



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**A G E N D A
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

South Pasadena Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board, we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

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ROLL CALL:

Chair	Emily Ng
Vice Chair	Michael Siegel
Commissioner	Liam R. de Villa Bourke
Commissioner	Casey Law
Commissioner	Michael Noe
Commissioner	Alex Rajewski
Commissioner	Margaret Yi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Emily Ng

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- 1) Name (optional), and
- 2) Agenda item you are submitting public comment on.
- 3) Submit by no later than **12:00 p.m., July 22, 2025**

PLEASE NOTE: The Chair may exercise the Chair's discretion, subject to the approval of the majority of the Commission to adjust public comment(s) to less than three minutes.

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PUBLIC COMMENT**1. GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)****PRESENTATION****2. SB1383 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE & ATHENS DEMONSTRATION****ACTION****3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY 25-26 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM**Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Conservation Program.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025 NREC MEETINGRecommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2025 NREC SPECIAL MEETINGRecommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the July 7, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS**6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS****7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS****8. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS****9. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Free Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Event
August 23, 9am-3pm, 900 South Fremont Ave. Alhambra
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events
(www.cleanla.lacounty.gov/hhw)
- LA County Smart Gardening Workshops & Webinars
(www.cleanla.lacounty.gov/smartgardening)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars
(www.greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation)

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September 23, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
November 25, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.
January 27, 2025	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.

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7/17/2025

Danielle Garcia

Date

Danielle Garcia, Water Conservation Analyst

ITEM 3

Approval of Proposed FY 2025-26 Water Conservation Program



Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report

ITEM NO. ____

DATE: July 22, 2025

FROM: Danielle Garcia, Water Conservation Management Analyst
Arpy Kasparian, Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager

SUBJECT: **Review and Approve Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Water Conservation Program**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission review and approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Water Conservation Program.

Background

Since the State of California declared a drought in January 2014, the City of South Pasadena has made a concerted effort to increase water conservation and improve water efficiency through the City's Water Conservation Program. When the 2014 drought state of emergency was rescinded, provisions of Executive Order B-37-16, "Making Conservation a California Way of Life," remained in full force and effect. Thus, the City is still committed to continuing its conservation efforts to present day. In November 2019, the South Pasadena Green Action Plan (Green Plan) was adopted with a goal to "Enhance Water Conservation Projects and Programs." The plan includes actions such as the feasibility of a greywater rebate program, promoting water conservation rebates offered by the Metropolitan Water District, and providing educational materials and expert advice on water conservation practices. The Water Conservation Program is reviewed by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) and City Council annually.

Since the City Council declared a Stage 2: Serious Water Supply Shortage in 2022, the City has achieved a reduction in water production. In 2025, DWR reported near-average statewide precipitation at approximately 95% of the seasonal average by the end of June, with significant regional variation—Southern California averaging between 53–81%. To carry on with preserving the region's water storage for future dry years, the City of South Pasadena will continue to abide by the June 2022 City Council Stage 2: Serious Water Supply Shortage declaration – limiting outdoor water use to two days per week.

Discussion/Analysis

NREC annually reviews the successes and challenge of the fiscal year's water conservation program and provides input on the budget allocations and program plans for the water conservation program of the upcoming fiscal year (FY). The following is a summary of the current water

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conservation programs (FY24-25) and staff recommendations for the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year program.

In FY24-25, City staff successfully organized the following water conservation related events and educational opportunities in the City:

- Six Landscape Academy Workshops, *over 200 participants*
- Annual Sustainability Fair, Plant Swap & Garden Tour, *over 300 attendants*
- Spring & Fall Mulch & Compost Giveaway Events, *35 tons of compost and 9 cubic yards of mulch distributed to 225 residents*
- Distribution of Water Conservation Kits, *over 60 kits distributed*
- Development and Direct Mailing of Rebate Postcard, *mailed to over 10,000 residents*
- Creation of the Resilient Native Plant List and Sustainability Community Resources Guide

Additionally, the Metropolitan Water District received and processed 56 South Pasadena rebate applications, refunding South Pasadena residents a total of \$48,533.03 (\$26,806.79 of which was supplemental funding by the City) and 22 City rebate applications, for a total rebate amount of \$10,840.60.

