



Harvest time at Aztec Farms, photo by David Larom

SDSU TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE IN LOCAL SUSTAINABLE FOOD MOVEMENT | BY DIANA GAUSS RICHARSON

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Students and professors alike are leading the way for sustainable food education and options at San Diego State University (SDSU). Momentum is growing as entire classes are now dedicated to food topics, and as student leaders are “digging in” by creating and building the Farmers Market, the Herb Garden, and the Green Lunch Bag Series. Recently, graduated alumni are out in the community working in urban garden development for the San Diego Roots Sustainable Food Project and other related endeavors.

For years, many courses across the SDSU campus have included food topics such as research about the health and environmental value of locally grown and chemical-free foods, problems associated with chemicals in food production, the costs of moving food across continents and oceans to reach foreign markets, and hormone- and antibiotic-injected livestock. Students

are responding by filling up courses with titles such as “The Geography of Food” and “Food Security Internship”.

Dr. Pascale Joassart-Marcelli’s course, “The Geography of Food”, examines the production, distribution, consumption, and preparation of food, not only in lectures and reading, but also in field trips to local farms, foodscapes and farmers’ markets. “Meaty” topics such as assessing the role of race, ethnicity, gender, nationalism and class in shaping meanings and representations of food, identifying causes of hunger and malnourishment in the United States and looking at the geographic distribution of obesity and factors underlying the patterns are just some of critical topics explored in the course. Dr. Joassart-Marcelli is also one of a few geography professors and staff beginning a collaborative effort with the International Rescue Committee in San Diego to investigate and map urban lands that could eventually become community gardens.

Dr. David Larom’s Food Security Internship course exposes the unsustainable nature of U.S. food

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Jordan Laughlin working at Urban Plantations garden installation

consumption, and teaches the critical importance of growing locally—and individually—if possible. Dr. Larom works with his student interns at Wild Willow Farm where the students get a real hands-on education, melding lecture and text material with actual experience, such as soil analysis and food production.

The goal of an on-campus garden is shared by student leaders on campus, particularly Enviro-Business Society (E3), a student club that promotes profitable, sustainable businesses that value balancing the “three E’s” of ecology, ethics, and economics. E3 was the driving force behind developing the Farmers’ Market on campus. With support from Brian Wynne, general manager of concessions for Aztec

Shops, the weekly SDSU Farmers’ Market began on Earth Day 2009 and has been going strong ever since. Another campus student group, Quest, has been successful in building a small herb garden next to the Faculty Staff Club. The garden is available for anyone affiliated with the university to use—faculty, staff, and students alike. Finally, a 400-square-foot food garden has recently been completed, with enthusiasm building for creating more of these across campus.

SDSU graduates, such as Sarah Campbell and Jordan Laughlin, are carrying the messages they have learned at SDSU into the community. Campbell, an Environmental Science major, who was an intern for SDSU’s

Center for Regional Sustainability (CRS), has been the public relations and outreach coordinator for San Diego Roots Sustainable Food Project. Laughlin works for Urban Plantations where he helps interested people build and maintain food gardens in their yards.

The mix of student ideas and energy with faculty-driven research and course offerings has been a successful recipe for building progress in sustainable food development within the San Diego region.



SDSU's Farmers Market

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD | BY SETH TORMA, SECRETARY



Seth in Istanbul

And the winner is... San Diego Chapter Membership Survey Results

The San Diego Chapter asked for your input last month and you gave it. Following the cancellation of our membership appreciation event at the Del Mar Race Track in 2010, the San Diego Chapter Board felt it was important to get a better understanding of what our members want. We also took this opportunity to see if the San Diego membership wanted more North County events. Our last attempt at a membership survey resulted in a poor response rate with only seven members responding, however, this time 27 members responded and the results are in.

We listed nine possible events and asked you to tell us which one you would most likely attend. The list included attending the Del Mar races, meeting for happy hour, getting a backstage tour of the San Diego Zoo or the Midway Aircraft Museum, a Harbor Cruise, bowling, attendance at a free CEQA workshop, and a hosted baseball game. Respondents were able to choose more than one event. Fifty-

four percent of respondents chose a tour of the sustainable practices at the Stone Brewery in Escondido (a North County location).

We also asked if our membership was interested in more North County activities. You responded with an overwhelming "no." Seventy-eight percent of the respondents do not want more North County activities (unless it is a special tour of the Stone Brewery).

