principal, Mrs. Sampson, has informed that you might be able to help us obtain some funds for our garden.  
I started working on the Lobo Garden this year, because I was tired of seeing it in disarray all these years, and because I am a passionate gardener.

My first goal while revamping the garden was not only to create something visually pleasing, but also something that could have been used as a teaching tool for the students.  
I thought that each class, in partnership with their teachers could have had a hands on experience in planting some seeds( according to the seasons). Thus the kids would have hopefully learned about the plant cycle and also could have seen how food is grown.

My second goal was to also teach responsibility to the children, by assigning a portion of each planter to a class and implementing a watering schedule. In addition water conservancy was another aspect of this goal, by showing that a pretty garden could have been created by using climate hardy plants or natives.

Finally my third goal was to encourage hummingbirds and butterflies in visiting our garden, so that the students would have had an opportunity to witness the butterfly cycle.

Of course I think that besides science, the Lobo Garden could offer other valuable lessons for our students in other academic areas.

However I have noticed that to maintain such a garden funds are needed not only for the supplies( earth, seeds, organic fertilizer etc..) but also to upkeep the garden structure itself ( our plastic bins are crumbling). Also I was thinking of using additional pots to increase our square footage, to have a larger diversity of plants.

Therefore if there is any thing that you could do to provides us with any additional funds it would be a true blessing. So please let me know if there is any additional information that I, or Mrs. Sampson could provide you with to facilitate this happening.

I thank you in advance,  
Lara Wirtz

P.S. You can also reach me at 949-468-6040

## SCHOOL GARDEN BUDGET

### Phase 1 Garden: 2008-09

\$250 Initial Grant from San Clemente Garden Club (to start butterfly garden within existing 300sf beds – plants, compost)

\$500 Initial Budget Approved by PTA (for educational programs)

\$750 Additional Funds from SCGC for 2008-09.

\$500 Increase in PTA Budget for 2008-09 (for educational programs)

*\$2,000.00 Total Operating Budget*

### Phase 2 Garden: 2009-10

\$900 Grant from SCGC – Operational Expenses

\$900 Budget Approved from PTA – Operational Expenses

\$500 Grant from City of San Clemente's Water Conservation Program – funding 5<sup>th</sup> grade rainwater harvesting project (year 2)

\$2,300 Grant from Captain Planet Foundation for K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade garden expansion projects

*\$4,600.00 Total Operating Budget w/Expansions*

### Phase 3 Garden: 2010-2011

\$900 Grant from SCGC

\$900 Budget Approved from PTA

\$500 Grant Requested from City of San Clemente's Environmental Education Programs – pending decision (for rainwater harvesting – year 3)\*

\$1,100 Grant Awards - National Garden Clubs

\$220 Grant Awards - California Garden Clubs Inc.

*\$3,620.00\* Total Operating Budget*

## VOLUNTEER NUMBERS

### Year 1:

- (23) students on Workday(s) + sibs; 11 students on average participating with adults
- (11) volunteer waterers and/or Club, parent volunteers for projects; average of 2-3 Club members per activity.

### Year 2:

- (56) students on Workday(s) + sibs; 5-10 on average participating with adults
- (27) volunteer Summer waterers; 17 club/17 regular parent volunteers for projects; average of 3-5 Club/parents per activity.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

San Clemente Garden Club

City of San Clemente

Nathan Adams, City of San Clemente

Diane Cheek, The Worm Lady

*Nurseries:* Miramar Wholesale Nurseries; Plant Depot; Tree of Life Nursery



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: 11/11/2013

Name of Organization:       SCHS Environmental Alliance      

Request Authorized by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person:       Zachary Ellis      

Mailing Address:       24 Calle Almeja, San Clemente, CA, 92673      

Email:       zacharyellis@cox.net       Web site:       N/A      

Amount Requested: \$       1,500.00       Date funding needed:       2/1/2014      

List amount and source(s) of other project funding:       SCHS Environmental Alliance      

Project Title:       Carbon-Free San Clemente and Project Beauty      

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – ***Limit one page***)

The San Clemente High School Environmental Alliance is passionate about protecting our local environment. Our objective is to encourage and educate the community about sustainable living practices and environmental stewardship. With the support of our student body, we aim our efforts at transforming our community into an environmentally friendly and sustainable campus, through means of balanced ecological practices. We believe, that our projects will serve as a remembrance, that the environment that our city rests in will not be forgotten. This year, we are aggressively challenging the old habits of our community to limit our ecological footprint. This year we are taking on two substantial projects: Carbon-Free SC and Project Beauty.