The following table shows the budget allocations and expenditures for each program in FY24-25 and the proposed budget allocations for the upcoming year (FY25-26). There are no recommended changes to the budget allocations for FY25-26. City staff recommends the NREC provide input and approve the proposed Water Conservation Program for FY25-26 as described below, with allocations outlined in the table below.

Proposed FY 2025-2026 vs. Budgeted and Expended FY 2024-2025 Water Conservation Rebate and Program Funding				
Water Conservation Rebate/Program	FY 24-25 Budgeted	FY 24-25 Expended	FY 25-26 Proposed	Difference
MWD Additional Rebate Funding – Residential	\$40,000	\$26,806.79	\$40,000	-
MWD Additional Rebate Funding – Commercial	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000	-
City Rebate Program - Residential	\$20,000	\$10,840.60	\$20,000	-
City Greywater Rebate Pilot Program – Residential Only	\$20,000	-	\$20,000	-
City Rebate Program – Commercial (<i>FY25-26 to include</i>)	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000	-

<i>new multifamily clothes washer rebate)</i>				
Water-Use Assessments	\$5,000	\$1,469.66	\$5,000	-
Water Conservation Promotion	\$15,000	\$15,388.56	\$15,000	-
TOTAL:	\$120,000	\$54,505.61	\$120,000	\$0

The following conservation programs are proposed for FY25-26:

City Co-Funded Metropolitan Water District Rebates

The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) offers residential and commercial rebates on indoor and outdoor devices as well as turf replacement through their SoCalWater\$mart Program. In addition, the City adds supplemental funds to these rebates. Residents and business owners can apply for these rebates directly through the SoCalWater\$mart website and receive rebate checks that include both the MWD and City contributions.

In FY24-25, the budget allocation for MWD rebates increased to \$40,000; however, resident participation slowed compared to prior years. To address this in the next year, staff will pursue a multi-faceted outreach approach to include digital/printed advertisements, community presentations, collaboration with local groups, and hosting how-to sessions to spread awareness and encourage participation. Staff hopes to increase program participation by 25% in the coming year. Accordingly, staff recommends maintaining the budget allocation at \$40,000 for FY25-26. See Tables 2 and 3 in Attachment 1 for a complete list of MWD rebates and the proposed City co-funding amounts for FY25-26.

City Rebate Program

In addition to the MWD rebates, the City has its own rebate program that offers rebates on water conservation devices and landscaping that are not offered through MWD. These City rebates address our local water conservation needs and further encourage South Pasadena residents and business owners to implement water saving practices and play an active role in conserving our water sources. The City currently offers rebates for water efficient plants, native trees, drip irrigation conversion, and Energy Star dishwashers.

In FY24–25, rebate participation remained steady, with only a slight decrease compared to the previous year. City staff remains committed to continuing these rebates in FY25–26 and, building on the outreach strategies noted above, will implement targeted digital and printed outreach, community workshops, stronger local partnerships, and interpersonal resources to boost participation and support residents. Additionally, the City is actively evaluating the feasibility of launching a clothes washer rebate program for multifamily properties and a greywater pilot program—both previously recommended by the NREC.

Multifamily Clothes Washer Rebate

The EPA Water Sense program estimates that the average clothes washer uses 31 gallons per load, with models built before 2003 using more than 40 gallons per load. This rebate will encourage residents to not only conserve water but also save energy costs with a simple appliance switch. City staff is currently examining the feasibility of this program and developing details of this new rebate (including property eligibility, defining multifamily clothes washer requirements and implementation). City staff anticipates bringing the proposed final program to the NREC meeting within the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Greywater Pilot Program

Greywater is relatively clean wastewater from baths, sinks, washing machines, and other kitchen appliances. Instead of flushing greywater down the sewer, systems can be installed in homes to divert greywater to be used for other purposes such as watering gardens or landscaping, thus conserving water. In FY24-25, the Water Conservation Program included a budget for a Greywater Pilot Program in the amount of \$20,000. The preliminary program plans included workshops on greywater systems and a rebate for landscape design services and materials used to directly install a Laundry-to-Landscape (L2L) greywater system in the amount of \$1,000 per household.

