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MISSION

To lead, to educate and to participate in the careful stewardship, wise planning and artful design of our cultural and natural environments.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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View of Lower Otay Lakes Reservoir from Eastlake Vista's community trail, Chula Vista

I just returned from a fun run on the trails around my neighborhood and I feel energized, inspired, and thankful for the recreational outdoor spaces that are within a 5-minute walking distance from my home. I often think that I would not like to live in a neighborhood where I don't have easy access to recreational facilities, such as, trails, parks, open space and preserve lands, which have become essential for my mental and physical well-being. This is one of the perks of living in a planned community where developers set aside and dedicated land for recreational purposes and where so many disciplines came together to create this mini paradise.

Unfortunately, not all communities have easy access to recreation within walking distance due to various reasons; for example, some older communities were built-out before codes required dedication of land for recreational purposes, and currently as in-fill residential projects occur, developers pay development impact fees but there may not be appropriate land available to develop recreational facilities desperately needed by the surrounding communities. One way of mitigating this problem is to identify underutilized real estate that could be developed into urban parks or multi-modal corridors to connect neighborhoods and provide a safer path separated from the vehicular congested streets.



D Street west of Woodlawn Avenue in Chula Vista



San Diego Zoo Wild Woods Habitat, Photography by DPA

A good example is the transformation of 0.81-acre street right-of-way located on D Street west of Woodlawn Avenue in Chula Vista, into a future urban park in an underserved community where the closest park is more than ½ mile away. This will be possible thanks to the vision and open-mindedness of stakeholders, as well as the grant funds provided by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Even though many communities have less than desirable open spaces and recreational opportunities within walking distance, the good news is that the San Diego area offers so many amazing recreational attractions centrally located within urban areas, such as, the iconic Balboa Park and the world-famous San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance which integrates nature, wildlife, education, and beauty for all its visitors. By the way, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance opened to the public its brand-new **Wildlife Explorers Basecamp** this past March. Within three-acres, the project offers a multi-level tapestry of diverse habitats where visitors experience nature, encounter adventure and employ a multitude of opportunities while learning the importance of conserving wildlife.

Jeri Deneen and Jon Powell, Principals at Deneen Powell Atelier, Inc. (DPA) shared information about the project and enthusiastically stated that "as you traverse through the Wildlife Explorers Basecamp you will encounter four different habitat environments: Desert Dunes, Wild Woods, Marsh Meadows and the Rainforest. Weaved into these habitats are countless opportunities for parallel play between visitors and the animals — climb, jump, hide in a large oak tree, clamor over bridges, crawl under logs and through spider webs, and slither through a slot canyon. There are loads of water play activities for kids of all ages to get completely soaked. Outdoors, visitors discover squirrel monkeys, coatis, crocodiles, turtles, owls, and prairie dogs and... in-doors visitors explore amphibians, insects, Komodo Dragons and Hummingbirds."

So, what does it take to build a San Diego Zoo project? I intently asked, and Jeri said "it takes a very strong relationship between clients and the designing team to spearhead a project that is unique, innovative and creative; a construction manager with far reaching experience and capabilities to pull off the unique construction; strong-arming manufacturers and suppliers to move away from 'standard' and utilize their products in a very different manner; a collaborative design team to work together on all aspects — and...



San Diego Zoo Dessert Dunes Rope Climb, Photography by DPA



San Diego Zoo Tropical Habitat, Photography by DPA

it takes a few beer parties to alleviate the constant pressures of stress. The harder the project, the more gratifying the results."

In summary, all recreational facilities whether these are mini-parks, a 100-acre natural paradise like the San Diego Zoo or a 1,200-acre cultural oasis like Balboa Park, these were carefully designed by YOU Landscape Architects, in collaboration with builders, suppliers, stakeholders, maintenance workers and municipalities. At times, the projects constraints and regulatory framework may limit our creativity, but we must design keeping in mind that exposure to nature has been linked to a host of benefits, including improved attention, lower stress, better mood, and physical fitness and that the spaces we design are greatly contributing to the well-being of its users. Our profession and landscape industry are embraced daily by the people who live, grow, and heal in the spaces we design...whether they know it or not.

Patricia

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BASECAMP

WILDLIFE EXPLORERS BASECAMP DESIGN TEAM

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PRESIDENT ELECT

We have an amazingly dedicated group of officers and committee members who keep the wheels turning with the Chapter to encourage emerging professionals to seek licensure, perform portfolio reviews, invite top speakers to our lectures, hold fun events throughout the year, and organize an awesome golf tournament.

We're looking for members who can step up to lead the Chapter after a couple of challenging years in the world. Our newest Climate Action Committee and Committee on Urban Public Social Spaces show the membership we're willing to branch out to address issues that our industry in particular can tackle.

Please consider joining my team for the upcoming Board of Directors year. A list and contact information for our current officers and Committee chairs is listed in the [About section of our website](#). Take a look at the [Nomination form for the 2022-2023](#) Board of Directors and feel free to contact one of the current leadership or call or email me if you have any questions.