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes      No     Estimated number of residents affected:       3,500      

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes      No     Date of incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes      No     Name of school, club or PTA:       San Clemente High School      

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      Zachary Ellis                 11/11/2013        
 Signature     Date

      Zachary Ellis                 SCHS Environmental Alliance        
 Printed Name     Title/Agency

***Send or Deliver Application to:***  
 Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
 910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673

## San Clemente High School Environmental Alliance Grant Continued

Project Carbon-Free SC is based on the principles of limiting our carbon footprint through means of increasing native flora and decreasing our disposable plastic water bottle consumption. Project Carbon-Free SC is composed of several stages. Stage one is to exponentially increase recycling and educating our student body on proper trash sorting techniques. For stage one to be successful, the purchase of additional recycling bins is necessary. Stage two is the removal of invasive species and dead foliage and the addition of native species. For the success of stage two to be accomplished, materials need to be purchased to remove the invasive and dead foliage and new native species will need to be purchased. Finally, stage three is the addition of Brita hydration systems to more class rooms and outdoor areas, to encourage and increase the simplicity for students to use reusable water bottles. For stage three to be successful the purchase of fifteen to thrifty new Brita hydration systems and filters is necessary.

Project Beauty is mainly based on restoring our campus' natural beauty through the replenishment of the vitality of the campus' greenery. Students will partake in maintaining the campus' greenery through trimming, planting, and removing species. The idea is to leave our local environment in better shape than we found it. Project Beauty also includes the collection and disposal of trash on a weekly basis, to limit the amount of trash ending up in the storm drains and our oceans. The most important aspects of Project Beauty are our weekly adopt-a-beach and bi-monthly watershed clean ups. The grant will enable the alliance to purchase new materials and resources to extend our influence. The importance of these programs allows the alliance to extend its impact farther than just the high school. These programs allow the alliance to play an influential role in the protection of our beautiful city's environment, as well.

These two projects: Carbon-Free SC and Project Beauty, will have tremendous impacts on our local environment and the enthusiasm towards environmental stewardship throughout the community. The continuation of these projects, however are only achievable through monetary aid. Through fundraising and aid of the city, we believe these two projects will prosper and have substantial benefits that the whole community will appreciate.



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: December 11, 2013

Name of Organization: EcoCenter, Inc. dba The Ecology Center

Request Authorized by: Evan Marks, Executive Director

Contact Person: Jessica Watkins

Mailing Address: 32701 Alipaz Street, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Email: info@theecologycenter.org Web site: www.theecologycenter.org

Amount Requested: \$ 2,000 Date funding needed: March 1, 2014

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: The Boeing Company Global Corporate Citizenship Fund, \$29,500

Project Title: Backyard Skills Workshop & Lecture Series 2014

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary – **Limit one page**)

Backyard Skills is a lecture and workshop series teaching hands-on techniques and positive ways to live in connection with our ecosystems. In conjunction, we offer permaculture design and skills training for leveraged community impact through our 3-month Eco-Apprentices permaculture design certification course. Workshops and lectures are taught related to the core areas of Food, Water, Waste, Energy, and Shelter, and they focus on at-home and at-office solutions to environmental sustainability issues. To keep these programs accessible to the general public, workshops fees are heavily subsidized by grantmakers to enable low class fees and materials fees. Through attendee follow-up, The Ecology Center documents positive ecological actions taken in the community related to skills such as rainwater harvesting, fruit tree grafting and pruning, beekeeping, organic gardening, greywater systems, vermicomposting, etc., with over 4,000 actions tracked in 2013.

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: 2,500

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation: March 5, 2009  
Federal I.D. Number: 80-0308638 State I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA: \_\_\_\_\_

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

Jessica Watkins  
Signature

December 11, 2013  
Date

Jessica Watkins  
Printed Name

Development Director/ The Ecology Center  
Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673



# CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT APPLICATION

910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673  
949.361.6143

Date: Dec. 11, 2013

Name of Organization: Concordia Elementary Afterschool Garden Club.

