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Local Municipal Maintenance Crews Receive WRD Eco Pro 20 x 2020 Certification

Full-scale water conservation program teaches Eco-Friendly Gardening Practices

Lakewood, CA- Yesterday the Water Replenishment District (WRD) certified more than 35 local maintenance crews from the cities of Compton, Cudahy and Lynwood after successfully completing WRD's innovative ECO PRO 20 x 2020 Program.

The free four course program aims to train and certify professional municipal/ governmental and school district maintenance crews on "green" gardening and water conservation practices in outdoor landscapes.

Participants were instructed on water smart landscape design and proper planting and maintenance of California friendly and native plants. Courses include: California Model Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance, Sustainable Landscape Design, Irrigation Systems, Water-Efficient Plants, Large Landscape Survey Training, and Landscape Management.

"The ECO PRO 20 X 2020 Program will help California meet the statewide mandate to reduce water consumption by 20% by 2020," said WRD Board President Sergio Calderon. "This is another strategic program in which WRD has demonstrated leadership and innovative thinking.

"As one of WRD's signature water conservation programs, the ECO PRO 20 x 2020 Program further enhances the District's current water conservation efforts by including local water agencies, municipalities and government agencies," said WRD Workforce & Economic Development Chair Lillian Kawasaki. "WRD is proud to provide this free certified training to help agencies meet the requirement of 20% reduction in water usage by the year 2020."

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.

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