This program is currently under development and City staff is exploring the program's feasibility based on initial research into this specific type of installation. At this phase, the program's validity and effectiveness remain uncertain and will require further evaluation before moving forward.

Water-Use Assessments

City staff continue to monitor the water use of residents. Residents are notified via a door hanger when water runoff, excess watering (watering on the wrong day or time), and water leaks are detected. To enhance monitoring and promote changes that result in reduced water use, staff will explore the possibility of creating a customized water waste assessment program where those residents experiencing high water usage can receive an in-person visit from City staff to assess their water use and provide recommendations to improve efficiency.

Water Conservation Education and Promotions

During FY24-25, staff implemented a multi-channel outreach strategy to promote water conservation efforts. Outreach efforts included:

- **Print Media:** Advertisements featured in the *South Pasadena Review*.
- **Digital Media:** A targeted three-week promotional campaign in the *South Pasadenan* highlighted the City's Sustainability Fair and included a water runoff demonstration. The campaign featured live links, targeted search placements, customized graphics, and two custom press releases.
- **Social Media and Blog Content:** Regular posts and featured articles shared across the City's digital platforms.

- **Direct Mail:** A water conservation-themed postcard was directly mailed to over 10,000 residents in April 2025 (Attachment 2).

In addition, City staff launched a series of educational workshops and distributed water conservation materials that worked hand-in-hand to apply conservation methods and principles. City staff also developed a community resources guide for residents of South Pasadena.

South Pasadena Landscape Academy

In FY24-25, City staff successfully launched the South Pasadena Landscape Academy (Attachment 3), a program designed to help both residential and commercial community members implement water-efficient, drought-resilient landscaping practices with confidence. The initial series of classes took place monthly from November 2024 through May 2025, offering a range of times—including both weekday and weekend options—to accommodate different schedules and maximize participation. Topics included California native plant landscaping, turf removal, outdoor leak detection, sprinkler basics, and methods for optimizing outdoor water use on a budget. Participants received certificates of completion and items that complimented the classes such as seed packets and buckets.

The program was well-received, with over 200 residents participating in the first year. This strong turnout reflects a growing community interest in sustainable landscaping and practical water conservation strategies.

Building on this momentum, staff plans to continue the Landscape Academy in FY25-26, expanding the curriculum in response to community feedback and emerging conservation trends. The ongoing goal is to provide accessible, actionable education that supports long-term water conservation throughout the City.

Free Water Conservation Kits

All South Pasadena residents are eligible to receive a free Water Conservation Kit, which includes a City-branded bucket, soil moisture sensor, hose nozzle, faucet aerators, toilet tank bank, leak detector tablets, and informational materials on available rebates and resources. These kits are designed to help residents confidently adopt water-saving practices at home. In FY24-25, staff distributed over 60 kits to residents eager to take their first steps toward water conservation. Free Water Conservation Kits will continue to be available in the next fiscal year.

Resilient Native Plant List and Sustainable Community Resources Guide

The Environmental Services and Sustainability Division's internship program culminated with the creation of a native plant and resource guide customized for the South Pasadena community. The visually intriguing guide includes information on native plants, planting tips, and community highlights. The guide will soon be launched and both digital and printed copies will be available.

In FY25-26, staff will continue conducting outreach within existing promotional channels by building on existing social media programming. In addition to the progression on social media,

staff will expand on outreach strategies to target groups with historically low participation in these programs which include the commercial sector and elderly residents. Expanded outreach activities may include deeper engagement with Senior Center and Chamber of Commerce through targeted presentations, workshops, or co-hosted events. City staff is additionally exploring presenting at additional commission and community meetings to increase visibility and gather feedback. Furthermore, staff may develop and distribute tailored outreach materials – both printed and digital – through new and existing channels such as local businesses, schools, neighborhood associations and utility bill inserts to broaden community reach and participation.

