



# Sustainability Institute

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## SI Survey Monkey

The SI is conducting its first online survey of those who receive our mailings (yes, that's you). We are wanting to hear from faculty, staff, administrators and students on what they suggest and support for the SI going forward. We remain committed to keeping you informed on our website:

<https://www.sustainablelaccd.net/> and our Facebook page: [SustainabilityInstituteLACCD/](https://www.facebook.com/SustainabilityInstituteLACCD/) and ask that you take two minutes to reply to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9JNXNNT>

The survey is anonymous and confidential. We will report back to you in the next edition of the newsletter

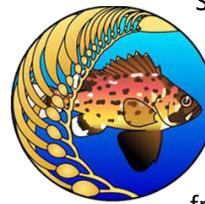
## Earth Month Events approaching.

April will be a full month for environmentalists all over as we mobilize to protect the EPA, oppose pipelines and organize for sane and urgent climate change actions. There are events going on campuses we would like to know about. Send us info on your event that we can share with the mailing list and post on the website. One Valley College event is announced in this issue.

## SCMI Open House at AltaSea

AltaSea held its Winter Open House on February 27<sup>th</sup>. ELAC's Randy Adsit and Pierce's Raymond Wells were there to hear about plans for the transformation of warehouses 58 and 59.

Meanwhile the Southern California Marine Institute will be featured at [AltaSea's Quarterly Open House April 21 10:00 am - 1:00 pm](#) at Berth 58 located at 2456 South Signal Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. The event is called: **Robots and Sharks** and we will hear from Dr. Chris Lowe and Dr. Dan Pondella from the Southern California Marine Institute



SCMI is a consortium of 23 colleges, universities, and foundations. Come meet faculty and student representatives and learn how robots and sharks are transforming our Los Angeles waterfront into a marine college town.

**On March 24** some adventurist faculty went to **Gold Creek for the burn area workshop**. The workshop was led by Nicole Molinari, Province Ecologist US Forest Service. She had a slide show before the hike where attendees learned about chaparral recovery after drought and burn. She compared Gold Creek to other National forests of the Southern California Province.



Rob West then led attendees on a hike across the mesa through the 2017 Creek Fire burn area and up

*Our logo: The District learning tree is embedded in the "triple bottom line" of sustainable development: social justice, political equality and environmental sustainability. The SI endorses this approach to environmental education.*



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into the 2016 Sand Canyon Fire burn area so that people could compare current and probable recovery scenarios. Nicole was particularly keen on showing us the plant community composition in the recovery period:



This was the most interesting aspect of fire recovery: the strategies of chaparral plants to adapt to fire.

**Gold Creek will have its Open House** this year at the ecological learning complex **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Contact [Rob West](#) for more information.

**The Friends of the LA River, FOLAR**, are having an important public policy event March 29<sup>th</sup>.



The event is held at the [LA River Center & Gardens](#) from 7 to 9pm. Presenters will include [Resources Legacy Fund](#), the [Nature Conservancy](#), [LA Neighborhood Land Trust](#), [LA Waterkeeper](#), and the office of [Kevin de León](#). Please RSVP to [Policyattheriver.eventbrite.com](#)



**Valley College is focusing on trees for Earth Month.** The LAVC campus Sustainability Committee is announcing its Arbor Day event this year for April 26. Several events are planned around the campus includ-

ing planting more trees. [LAVC is a designated a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation](#), the only community college with that designation in the country. Students get extra credit for participating in the presentations and art and music that begin at 8am and end at 130pm. There will be free food as well as a writing contest. The events are sponsored by the President's Office, LAVC [EcoAdvocates](#), the Urban Forest Committee, and the ASU. For special accommodations please contact professor [Virginia Requa](#) at Valley by April 12.

**Food Waste continues to be a major issue in sustainability discussions.** Already the SI has been contacted by our local EPA office to see where the District can go with waste reduction in the culinary arts programs at LATTC and Mission.

In a two weeks, **CSUN will hold a summit on food waste in LA County.** The meeting takes place on



**Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the CSUN Sustainability Center, 18111 Nordhoff, Northridge, at 9am.** A waivable fee of 10USD is requested for the meals and t-shirts. This is sponsored by the [Food Recovery Network](#). For more information contact [FRN@my.csun.edu](#)

**Ongoing:** Progress continues on the SI and the DHLL classroom modules which we hope to have finished this semester. These are two classroom presentations on water conservation and energy efficiency in buildings. In the last month, the District has helped the SI in paying our SCMI dues and using our grant from the MWD for water testing kits. We now have a more procedural way to access our accounts. We are also applying for new funding through the DAS for possible mini-grants in CTE education. More in the next issue.