Request Authorized by: PTA garden chair

Contact Person: Heather Rice / Concordia Elementary School.

Mailing Address: 3120 Avenida del Presidente San Clemente CA 92672.

Email: hricecupunk@yahoo.com Web site: concordia.cces.capousd.ca.school

Amount Requested: \$ 500. Date funding needed: January 2014.

List amount and source(s) of other project funding: \$550 from San Clemente Garden Club

Project Title: Learning Through Nature: A Butterfly Habitat School Garden

Description of the Project: (Attach additional sheet if necessary - **Limit one page**)

2 focuses for our school garden where funding is needed.  
1) continue to purchase milkweed and other butterfly habitat plants  
concordia has been designated wildlife habitat, monarch way station,  
NABA butterfly garden habitat and NWF wildlife habitat with proximity to  
san clemente state park host to several migrating butterflies.  
2) Refurbish our Rain saver rain barrels. Clean, repaint, reseal, replumb.  
to educate the students on how to harvest rain water, be water wise  
in our drought climate.

Does this project directly impact San Clemente residents?  
 Yes  No Estimated number of residents affected: hundreds of

Is this Organization incorporated in California as a non-profit organization?  
 Yes  No Date of incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Students and parents of Concordia and State Park.*

Is this Organization a local public school or affiliated student club or PTA?  
 Yes  No Name of school, club or PTA: Concordia PTA.

**First time applicants: Provide copies of IRS tax exempt status letter, financial report of organization and listing of the organization's officers and board of directors. School applicants provide evidence of official standing of the PTA or student club.**

Heather Rice 12/11/13  
Signature Date  
Heather Rice PTA Garden Chair Concordia Elementary.  
Printed Name Title/Agency

**Send or Deliver Application to:**  
Environmental Programs Section, City of San Clemente,  
910 Calle Negocio, Suite 100, San Clemente, CA 92673



# Memorandum Engineering

December 19, 2013

To: Coastal Advisory Committee  
From: Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst  
**Subject: Strategic Priority Planning – Upcoming Budget Process**

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Unlike years past, the upcoming Fiscal Year 2015 budget preparation process will not include a separate Strategic Priority Planning workshop. Instead, an update on existing strategic priorities will be included as part of the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) workshop which is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. However, the City Manager will be interested in any recommendations from the Commissions and Committees regarding potential Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects which should be considered during the budget process. Also, this year's LTFP will include two topics of interest for the Coastal Advisory Committee: San Replenishment and the Marine Safety Building relocation. The issue papers should be available in mid-February in advance of the LTFP workshop.





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7.A.

**COUNTY OF ORANGE**  
**HEALTH CARE AGENCY/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**  
**SOCWA (Doheny Outfall) Ocean Bacteriological Monitoring Program**

**Enterococcus (ENT), Fecal Coliform (FC), Total Coliform (TC) Colony Forming Units / 100 ml Sample**  
**NS – NOT SAMPLED**

**Date posted: 1/6/14**

Beach Name	Lab	StationID	Location	Type	11/14/2013	11/20/2013	11/27/2013	12/10/2013
San Clemente	RA	S-15	Poche Beach	Enterococcus		=10	=10	<10
San Clemente	RA	S-15	Poche Beach	Fecal Coliforms		=10	<10	=10
San Clemente	RA	S-15	Poche Beach	Total Coliforms		=30	=50	<10
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-17	North Beach	Enterococcus		=10	=2	<10
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-17	North Beach	Fecal Coliforms		=10	<2	<10
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-17	North Beach	Total Coliforms		=70	=8	=240
San Clemente City Beach	EH	S-19	450' North of Pier	Enterococcus	=6			
San Clemente City Beach	EH	S-19	450' North of Pier	Fecal Coliforms	<10			
San Clemente City Beach	EH	S-19	450' North of Pier	Total Coliforms	<10			
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-19	450' North of Pier	Enterococcus		<10	=8	<10
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-19	450' North of Pier	Fecal Coliforms		<10	=20	<10
San Clemente City Beach	RA	S-19	450' North of Pier	Total Coliforms		=10	=23	<10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-21	Avenida Calafia	Enterococcus		<2	<2	<10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-21	Avenida Calafia	Fecal Coliforms		=2	<2	<10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-21	Avenida Calafia	Total Coliforms		<2	<2	=10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-23	Las Palmeras	Enterococcus		<2	<2	<10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-23	Las Palmeras	Fecal Coliforms		<2	=2	<10
San Clemente State Beach	RA	S-23	Las Palmeras	Total Coliforms		=2	<2	<10