We also asked what luncheon ideas you had for AEP. Permitting, CEQA documentation for redevelopment and coastal projects, winning work from public agencies, and dialogues with key professionals are all ideas that came from you. Thank you for

your response, the San Diego Chapter Board values your input. As always, please feel free to contact any of the Board members with comments, suggestions, and questions, we appreciate hearing from our members.

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MEET A MEMBER | JOHN BOARMAN, AEP MEMBER



John on an outing with his sons, ages 6 and 7

John Boarman is the Managing Principal of the San Diego office of Linscott, Law & Greenspan, Engineers (LLG). John grew up in Indianapolis and moved to San Diego in 1990 after graduating from Purdue University to take a job with LLG, and has been there ever since. Some of the traffic studies he has managed for large-scale environmental impact reports include the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan, the Del Mar Fairgrounds Master Plan, the SDSU Master Plan, and several Otay Ranch Villages. He has been a member of AEP since 1991 and served on the Board as the Treasurer for 4 years. John also presented to AEP on Complete Streets in fall of 2010.

How did you get into the transportation profession?

I was definitely going to major in Civil Engineering at Purdue, and I've never been patient waiting at traffic signals and sitting in traffic. I remember suggesting to my mom a few times

in my early childhood as she was driving that "she was going the slow way." The next thing I knew I was preparing traffic studies at LLG.

How did you first get involved with AEP?

Hmmm.....Answer A would be that "I have always been interested in the environmental field and in finding ways to help protect the environment as part of my profession." Answer B would be that back in 1991, a pretty girl suggested that I join, so I did. (I suppose I should admit that B is the truthful answer.) But, I am certainly glad I did join for several reasons, not the least of which is that it has given

me the opportunity to network with other environmental professionals and learn a lot along the way.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

Two things come to mind: The first is the opportunity to work with the high quality type of people that are employed both at LLG and in the environmental, planning, and development field. The second is the non-routine nature of the profession. I would estimate that over two-thirds of my typical day was not on my radar when my day started. I love that!

What are some of your interests and hobbies?

I'm definitely a sports nut. I enjoy tennis, basketball, and volleyball the most. I also love exploring the hiking opportunities in San Diego. My two boys and I go on a different hike each Saturday morning. I could certainly use one of the readers of this article along with me at times to answer the various wildlife, insect, flora, and fauna questions I always am asked by the boys. My typical response to their questions is: "I don't know, but did you see that intersection we went through on the way here? Man, that was cool!"



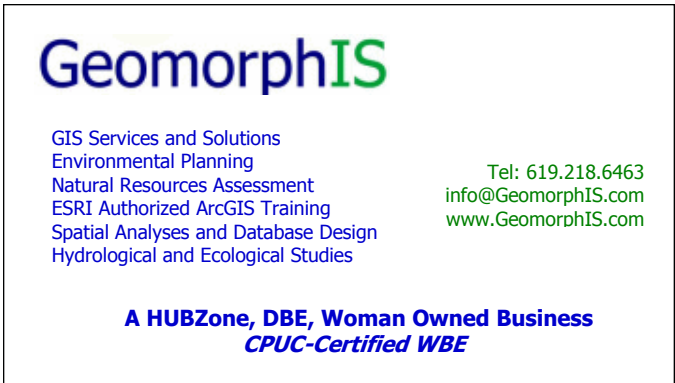
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DIGGING DEEPER INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS | BY MICHAEL D’ALESSANDRO

The Carlsbad/Ponto community garden has been in operation for nearly two years. The garden is a little under a half acre and is located on private property. The Carlsbad/Ponto community garden is unlike a traditional garden in the sense that it is not divided into individual plots where each member chooses what to plant within their designated plot. Rather, the entire garden is shared and the decision on what to plant is a collective decision made by the members. Carlsbad/Ponto is a home garden and membership is not open to the public, like the much larger Smerdu Community Garden, which is hosted by the City of Carlsbad.

Gardeners at Carlsbad/Ponto have decided to grow 100 percent organic fruits and vegetables. Currently, the garden has a variety of lettuces that are coming to a close and all grew very well in partial shade (the dinosaur kale grew to nearly 6 feet tall!). Soon, the members will harvest summer crops consisting of heirloom varieties of corn, tomatoes, squash, radishes, titan sunflowers, and a selection of herbs. Other crops that will be harvested in the near term include broccoli, cabbage, collards, bok choy, arugula, sweet peas, and chard.

