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## **WRD Celebrates Earth Day**

### *Water Conservation is Still Urged*

**Lakewood, CA-** Although the state's drought has been declared over, the Water Replenishment District (WRD) continues to urge the public to maintain their water wise conservation practices in place.

Through a host of local Earth Day events at venues such as the Aquarium of the Pacific, Disney Studios and Toyota Corporation in Carson, WRD has educated thousands of "green thinking" individuals on the importance of water conservation practices for residents and businesses.

"WRD takes pride in providing programs to assist homeowners, businesses and professional landscapers in reducing their daily amount of water used," said WRD Board President Sergio Calderon. "Already, Los Angeles residents and businesses use up to 70 percent of their daily water use for outdoor use," Calderon said. "Since water is one of the most valuable resources in the region, it is important to use it wisely."

As part of the District's continuing conservation efforts, WRD has been offering its award winning *Eco Gardener Program* to local residents. The *Eco Gardener Program* enhances the importance of water conservation and stewardship by educating the public about simple ways to change their landscapes to water saving landscapes and contribute to a more reliable water supply now and into the future.

The objective of the *Eco Gardener Program* is to educate the public on the benefits and beauty of a low water use gardens or landscapes in lieu of the traditional residential and commercial landscapes composed of grass and ornamental shrubs. For more information on the Free *Eco Gardener Program* please visit <http://ecogardener.org>.

The *Eco Gardener Program* is conducted at WRD headquarters and throughout the District's 43 city service area to enhance the landscaping skills of residential, municipal, school and industrial landscape gardeners.

President Calderon added, "Earth Day serves as a reminder to everyone that we must protect nature's valued resources,"

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“It helps to highlight the need to conserve water during and after times of drought,” he said.  
“People forget that Southern California is an arid region and it is important to remember that water conservation is a year-round effort.”

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California is the regional groundwater management agency that protects and preserves the quantity and quality of groundwater for two of the most utilized basins in the State of California, with a service area that is home to over ten percent of California’s population residing in 43 cities in southern Los Angeles County with a publicly elected Board of Directors including Willard H. Murray, Jr., Robert Katherman, Lillian Kawasaki, Sergio Calderon, and Albert Robles.

For more information about the Water Replenishment District or to register for WRD’s free Eco Gardener classes please visit [www.wrd.org](http://www.wrd.org).

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