<b>AB411 Single Sample Standards</b>	
Total Coliforms	10,000
Fecal Coliforms	400
Enterococci	104
Fecal to Total Coliform ratio	1,000 total coliform, if ratio exceeds 0.1
<b>AB411 30-Day Geometric Mean Standards</b>	
Total Coliforms	1,000
Fecal Coliforms	200
Enterococci	35

All values expressed in cfu/100 ml.



## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE • ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DECEMBER 2013 CLEAN OCEAN PROGRAM UPDATE

7.B.

### Meetings

12/5	Orange County Coastal Coalition Meeting	(M.Vondrak, A. Kanzler)
12/12	Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting	(M.Vondrak)
12/16	CR&R's South Cities Recycle Meeting	(M.Vondrak)
12/18	Water Quality Improvement Plan Meeting	

### Public Outreach

	<b>PUBLIC OUTREACH</b>	(D.McIntosh)
12/7	Beach Trail Clean-up w/church	(D.McIntosh)
	<b>PRINT</b>	
12/12	San Clemente Times ad, "Avoid applying fertilizer before forecasted rain."	
12/26	San Clemente Times ad, "Avoid applying fertilizer before forecasted rain."	
	<b>INTERNET</b>	
December	SC Sustainability December Newsletter	
12/1-31	City of San Clemente <a href="http://www.san-clemenete.org">www.san-clemenete.org</a> - "Clean Ocean Fee Renewal"	
12/1-31	City of San Clemente <a href="http://www.san-clemenete.org">www.san-clemenete.org</a> - "Remember, Only Rain Down the Drain"	
	<b>TELEVISION/MEDIA EXPOSURE</b>	
12/3,10,17,24,31	Community Calendar, Cox Ch. 30 - Universal Waste Collection Service	
12/3,10,17,24,31	Community Calendar, Cox Ch. 30 - What To Do If You See A Spill	
December	Cox Channel 30/854 - Curiosity Quest - videos various episodes	
December	Cox Channel 30/854 - Trash in the Pacific with Captain Charles Moore video	
December	Cox Channel 30/854 - Around Town Prima Deshecha Watershed Tour	
On going	PSA- Public Service Announcement on Cox Ch. 30, "The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door - Litter"	
On going	PSA- Public Service Announcement on Cox Ch. 30, "The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door - General"	

### Staff Training

12/10	High Diversion Rates and Compensation Workshop	(D.McIntosh)
12/16	Environmental Safety Training	(City Staff)

### Storm Drain Maintenance Program - November

Catch Basins Cleaned	159
Storm Drain Lines Inspected	0

### Street Sweeping Program - October

Material Collected/Recycled:	71,640 lbs. debris (35.82 tons)
# of Parking Citations Issued:	527

### Water Quality Code Compliance

Verbal Warnings	0
Notices of Non-Compliance	2
Administrative Citations	2
Stop Work	0

### Water Quality Inspections

Commercial Site	9
Construction	20
Grease Interceptor	117

**Recycling & Solid Waste Program**

Red Tag Violation Warnings	175
Waste Management Plans	39
Complaints and Calls Received	198
Abandoned Bulky Item Requests	129

**Attachments**

October	City of San Clemente 2013 Solid Waste & Recycling Tons Summary Octboer Report
December	City of San Clemente Environmental Code Enforcement Action December 2013 Reports
12/12	San Clemente Times ad, "Avoid applying fertilizer before forecasted rain."
12/26	San Clemente Times ad, "Avoid applying fertilizer before forecasted rain."