The Carlsbad/Ponto community garden uses only natural pest deterrents such as beneficial bugs (ladybugs) and diluted neem oil to deter aphids. It is watered completely by an efficient drip system. Many members also bring in kitchen scraps for compost. Members of the Carlsbad/Ponto community garden do not sell what is grown, however,

that is something that is being explored for the future.

I caught up with one of the garden’s members, David, who described how the Carlsbad/Ponto community garden was started with permission from the property owner. One of the difficulties community gardens face is complying with city codes since some of the provisions, especially rules regarding site layout and amenities, can be costly and difficult to meet. Recently, the City of Carlsbad Parks and Recreation Department proposed to raise annual plot fees for the Smerdu Community Garden from \$60 to \$250 for residents and \$350 for non-residents.

In the City of San Diego, new regulations proposed by the City would have a positive effect on community gardens by increasing garden opportunities on public

property, overall reduce start-up costs, and provide a framework for creating and maintaining gardens on private property. On June 7, the City of San Diego City Council heard discussion regarding amendments to the municipal code regulations for community gardens. On July 17, the City Council will decide to adopt new regulations for community gardens, including adopting a no-fee permit and allowing the on-site sale of produce in commercial zones.

Locally, many community groups actively support the establishment of more gardens on city owned property modeled after popular community garden programs in cities like Seattle, Washington. The San Diego Food Not Lawns and the 1 in 10 in 2010 Coalition are involved in helping improve regulations that control neighborhood gardens. The International Rescue Committee has recently helped to fund a refugee

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DIGGING DEEPER INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS | CONTINUED

run aqua-ponics farm in City Heights and a more traditional garden space called New Roots, also located in City Heights. The Brighter Side Foundation, a youth development organization, is also looking at land and other existing opportunities to develop learning gardens and workshops.

Community gardens foster neighborhood pride. Gardening has also been described as a meditative activity and crop yields provide a local source of fresh produce with a low carbon footprint, which benefits everyone in the region. Below is a list of links for more information on where you can get involved or how to start your own garden.

- San Diego Roots Sustainable Food Project offers community events and gardening classes; more info can be found at <http://www.sandiegoroots.org/>.
- UC Cooperative Extension’s (LA) community garden start-up guide: http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Common_Ground_Garden_Program/Community_Gardens.htm.
- San Diego Food Not Lawns website: <http://www.sdfoodnotlawns.com/index.php>.
- The San Diego Community Gardening Network map: <http://sandiegocommunitygardennetwork.org/>.

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ECAT PROGRESS: HURRY UP AND WAIT | BY ALLAN LIND

The joint effort of AEP and APA to develop proposals for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of CEQA, consistent with its original purposes, continues to move in fits and starts. We had hoped to see the Enhanced CEQA Action Team (ECAT) package begin a public vetting process by early May, but that stage has been pushed toward mid-June (or later) pending additional conversations among the ECAT, Brown Administration insiders, and legislative staff. These discussions have to do with the following topics:

- 1) The question: Can “performance based standards” or a form of “best practices” improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CEQA in support of urban infill development than current CEQA approaches?
- 2) Adding to the ECAT agenda consideration for streamlining development of distributed generation technologies and renewable energy projects to help attain the state’s goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3) Further consideration of ECAT’s “Late Hits” issue (a.k.a. “document dumps” at the tail-end of the CEQA project review process).

Follow-up discussions are anticipated before broad public vetting is expected to occur.

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SAN DIEGO HOSTS SECOND OF TWO 2011 ADVANCED CEQA WORKSHOP | BY MINDY FOGG



Attendees listen to panelists Percy Dugard, Cynthia Curtis, and Bill Graham

On June 9th, AEP returned to the Marina Village Conference Center for Part II of the AEP Advanced CEQA Workshop – Summer Session. As with the Winter Session back in February, this half-day workshop appears to be more accommodating for busy work schedules. There was also a noticeable and welcome increase in attendance by public agency staff at this year’s workshops with the most recent workshop being sold out.

It was not a surprise to our 99 attendees that “defensible” and “adequate” were two reoccurring themes within the presentation. Panelists Prescilla “Percy” Dugard of Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz and Cynthia Curtis of the County of San Diego Department of Public Works began the workshop discussing the fundamental components and requirements of Mitigated Negative Declarations (MNDs). Recognizing that Negative Declarations and MNDs need to withstand public scrutiny, the panelists reviewed the importance of clear analyses (project level and cumulative) and substantial evidence, as well as effective, feasible, and enforceable

mitigation. This topic was followed by a practical overview of developing a reasonable range of feasible project alternatives in EIRs, with particular emphasis on relating the alternatives to project objectives.