Fiscal Impact

The revenue for water conservation programs is collected through a water efficiency fee of \$0.14 per unit of water billed to all city water customers. Typically, every fiscal year includes approximately \$120,000 under the City's water conservation fund (Account No. 503-6010-6713-8032) which can only pay for water conservation projects.

Attachments:

1. Proposed MWD and City Residential and Commercial Rebates Fiscal Year 2025-2026
2. Water Conservation Rebate Postcard
3. Landscape Academy Promotional Flyers

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposed FY 2025-26 Water Conservation Program

Table 1: The table below shows the budgeted allocations and expenditures for the program in previous fiscal years and the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget allocations.

Water Conservation Program Funding Comparison FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025					
Water Conservation Rebate/Program	FY 2023-2024 Budgeted	FY 2023-2024 Expended	FY 2024-2025 Budgeted	FY 2024-2025 Expended	FY 2025-2026 Budgeted
MWD Additional Rebate Funding – Residential	\$25,000	\$43,420.83	\$40,000	\$26,806.79	\$40,000
MWD Additional Rebate Funding – Commercial	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000
City Rebate Program - Residential	\$20,000	\$18,961.68	\$20,000	\$10,840.60	\$20,000
City Greywater Rebate Pilot Program – Residential Only	\$20,000	-	\$20,000	-	\$20,000
City Rebate Program – Commercial (FY25-26 to include new multifamily clothes washer rebate)	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000	\$0.00	\$10,000
Customized Water Use Assessments	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$1,469.66	\$5,000
Water Conservation Education & Promotion <i>(including new landscape academy)</i>	\$25,000	\$2,904.24	\$15,000	\$15,388.56	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$115,000	\$60,031.94	\$120,000	\$54,505.61	\$120,000

Table 2 and Table 3: The tables below list the proposed co-funding amounts for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 MWD rebates. There are no changes from the FY 2024-2025 amounts.

Table 2: Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 MWD <u>Residential</u> Rebates			
Rebate	MWD Incentive	City's Incentive	Total Customer Incentive
High Efficiency Clothes Washer	\$85	\$415	\$500
Premium High-Efficiency Toilet (1.1 gallon per flush)	\$40	\$260	\$300
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles	\$2	\$0	\$2
Weather Based Irrigation Controller (less than one acre)	\$80	\$170	\$250
Weather Based Irrigation Controller (one acre or more)	\$35 per station	\$65 per station	\$100 per station
Soil Moisture Sensor System (less than one acre)	\$80	\$70	\$150
Soil Moisture Sensor System (one acre or more)	\$35 per station	\$15 per station	\$50 per station
Hose Bib Irrigation Controller	\$35 each	\$0	\$35 each
Rain Barrel	\$35	\$0	\$35
Cistern (200-500 gallons)	\$250	\$0	\$250
Cistern (501-999 gallons)	\$300	\$0	\$300
Cistern (1000+ gallons)	\$350	\$0	\$350
Flow Monitor Device (Meter attached device - Flume)	\$100	\$100	\$200
Flow Monitor Device (all other devices)	\$100	\$100	\$200
Turf Removal	\$2 per ft ² (up to 5,000ft ²)	\$2 per ft ² (up to 1,500ft ²)	\$4 per ft ²