**CRSR**  
**CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE 2012-2013**  
**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING TONS SUMMARY REPORT**  
**OCTOBER 2013**

**RESIDENTIAL**

MONTH	7000						
	CURBSIDE DIVERTED	CURBSIDE LANDFILLED	CURBSIDE DIVERSION %	MULTI FAM DIVERTED	MULTI FAM LANDFILLED	MULTI FAM DIVERSION %	TOTAL RESI DIVERSION %
Oct-12	1,309.26	1,612.27	44.81%	165.91	157.56	51.29%	45.46%
Nov-12	1,191.21	1,623.38	42.32%	148.73	141.22	51.30%	43.16%
Dec-12	1,110.48	1,553.49	41.69%	153.73	145.99	51.29%	42.66%
Jan-13	1,196.08	1,661.59	41.86%	134.39	127.61	51.29%	42.65%
Feb-13	1,009.00	1,378.71	42.26%	125.54	119.20	51.30%	43.10%
Mar-13	1,197.88	1,509.99	44.24%	159.77	151.71	51.29%	44.96%
Apr-13	1,301.29	1,618.24	44.57%	180.09	171.01	51.29%	45.29%
May-13	1,398.18	1,695.40	45.20%	152.98	145.27	51.29%	45.73%
Jun-13	1,280.88	1,570.60	44.92%	151.42	143.79	51.29%	45.52%
Jul-13	1,506.15	1,819.83	45.28%	167.59	159.16	51.29%	45.82%
Aug-13	1,316.62	1,666.39	44.14%	182.03	172.85	51.29%	44.90%
Sep-13	1,252.34	1,561.68	44.50%	147.28	139.86	51.29%	45.13%
Oct-13	1,262.64	1,609.30	43.96%	153.31	145.59	51.29%	44.66%
<b>2013 YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>12,721.06</b>	<b>16,091.73</b>	<b>44.15%</b>	<b>1,554.40</b>	<b>1,476.05</b>	<b>51.29%</b>	<b>44.83%</b>

**COMMERCIAL**

MONTH	2030									
	COMMERCIAL DIVERTED	COMMERCIAL ROLL OFF DIVERTED	PUBLIC WORKS	BIO SOLIDS	SELF HAUL GREENWASTE	TOTAL COMMERCIAL DIVERTED	COM DIRECT LANDFILLED	COMM ROLL OFF RESIDUE/DIRECT LANDFILLED	TOTAL COMMERCIAL LANDFILLED	TOTAL COM DIVERSION %
Oct-12	162.66	162.88	62.33	288.49	298.74	975.10	1,050.08	132.54	1,182.62	45.19%
Nov-12	119.31	174.53	188.59	310.59	298.74	1,091.76	947.38	123.56	1,070.94	50.48%
Dec-12	112.74	141.32	55.87	389.89	298.74	998.56	943.03	90.96	1,033.99	49.13%
Jan-13	112.97	189.22	33.94	354.16	175.51	865.80	938.67	119.97	1,058.64	44.99%
Feb-13	104.38	135.68	42.53	285.91	175.51	744.01	896.29	100.10	996.39	42.75%
Mar-13	113.83	189.94	83.94	303.05	175.51	866.27	982.94	99.67	1,082.61	44.45%
Apr-13	115.06	215.43	187.81	285.49	266.07	1,069.86	965.67	94.43	1,060.10	50.23%
May-13	124.13	195.01	154.42	348.66	266.07	1,088.29	1,017.38	108.13	1,125.51	49.16%
Jun-13	114.87	236.31	93.36	331.83	266.07	1,042.44	960.56	96.90	1,057.46	49.64%
Jul-13	118.80	198.86	130.24	328.37	0.00	776.27	1,087.43	109.27	1,196.70	39.35%
Aug-13	122.97	257.76	61.94	335.62	0.00	778.29	1,049.26	106.83	1,156.09	40.23%
Sep-13	110.93	299.44	88.45	307.94	0.00	806.76	955.54	71.00	1,026.54	44.01%
Oct-13	118.70	296.18	60.77	326.05	0.00	801.70	1,002.93	99.56	1,102.49	42.10%
<b>2013 YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>1,156.64</b>	<b>2,213.83</b>	<b>937.40</b>	<b>3,207.08</b>	<b>1,324.74</b>	<b>8,839.69</b>	<b>9,856.67</b>	<b>1,005.86</b>	<b>10,862.53</b>	<b>44.87%</b>
		INCLUDES MRF DIVERTED & SOURCE SEPARATED								