Bill Graham with AECOM was also a panelist and moderator for the workshop. He took the lead on the key topic of National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance, first with an overview of NEPA and when it applies, followed by practical application of the NEPA documents. Bill and the rest of the panel did an excellent job of explaining NEPA documents with comparisons to the more familiar (for most of us) CEQA documents and by providing recent examples and case history.

Various examples of changes in the project, changes in circumstances, and significant new information that may trigger supplemental environmental review and/or documents were also discussed. The workshop concluded with a discussion of supplemental environmental review, which may be required when subsequent discretionary approvals are needed for a project.

Thank you to the panelists Percy, Cynthia, and Bill for bringing their expertise to this instructive workshop. Thanks also to our Chapter Director, Marilyn Pongeggi, for organizing and coordinating the event with such success.

MAY LUNCHEON CLARIFIES LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION REGULATIONS | BY MINDY FOGG

May’s AEP Luncheon featured a joint presentation from the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) and the County of San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU). Toby Roy, Water Resources Manager for the CWA, explained AB 1881 (Water Conservation Act of 2006) and its mandate to local agencies to adopt water efficient landscape ordinances. Roy outlined the goals and minimum requirements set by the State, as well as the recommended techniques projects can incorporate. The CWA developed the San Diego regional model ordinance, available at <http://www.sdcwa.org/model-drought-response-ordinance>, which was used by most local agencies to meet the State’s mandate. Roy reported that all regional jurisdictions have



Toby Roy Provides an Overview from CWA

adopted and implemented their ordinances in compliance with AB 1881.

While the CWA was developing the regional model, the County of San Diego (County) began revising its landscape ordinance

MAY LUNCHEON CLARIFIED LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION | CONTINUED



Dixie Switzer and David Kahler
Speak on Recent Regulations

to comply with the new standards. Dixie Switzer and David Kahler with DPLU described how the County’s ordinance was prepared and applied to the unincorporated areas within the CWA boundary. Based on the new ordinance, certain projects must include water conservation measures (recycled water, smart irrigation controls, transitional areas, etc.) to reduce water consumption associated with landscaping. The County prepared a Water Efficient Landscape Design Manual to help landscape professionals and project applicants comply with the new ordinance. Challenges in preparing the ordinance and design manual included how to address fire safety considerations while maintaining water efficiency, as well as coordinating with water districts in order to effectively monitor water usage on applicable projects.

More information is available at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/Landscape-Ordinance_Design_Review_Manual.html.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Hooded Oriole at Balboa Park

By Eric Kallen (Senior Planner at TRS Consultants and avid birder.)

Hooded orioles (*Icterus cucullatus*) are members of the family Icteridae, which includes meadowlarks, cowbirds, grackles, and blackbirds. They are a common spring migrant and summer breeding species in southern California. They prefer Mexican fan palms or banana for breeding sites, which are often in residential areas or parks. Hooded orioles feed on nectar, fruit, and insects. Favorite plants for feeding are blooming silk oak, coral trees, and bottle-brush plants. Some birds winter in southern California, often joining flocks of tanagers, Bullock’s orioles, and occasional orchard orioles in feeding parties. Hooded orioles have three distinct vocalizations: a short whit for local communication, a loud chattering, and a melodic song for mating purposes. To attract hooded orioles, Bullock’s orioles, tanagers, and black-headed grosbeaks, slice an orange in half and place one-half in a conspicuous spot on a tree branch where the oriole will have a spot to perch and enjoy the fruit.

The editors of The Environmentor are now accepting environmental photographs for publication. Please send in your own photo — landscape scene, plant or animal species, or other environmentally related photograph. Please send your photographs to Lisa Lind, Newsletter Editor: sdaepnews@gmail.com



JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE LUNCHEON TO FOCUS ON CALTRANS NEPA DELEGATION

The AEP San Diego Chapter June 22, 2011 luncheon event, from 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., will be held at the Courtyard San Diego Mission Valley/Hotel Circle. (Please note: the correct luncheon location is the Courtyard San Diego and not the Doubletree. AEP apologizes for the error in the May newsletter.) Jamie LeDent, an environmental coordinator at Caltrans, will be presenting. The luncheon discussion will focus on “NEPA Delegation”, which is the assignment by FHWA to Caltrans to perform the NEPA decision making process on Federal Nexus projects. This will include a general background about the program, changes made to the environmental procedures at Caltrans, expectations for consultants and a discussion on the status of how environmental project review has changed due to the program. Please RSVP by June 17th. For more information, visit: <http://www.sandiegoaep.org/events.html>.