Table 3: Proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 MWD <u>Commercial</u> Rebates			
Rebate	MWD Incentive	City's Incentive	Total Customer Incentive
Plumbing Flow Control Valve	\$5	\$5	\$10
Laminar Flow Restrictors	\$10	\$10	\$20
Premium High-Efficiency Toilet (1.1 gallon per flush) - Commercial	\$40	\$260	\$300
Premium High-Efficiency Toilet (1.1 gallon per flush) - Multifamily	\$40	\$260	\$300
Zero Water Urinals	\$200	\$100	\$300
Ultra Low Water Urinal	\$200	\$100	\$300
Weather Based Irrigation Controller (one acre or more)	\$35 per station	\$65 per station	\$100 per station
Central Computer Irrigation Controller	\$35 per station	\$35	\$70 per station
Soil Moisture Sensor System (one acre or more)	\$35 per station	\$15 per station	\$50 per station
Hose Bib Irrigation Controller	\$35 each	\$0	\$35 each
Large Rotary Nozzles	\$13 per set	\$13	\$26 per set
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles	\$2	\$2	\$4
In-Stem Flow Regulator	\$1	\$1	\$2
pH-Cooling Tower Controller	\$1,750	\$0	\$1,750
Cooling Tower Conductivity Controller	\$625	\$0	\$625
Dry Vacuum Pump	\$125 per 0.5 HP	\$0	\$125 per 0.5 HP
Connectionless Food Steamers	\$485 per compartment	\$485	\$970 per compartment
Ice-Making Machines	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Turf Removal	\$2 per ft ² (up to 50,000ft ²)	\$2 per ft ² (up to 1,500ft ²)	\$4 per ft ²

Table 4: The table below lists the proposed FY 2025-2026 City Rebate Program. There are no changes from the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 amounts.

Table 4: Proposed FY 2025-26 City Rebate Program	
Commercial and Residential Rebate	Rebate Amount
Water Efficient (Drought Tolerant) Plants	Up to \$1,200
Native Trees (10 trees maximum)	\$100 per tree
Drip Irrigation Conversion	Up to \$300
High Efficiency (Energy Star) Dishwashers	Up to \$500
High Efficiency Clothes Washer (Multi-Family) *	Up to \$500
Greywater Laundry to Landscape Conversion* (Design Services and Conversion Materials)	Up to \$1,000

**This rebate program is under development and/or in progress of implementation.*

ATTACHMENT 2

Water Conservation Rebate Postcard

APRIL 23

LANDSCAPE ACADEMY

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

ON MINIMAL WATER

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM | 6PM

MAY 17

LANDSCAPE ACADEMY

LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATIONS

ON A BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS | 10AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

WATER CONSERVATION



CONSERVE MORE.

REMINDER: CONTINUED OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS

STAGE 2: SERIOUS WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE

**OUTDOOR WATERING LIMITED TO 2 DAYS PER WEEK.
WATERING FROM 9AM-5PM IS PROHIBITED.**

ADDRESSES ENDING IN:

WATER ON THESE DAYS:

EVEN NUMBERS: 0,2,4,6,8

MONDAY AND THURSDAY

ODD NUMBER: 1,3,5,7,9

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

SouthPasadenaCA.gov/WATERCONSERVATION

**WATER CAN RUN BUT IT
CAN'T HIDE**

Water runoff occurs when rainwater or irrigation flows over impermeable surfaces like driveways and sidewalks instead of being absorbed by the ground

**WAYS TO
REDUCE
WATER RUNOFF**

Plant More Vegetation
Install Rain Barrels
Create Rain Gardens
Use Mulch
Fix Leaky Irrigation
Rock Garden
Swales

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CONSERVATION
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**WATERCONSERVATION@
SOUTHPASADENACA.GOV**

Contact us now for tips on saving water, reporting run off, applying for rebates, and conserving this vital resource!

FOR LESS.

WATER CONSERVATION REBATES



Water Efficient/Drought Tolerant Plants

**CURRENT REBATE OFFER:
UP TO \$1,200 PER HOUSEHOLD**

Plants must be selected from the pre-approved list of South Pasadena Water Efficient Plants



Trees

**CURRENT REBATE OFFER:
UP TO \$100 PER TREE**

Trees must be selected from the pre-approved list of South Pasadena Protected Native & Drought Tolerant Trees



Drip Irrigation Conversion

**CURRENT REBATE OFFER:
UP TO \$300 PER HOUSEHOLD**

Qualifying materials include: valves, backflow preventers, pressure regulators, filters, tubing adapters, drip tubing, emitters, and end caps



Energy Star Dishwasher

**CURRENT REBATE OFFER:
UP TO \$500 PER HOUSEHOLD**

Appliances must be selected from the list of qualifying Energy Star Dishwashers

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**AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND
COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS**

**Visit SouthPasadenaCA.gov/Rebates
for more details and to apply!**

South Pasadena Residents & Business Owners qualify for additional rebates offered by Metropolitan Water District.