**C&D PROCESSING**

MONTH	4060						PRIMA SELF HAUL			
	CR&R SJC MRF DIVERTED	CR&R SJC MRF LANDFILLED	CRT STANTON DIVERTED	CRT STANTON LANDFILLED	SOURCE SEPARATED C&D DIVERTED	ROLL OFF LANDFILLED	TOTAL C&D DIVERSION %	PRIMA SELF HAUL DIVERTED	PRIMA SELF HAUL LANDFILLED	TOTAL PRIMA DIVERSION %
Oct-12	307.16	110.36	0.00	0.00	82.33	17.57	75.28%	616.29	146.35	80.81%
Nov-12	266.93	86.44	0.00	0.00	88.86	0.00	80.45%	565.38	136.09	80.60%
Dec-12	345.62	88.02	0.00	0.00	91.75	0.00	83.25%	460.58	107.58	81.07%
Jan-13	259.52	90.25	0.00	0.00	131.38	0.00	81.24%	487.93	117.97	80.53%
Feb-13	144.78	63.06	0.00	0.00	99.14	0.00	79.46%	559.06	134.05	80.66%
Mar-13	230.96	74.29	0.00	0.00	142.00	0.00	83.39%	753.86	180.06	80.72%
Apr-13	273.53	90.17	0.00	0.00	141.97	0.00	82.17%	619.85	150.44	80.47%
May-13	160.57	65.33	0.00	0.00	138.55	0.00	82.07%	600.88	143.33	80.74%
Jun-13	185.93	73.53	0.00	0.00	22.10	2.14	73.33%	635.24	154.07	80.48%
Jul-13	262.50	105.65	0.00	0.00	143.58	5.50	78.51%	700.49	164.74	80.96%
Aug-13	345.28	107.58	0.00	0.00	90.81	8.59	78.96%	807.93	198.58	80.27%
Sep-13	232.63	81.31	0.00	0.00	107.10	0.00	80.69%	696.42	167.19	80.64%
Oct-13	315.50	84.28	0.00	0.00	257.50	0.00	87.18%	708.79	171.37	80.53%
<b>2013 YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>2,411.20</b>	<b>835.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,274.13</b>	<b>16.23</b>	<b>81.23%</b>	<b>6,570.45</b>	<b>1,581.80</b>	<b>80.60%</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL**

MONTH	7000			2030			4060			PRIMA SELF HAUL		
	TOTAL RECYCLED	TOTAL LANDFILLED	OVERALL DIVERSION	COMMERCIAL DIVERTED	COMMERCIAL ROLL OFF DIVERTED	PUBLIC WORKS	CR&R SJC MRF DIVERTED	CR&R SJC MRF LANDFILLED	CRT STANTON DIVERTED	CRT STANTON LANDFILLED	SOURCE SEPARATED C&D DIVERTED	ROLL OFF LANDFILLED
Oct-12	3,463.42	3,226.73	51.77%	162.66	162.88	62.33	307.16	110.36	0.00	0.00	82.33	17.57
Nov-12	3,360.07	3,058.07	52.35%	119.31	174.53	188.59	266.93	86.44	0.00	0.00	88.86	0.00
Dec-12	3,168.04	2,929.07	51.96%	112.74	141.32	55.87	345.62	88.02	0.00	0.00	91.75	0.00
Jan-13	3,081.83	3,056.06	50.21%	112.97	189.22	33.94	259.52	90.25	0.00	0.00	131.38	0.00
Feb-13	2,688.25	2,691.41	49.97%	104.38	135.68	42.53	144.78	63.06	0.00	0.00	99.14	0.00
Mar-13	3,365.43	2,998.66	52.88%	113.83	189.94	83.94	230.96	74.29	0.00	0.00	142.00	0.00
Apr-13	3,606.69	3,089.96	53.86%	115.06	215.43	187.81	273.53	90.17	0.00	0.00	141.97	0.00
May-13	3,559.99	3,174.84	52.86%	124.13	195.01	154.42	160.57	65.33	0.00	0.00	138.55	0.00
Jun-13	3,336.22	3,001.59	52.64%	114.87	236.31	93.36	185.93	73.53	0.00	0.00	22.10	2.14
Jul-13	3,576.56	3,451.58	50.89%	118.80	198.86	130.24	262.50	105.65	0.00	0.00	143.58	5.50
Aug-13	3,542.13	3,310.08	51.69%	122.97	257.76	61.94	345.28	107.58	0.00	0.00	90.81	8.59
Sep-13	3,263.54	2,976.58	52.30%	110.93	299.44	88.45	232.63	81.31	0.00	0.00	107.10	0.00
Oct-13	3,519.53	3,113.03	53.06%	118.70	296.18	60.77	315.50	84.28	0.00	0.00	257.50	0.00
<b>12 MO TOTAL</b>	<b>40,068.28</b>	<b>36,850.93</b>	<b>52.09%</b>	<b>1,156.64</b>	<b>2,213.83</b>	<b>937.40</b>	<b>2,411.20</b>	<b>835.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,274.13</b>	<b>16.23</b>
<b>2013 YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>33,540.17</b>	<b>30,863.79</b>	<b>52.08%</b>									