SAN DIEGO AEP AWARDS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Annual Awards Event is planned for fall 2011 and volunteers are still needed. Experience with event planning/coordination, fund-raising, or material layout/design is helpful but not required. Enthusiastic members who want to get to know a group of fellow AEP members and generally have a good time are invited. Time commitment will be an average of 1 to 2 hours a week, and committee meetings will be held every other week for the majority of the planning process, with increased commitment expected within a month or so of the event. Please contact Corinne Lytle Bonine at (619) 687-0110, ext: 37265 or corinne.bonine@ch2m.com to help.

CDFG SOUTH COAST REGIONAL OFFICE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

On June 10th, the South Coast Regional office moved to their new location. The new facility address is: State of California Department of Fish and Game, 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, California 92123. All of the phone numbers will remain the same.

ARCGIS 10 TRAINING OFFERED IN JULY

GeomorphIS is once again offering a two-day, hands-on course for those who want to learn ESRI’s new ArcGIS 10 geographic information system (GIS) software. Explore how to visualize and map data and apply spatial analysis tools. This ESRI-certified course is designed specifically for those who are new to the ArcGIS version 10 software or are new to GIS in general. The training will be held on July 25th and 26th from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the San Diego Training and Conference Center in downtown San Diego. The cost per student of \$635 includes a training manual, data, and ESRI certificate. For more information, contact Eileen Goff at (619) 218-6463 or info@geomorphis.com.

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WTS PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE REGIONAL ECONOMY PLANNED

Please join WTS on Thursday, June 30th for a panel discussion on Keeping San Diego Moving – A Discussion on the State of the Regional Economy at the University Club at Symphony Towers from 7:30 to 9:00 A.M. To register for the event, RSVP to Amelia Giacalone at gialalone@llgengineers.com or call (858) 300-8800 ext. 235 by Monday, June 27th.

MSCP ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHOP

The San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Annual Report Workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 29th from 9:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom. The workshop is a collaborative effort between local jurisdictions, state, and federal agencies to highlight habitat conservation accomplishments under the MSCP completed over the last year. Members of the public and other interested parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Cheryl Goddard, Department of Parks and Recreation, County of San Diego at (858) 966-1374 or cheryl.goddard@sdcountry.ca.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON

On the third Saturday of each month, San Dieguito River Park volunteers work together on habitat restoration projects. The next event is scheduled for June 18th, from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Volunteers will be meeting at Sikes Adobe to do some nearby weed clearing, removing fennel and artichoke thistle, watering, and collecting mule fat cutting. Please reserve a space by leaving your name and how many will be attending at (858) 674-2275 x 14 or email Barbara@sdrp.org two days prior to a work project. Closed toe shoes and gloves are recommended.

On Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 to 10:15 A.M., join a ranger and walk the San Dieguito Lagoon Trail to learn about the wonders of wetlands. No reservations are required and all ages welcome. Meet at the kiosk at the end of the street on 2775 San Andres Drive off Via de la Valle behind the Albertsons Shopping Center.

The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy invite you to celebrate the First Anniversary of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse on Sunday, June 26th, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. A Plein Air Artists' Invitational begins with registration at 8:00 A.M. and the "People's Choice Award" will be announced at noon. 1880's period dress is welcomed, and there will be a "Farmstead History" Exhibit Unveiling. No reservations required. The farmhouse is located at 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido, CA 92025, the gateway to the San Pasqual Valley. For more information, please visit www.sdrp.org, or call (760) 432-8318.

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JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS | CONTINUED

HIKE WITH A RANGER TO LEARN ABOUT 'A WORLD OF POLLINATORS'

On Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist, Eric Porter, joins Ranger Lisa to introduce hikers to the amazing world of pollinators all around us. In celebration of National Pollinator Week, Ranger Lisa will also be bringing pollinator posters, pens, brochures, and a list of the top 10 plants to attract native pollinators in your back yard. Meet at the old steel bridge, Campo Road and Singer Lane in Rancho San Diego. Please call to RSVP and for more info: Lisa_Cox@fws.gov or (619) 575-2704.