See SoCalWaterSmart.com for more details

TURF REPLACEMENT: **\$4 PER FT² / UP TO 5,000 FT²**
FLOW MONITOR/LEAK DETECTION: **UP TO \$200**
HIGH EFFICIENCY CLOTHES WASHER: **UP TO \$500**
SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR: **\$150 PER UNIT**



ATTACHMENT 3

Landscape Academy Promotional Flyers



Landscape Academy

FREE | **LANDSCAPE
TRAINING SERIES**

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

REGISTER FOR THE FIRST TRAINING TODAY:

WWW.SOUTHPASADENACA.GOV/ENVIRONMENTALPROGRAMS

OPEN TO ALL SOUTH PASADENA RESIDENTS

CALIFORNIA FRIENDLY AND NATIVE PLANTS LANDSCAPE

DATE: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2024

TIME: 6:00PM TO 7:00PM

**LOCATION: LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
1115 El Centro Street**

**Learn to design sustainable landscapes that support
healthier watersheds by selecting native plants, retaining
rainwater, and reducing impervious surfaces.**

For more information, contact:

WaterConservation@SouthPasadenaCA.gov

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SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

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LANDSCAPE TRAINING SERIES

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OUTDOOR LEAK DETECTION



Wednesday
March 19, 2025
6:00PM
Library

The U.S. EPA reports that household leaks waste nearly 900 billion gallons of water annually—enough for about 11 million homes. Many of these leaks can be easily fixed.



BEAUTIFUL GARDENS ON MINIMAL WATER

Wednesday
April 23, 2025
6:00PM
Library

You don't have to sacrifice beauty for water and energy conservation. In this course, participants will learn to maintain a stunning, drought-resilient yard using sustainable, water-efficient practices.



LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATIONS ON A BUDGET

Saturday
May 17, 2025
10:00AM
City Chambers

For many, replacing turf with a Watershed Wise landscape can feel overwhelming and expensive. This workshop guides residents on managing costs, prioritizing choices, and minimizing expenses.

Visit link below for more information and to **SIGN UP NOW!**

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TRAINING SERIES**

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OPEN TO ALL SOUTH PASADENA RESIDENTS

LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATIONS ON A BUDGET

DATE: SATURDAY- MAY 17, 2025

TIME: 10:00AM-12:00PM

**LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION ST**

Many view replacing turf with a Watershed Wise landscape as daunting and costly. This training helps residents understand costs, prioritize options, and identify ways to reduce expenses.

For more information, contact:

WaterConservation@SouthPasadenaCA.gov

626.403.7289





COMING UP



MARCH 19

TUESDAY 6:00PM

LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM - 1115 EL CENTRO ST

**OUTDOOR LEAK
DETECTION**



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DATE: SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:15 PM

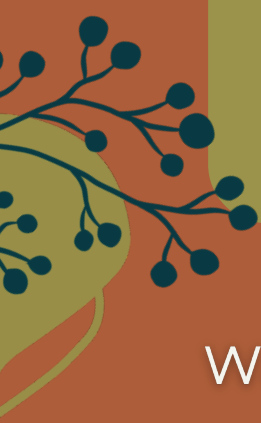
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SCHEDULE

UPCOMING

2025

FEBRUARY 8

SATURDAY
11:00AM

TURF REMOVAL, REPLACE OR MAINTAIN
IT

MARCH 19

WEDNESDAY
6:00PM

OUTDOOR LEAK DETECTION

NEW TRAINING DATE!!