Nominations will be accepted through June.



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If you were fortunate to work with landscape architect Greg Hebert during his successful residential landscape architecture career, you may have heard him talk about the following:

"There is a way to approach the landscape with thoughtful intentions, paying attention to the history of the place, while listening to the client's desires for their space. Look for clues to the way they live their lives in the design of their home and interior spaces.

"Even though you may not always agree with their desires, work with them and be open to the possibilities of educating them about local plants that thrive in the San Diego environment, talk about the architectural style of the place, intrigue them with history of their location. In turn, you will probably learn a lot from them, too!"

At the peak of his career, ASLA-SD mourns the passing of Gregory James Hebert, ASLA. Greg passed away peacefully on January 21, 2022, at the age of 62, following a 7.5-month battle with glioblastoma stage-4 brain cancer. He is survived by his sons Andrew and Kyle, and his partner, collaborator, inspiration, and wife of 30 years, Valerie.

“THERE IS A WAY TO APPROACH THE LANDSCAPE WITH THOUGHTFUL INTENTIONS, PAYING ATTENTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE PLACE, WHILE LISTENING TO THE CLIENT’S DESIRES FOR THEIR SPACE.”

Greg earned a BA in Environmental Conservation and a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Colorado. He came to San Diego in 1987 and practiced with DeWeese Burton Landscape Architects, working on the Rancho Valencia resort and Spa and other notable projects. The residences at Rancho Valencia resort best exemplify his brand.

In 1992 he established his own firm, Greg Hebert Landscape Architect. Over the years he developed several specialties: plant knowledge and plant palette design; historic landscape restoration; and excelled at and especially enjoyed hardscape design.

Relocating in his mid-20s from Colorado after owning a design/build business, he had to learn a whole new California plant palette, desert plants were very exciting to him.

While learning all about new horticultural specimens, Greg would consider the plant, its texture, the level of drought tolerance, its flower shape and colors, how the flowers' color will complement the other plants around the rest of the home and environment. He considered size and scale and how they would add a sculptural element to the garden.

He loved the challenges of pulling a myriad of plants together and how they would grow to create a sort of artist's palette in the garden. Favorite nurseries in San Diego include Walter Anderson Nursery and Rancho Soledad Nursery. Day trips visiting nurseries in Fallbrook, Los Angeles county and beyond were not uncommon.

Greg had a wonderful design eye for both inside and outside the home and thoroughly enjoyed designing exterior hardscape environments to offer the best outdoor living experience San Diego climate is famous for. He was a big believer in enjoying a cup of coffee outside each morning and a glass of wine on the patio in the afternoon.

Even though he preferred to keep a low profile, his work was featured in a number of magazines and newspapers, highlighting numerous awards. As time went by, he became well known for his craft, and his special niche of historic preservation. Restoring historic gardens and homes, inside and out, was his passion.

With his education in environmental design, he thoroughly researched historical homes and historical elements in their landscape. He constantly studied books on architecture and exterior design, and visited

“GREG WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON IN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN HE DESIGNED. HIS SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US.”

gardens designed by master landscape architects wherever his travels would take him. He enjoyed local gardens planted by Kate Sessions, and when the opportunity arose to restore a Kate Sessions landscape project, he stayed consistent with the original elements and structure of the garden as closely as possible to retain the original character intended within the landscaping.

One of Greg's greatest strengths is that he would really listen to people in a kind and respectful manner. Even when he didn't readily agree with the design ideas of a client, he would put together a set of design options, and through the design process he would build trust and eventually they would come together with a united vision for their project.

This collaborative project-building process is one that made Greg stand out in the residential field. He always considered his clients wishes and gently offered guidance to mutually create a design that they both would be pleased with. He was most excited when he was working with clients who had a sense of artistic design because it showed him that they had an appreciation for beauty.

He regularly donated his skills to causes he was passionate about including Generate Hope's historic garden renovation in Coronado, St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Oceanside, and Church of the Nativity, Valerie's and Greg's home church in North County during the time they lived there.

People came from all walks of his life to attend Greg's memorial mass at Church of the Nativity and the following celebration of life: lifelong friends and family, clients, fellow landscape architects and work contemporaries from all the different landscape trades.

Everybody spoke of how kind and generous of spirit he was to everyone, he treated everyone fairly. A special landscape installer who Greg had befriended and who worked for Greg and Valerie on their property said to Valerie, "Greg was so kind. He speaks to us (the installation crew) the same as he speaks to the owner of the property."

Several of Greg's clients said, "Greg will always live on in our beautiful garden he designed. His spirit will always be with us."

"Greg was an amazing, sweet, caring man. He was lovely with everybody. He had a wonderful life and he did such good work during his time here. His work was his passion, *sa joie de vivre*."

Valerie Hebert

LEGACY PROJECT AT LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY GETS BIG DONATIONS

The Chapter will see the finishing touches put on their Legacy Project this year to establish a Learning Garden at Longfellow Elementary School.