THIS REPORT REFLECTS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR ALL MONTHS LISTED.

**City of San Clemente**  
**Chronology by Officer Case Type and Action Type**  
**For the Period 12/1/2013 thru 12/31/2013**

<b>Case No. Date Opened Status</b>	<b>Case Name Case Type Sub-Type</b>	<b>Site Address Parcel No.</b>	<b>Watershed</b>
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**ENV-MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>ENV2013-0101</b>	<b>15215</b>		
12/4/2013 COMPLAINT TAKEN	ENVIRONMENTAL ENV-MISCELLANEOUS	180 Avenida La Pata 208 688-161-07	M02
<i>Date</i>	<i>Action Type</i>	<i>Action Notes</i>	
12/4/2013	\$100 ADMIN CITATION ISSUED	(12/4/2013 12:18:34 PM JT) Action Created (12/4/2013 12:18:34 PM JT) He was asked to intall B.M.P.'s to protect the storm drain, install B.M.P.'s to contain their site and collect and dispose of the wash water in the proper manner.	

<b>ENV2013-0104</b>	<b>15224</b>		
12/10/2013 COMPLAINT TAKEN	ENVIRONMENTAL ENV-MISCELLANEOUS	109 Avenida San Diego 060-102-24	M00
<i>Date</i>	<i>Action Type</i>	<i>Action Notes</i>	
12/10/2013	NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE	(12/12/2013 9:39:02 AM BH) Action Created (12/12/2013 9:39:02 AM BH) Advised to remove paint cans from driveway and store in a covered, protected, secure location.	

<b>ENV2013-0105</b>	<b>15223</b>		
12/10/2013 COMPLAINT TAKEN	ENVIRONMENTAL ENV-MISCELLANEOUS	415 E Avenida Pico P 057-015-26	M02
<i>Date</i>	<i>Action Type</i>	<i>Action Notes</i>	
12/10/2013	NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE	(12/12/2013 9:47:52 AM BH) Action Created (12/12/2013 9:47:52 AM BH) Advised to return required grease interceptor to proper working condition per manufacturer specs by 1/6/14	

**3** Sub Total **ENV-MISCELLANEOUS**

**ENV-SEDIMENT**

<b>ENV2013-0103</b>	<b>15222</b>		
11/27/2013 COMPLAINT TAKEN	ENVIRONMENTAL ENV-SEDIMENT	XXX Calle Nuevo/De Los Mares X	M01
<i>Date</i>	<i>Action Type</i>	<i>Action Notes</i>	
12/5/2013	\$200 ADMIN CITATION ISSUED	(12/6/2013 8:34:56 AM BH) Action Created (12/6/2013 8:34:56 AM BH) Advised to: 1) Discontinue all prohibited discharges to the MS4. 2) Implement proper required erosion/sediment control BMPs onsite by Monday, January 6, 2014.	
		**Original citation sent certified mail - Copy of citation sent regular mail	

**1** Sub Total **ENV-SEDIMENT**

**4 Total of ALL Actions**



# Memorandum Engineering Division

December 18, 2013

8.A.

To: Coastal Advisory Committee  
From: Mary Vondrak, Senior Management Analyst  
Subject: **Potential Future Agenda Items**

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The following is a list of potential topics that the CAC is considering for future meetings, based on input from CAC members during prior meetings.

## February

1. Poche Action Plan Update

## March

1. Sand Replenishment Update (tentative)

## April

1. To be determined