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APRIL 23

WEDNESDAY
6:00PM

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS ON MINIMAL WATER

MAY 17

SATURDAY
10:00AM

LANDSCAPE TRANSFORMATIONS
ON A BUDGET



ITEM 5

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	Chair	Emily Ng
	Vice Chair	Michael Siegel
	Commissioner	Liam R. de Villa Bourke
	Commissioner	Casey Law
	Commissioner	Michael Noe
	Commissioner	Alex Rajewski
	Commissioner	Margaret Yi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Emily Ng

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

In Person Public Comments:
None.

Zoom Public Comments:
None.

PRESENTATION

2. SB1383 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Environmental Services & Sustainability Manager Arpy Kasparian provided an update on the City's compliance with SB 1383, highlighting the recent City Council approval to transition from a two-stream to a three-stream waste collection system. The update included details on new container requirements and next steps leading up to July 16, 2025 City Council Prop 218 hearing.

DISCUSSION**3. PLASTICS REDUCTION AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Arpy Kasparian presented on the background of this commission's Plastics Reduction Ad Hoc Committee, which supports the City's Green Action Plan goal of becoming a plastic-free city. Additionally, invited commissioners to join ongoing efforts to reengage the committee and continue outreach initiatives.

Commissioners Noe and Yi volunteered to join Commissioner de Villa Bourke on the Ad Hoc Committee.

In Person Public Comments:
None.

Zoom Public Comments:

Mark Gee encouraged the Plastics Ad Hoc Committee to engage with local businesses, particularly the Farmers Market, to explore reducing plastic use, suggesting alternatives like paper bags used in other cities.

4. TREE ORDINANCE REVIEW

Danielle Garcia, Water Conservation Management Analyst, and Michael Vartanian, Acting Public Works Co-Director, presented the City's ongoing research and analysis of the existing tree ordinance, highlighting comparisons with neighboring cities and facilitating discussion on the initial staff recommendations for updates.

In Person Public Comments:

Angelo Gladding raised concerns about the staff suggestion to remove the notification letters to neighbors regarding proposed removed trees.

Alan Dish praised staff and the commission for taking on this update. Reflecting on his own city – Glendale who is looking to South Pasadena to set the example of a more modern tree ordinance.

David Butler agreed that the notification process should remain in the ordinance and emphasized the importance of maintaining transparent standards for the tree removal process.

Zoom Public Comments:
None.

ACTION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2025 NREC MEETINGRecommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSION ACTION AND MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rajewski, seconded by Commissioner de Villa Bourke and approved by roll call vote for the approval of March 25, 2025 NREC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried 7-0-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Ng, Siegel, De Villa Bourke, Law, Rajewski, Yi

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

COMMUNICATIONS**6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked staff and the commission for their work on the tree ordinance and provided insight on the waste contract, noting concerns about past delays and rate increases while acknowledging progress toward SB 1383 compliance. He also highlighted upcoming Gold Line station openings and ongoing AQMD initiatives.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Eng congratulated staff on a successful Sustainability Fair.

Vice Chair Siegel promoted the upcoming open cities event on June 22 – Mission to Twilight.

Commissioner Law called out the upcoming Arroyo Seco Water Reuse project scoping meeting on May 28. Additionally, highlighting the great learning opportunity as there has been a lot of misinformation about the project with the community.

Commissioner Rajewski commented on a public comment made regarding a city-wide garage sale, sharing that it could be an interesting idea for the City to explore. Additionally showcasing Cal Poly Pomona resource called “select tree” that can assist residents with selecting the right tree for the right location on their property.

8. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Arpy Kasparian reflected on the successful Clothing & Toy Swap that occurred earlier in the month.