NATIVE GRASS FARM VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Native grasslands are one of the most imperiled habitats in all of California. On Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., join the California Department of Fish and Game at the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve to collect seed, improve fencing, and remove non-native plants. Bring gloves if you have them, water, hat, sunscreen, long pants, and sturdy shoes. To RSVP, for directions or more information, contact Cathy Chadwick at chadgroup@cox.net or 619-277-3605.

ENVISION THE FUTURE OF SANDAG'S RTP AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

Now you can envision the future of the region with this new interactive Web-based visualization tool - Envision 2050. Take a virtual tour of the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and its Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) by visiting <http://www.envision2050sd.com>. Envision 2050 provides an overview of the basics in the draft plan in an interactive and visually interesting manner, and steps you through the priorities, operational and capital investments, and the Draft 2050 RTP and SCS, as well as public outreach efforts and public comment opportunities. Five public workshops and hearings are scheduled for the month of June. Join SANDAG at a Public Workshop/Public Hearing to provide input into the Draft 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, Sustainable Communities Strategy, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and the Draft Environmental Impact Report. Visit the 2050 RTP home page on the SANDAG Web site for details: www.sandag.org/2050rtp.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUNE

BIOLOGIST, SAN DIEGO

RECON Environmental, Inc. is a company of specialists with more than 36 years of experience. Through our technical expertise and collaborative team approach, we promote a balance between land use needs, conservation, and quality of life. Our fast-paced and growing company has a new opportunity for a biologist. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in biology or related area, and a minimum of 7 years of experience. Must have knowledge of local habitats and sensitive plant and animal species. To apply, please send resume to ads@recon-us.com.

SENIOR BIOLOGIST, SAN DIEGO

HDR is seeking a Senior Biologist to provide technical and project management support for a wide range of natural resources projects, and to support new project and client development. The ideal candidate will have experience successfully managing projects, teams, and personnel remotely, be able to review and comment on documents electronically, demonstrate acute attention to detail, and be available to work on tight schedules. Requirements: MS or PhD in biological sciences or related field preferred. BS or BA considered with substantial professional experience. Minimum of 15–20 years professional experience preferred, with at least 10 of those in consulting. To apply, visit www.hdrinc.com/careers and search for job number 110637.



CAMPUS CONNECTION

INTERNSHIPS PROVIDE VALUE TO STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

The San Diego Chapter of AEP is committed to supporting students who are preparing to pursue careers in the environmental field. As a part of our efforts, we provide an active employment assistance program which functions as an intermediary between the students and the environmental business community at large. Internships have proven to be an important component in building the foundation for students preparing for their careers. It is not too late to think about opportunities for the summer or to look ahead to the fall semester. In addition, volunteer opportunities are available to students throughout the year at all our AEP events.

The San Diego Chapter of AEP would like to thank all the participating employers who have provided valuable internships to our student members over the past few years. Many of the students have transitioned from their internships into a full-time position upon graduation. We encourage you to complete and submit the internship opportunity form available at: <http://www.sandiegoaep.org/prospects.html>. The San Diego Chapter of AEP will accept and circulate internship opportunities for undergraduates and/or graduate students who are currently engaged in the pursuit of a career with an environmental emphasis. This effort will help connect the professionals with the bright and eager young minds of our AEP student members. In addition, if you are seeking interns, student resumes are being received and kept on file with AEP for distribution upon request.

The success of this internship effort for our students is strengthened by your participation. Thank you!

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31ST

It is not too late to start the application process for this year's student scholarships. The San Diego Chapter of AEP supports students who are actively engaged in the pursuit of a career in a field with an environmental emphasis. Undergraduate or graduate students with an environmental emphasis attending any of the major universities in San Diego County are eligible for monetary awards up to \$2,000 per recipient. The award can be used for any educational pursuit including tuition, books, housing, research, etc. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the 2011 San Diego Chapter Annual Awards and Scholarship Benefit held in the fall.

Application forms are available on the San Diego Chapter website: www.sandiegoaep.org/students.html. For any questions on the application process, please contact Vanessa Brice at (619z) 462-1515, or VanessaB@helixepi.com. The deadline to submit is July 31, 2011 (postmarked no later than July 31).

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