Ted Gerber, Public Works Director, highlighted the upcoming Arroyo Seco Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting that will occur on May 28.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Scoping Meeting – Arroyo Seco Water Reuse Project
May 28, 2025, 6pm-8pm, South Pasadena Library Community Room
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sq/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Vice Chair Ng adjourned the meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission at 8:59P.M. PT to the next Regular Commission meeting scheduled for July 22, 2025.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FUTURE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETINGS

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Respectfully submitted:

Arpy Kasparian
Staff Liaison, Environmental Services
& Sustainability Manager

APPROVED:

Emily Ng
Chair

Approved at Commission Meeting:

ITEM 5

Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of July 7, 2025



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Chair	Emily Ng
Vice Chair	Michael Siegel
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ABSENT

Commissioner	Margaret Yi
Commissioner	Casey Law

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Emily Ng

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

In Person Public Comments:
None.

Zoom Public Comments:
None.

DISCUSSION

2. TREE ORDINANCE UPDATE REVIEW

Danielle Garcia, Water Conservation Management Analyst, and Michael Vartanian, Acting Public Works Co-Director, presented staff-recommended revisions to the City's Tree Ordinance and requested final feedback from the commission before bringing the item to the July 16, 2025 City Council meeting for approval/direction. The proposed revisions aim to simplify, clarify, and modernize South Pasadena's existing ordinance. The commission was supportive of all staff recommendations.

COMMUNICATIONS**3. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Council member Cacciotti provided an update on the Gold Line expansion and recent regional transit developments. He additionally reported on new AQMD technology initiatives.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. STAFF LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Used Oil Filter Exchange Event
July 12, 10am - 2pm, Alhambra
- Household Hazardous Waste & E-Waste Collection Event
July 19, 9am – 3pm, San Gabriel
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars
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APPROVED:

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Chair

Approved at Commission Meeting:

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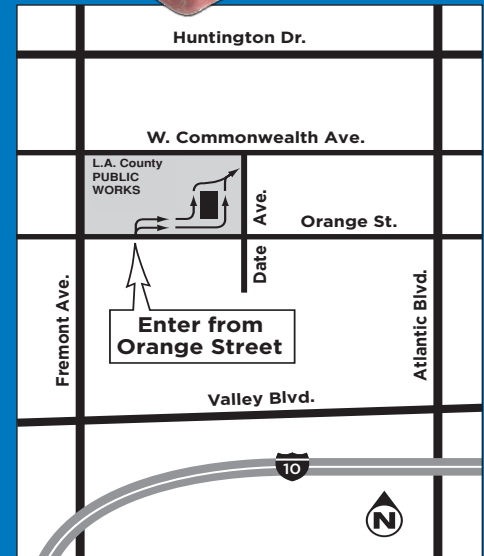
Upcoming Events

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, August 23 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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900 South Fremont Avenue
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CHEMICALS



- ◆ Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.

PAINTS & SOLVENTS



- ◆ Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.
- ◆ No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).

SHARPS



- ◆ Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.

E-WASTE



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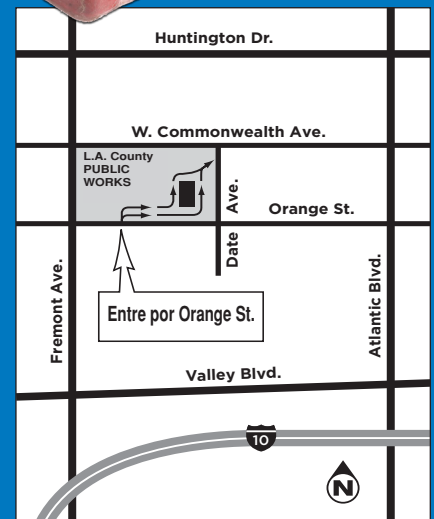


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Evento gratuito de recolección (drive-thru) de desechos electrónicos y tóxicos del hogar

Sábado 23 de agosto • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
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Alhambra, CA 91803



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PINTURA Y
SOLVENTES



- ◆ Traiga los artículos en una caja resistente, preferiblemente en sus envases etiquetados originales. Prepárese para dejar los envases y las cajas.

AGUJAS



- ◆ No se permiten explosivos, municiones, materiales radioactivos, sustancias controladas, basura, llantas o grandes aparatos (como refrigeradores, estufas y lavadoras).

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