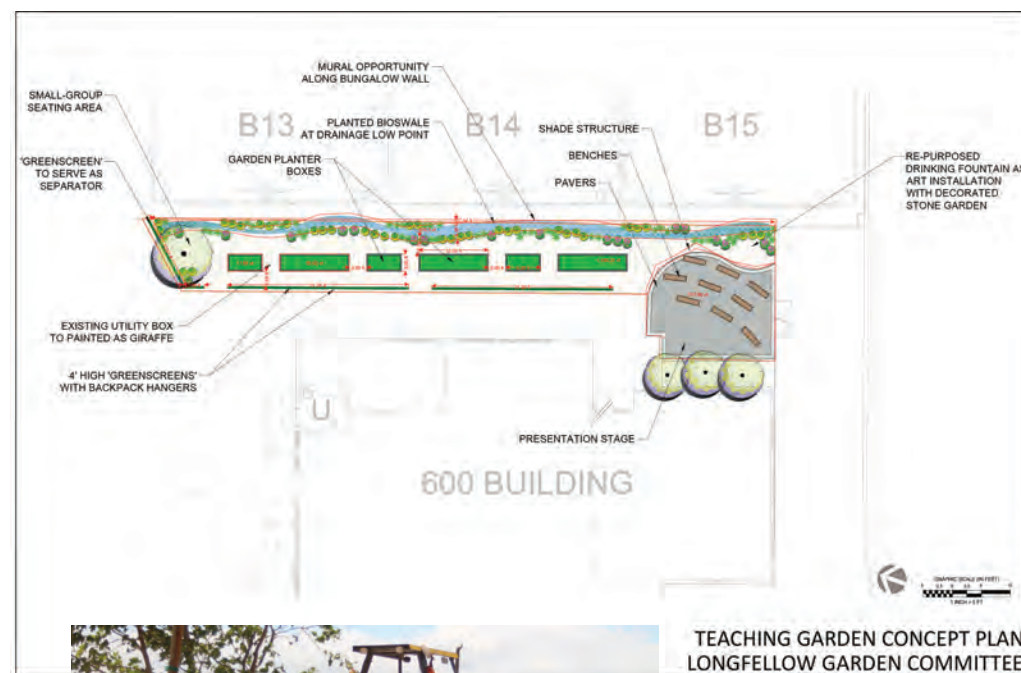
The last large part of the project was the distribution of decomposed granite which is coming to the Chapter through the generous donation from Landscape Development. Tristan Nicholls from [Landscape Development](#) said he supports community projects such as the Legacy Project.

Another generous donation was made by [Rain Bird Company](#) in 2019 to kick off the construction of the Learning Garden. Brittany Borden with Rain Bird knew that most of the work would be organized by volunteers like us but some professional work like moving the materials and renting backhoe operators to move and level the soil had to be paid for by the Chapter.

Please join us when the project is completed for ribbon cutting ceremony (to be announced) where we will thank all the volunteers and generous sponsors like Landscape Development and Rain Bird.



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ASLA CELEBRATES EARTH DAY WITH EARTHFAR SAN DIEGO DURING WLAM



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VP COMMUNICATIONS/VISIBILITY

As part of this year's World Landscape Architecture Month (WLAM) celebration in April, ASLA San Diego will celebrate with San Diego Earthworks by participating in **EarthFair 2022 in Balboa Park on April 24**. We welcome volunteers to help share their knowledge with the public about landscape architecture.

Throughout April, ASLA San Diego celebrates the month of landscape architecture with the national ASLA to help communities grow together.

ASLA San Diego will continue our "Instagram Takeover" events for local firms to express their work through the ASLA San Diego account [@asla_sd](https://www.instagram.com/asla_sd). Our social media aimed to enhance awareness about professional work through San Diego and around the nation. So please join us with your outstanding firm works that celebrate WLAM with us.

We are concerned about environmental issues, and are providing opportunities for individuals and organizations to make positive, tangible impacts on our environment. Landscape architects are essential players in designing healthy, resilient, and sustainable open spaces for all, and we would like to share this with the public.

We could do this during the influential events in the San Diego community and San Diego EarthWorks aims to connect volunteers to help establish a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for living things. EarthFair is the forum for environmental education, awareness and celebration. Landscape architects help address environmental issues and facilitate actions to develop a prosperous, ecologically sound economy.

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Email **Cisy Cao** (Cisy@ktua.com) with your available times and thanks for your help to share your knowledge with the public about landscape architecture.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Happy Spring to all of our members. Thanks for your continued support of the ASLA San Diego chapter! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions on your membership.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

JONATHAN AVILA, ASLA
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EDEN BOUCHARD, ASLA
ERIKA EIFLER, AFFILIATE ASLA
PHILIP BRONSON GANN, ASSOCIATE ASLA

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following members for reaching membership milestones (member anniversaries in April through June are for continuing membership).



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Kenya Huezo, ASLA

VP MEMBERSHIP

6 - 10 YEARS

2016 Yu-Ju Liu, ASLA

2015 Kathleen Therese Brand, ASLA; Nathan S. Elliott, ASLA

2014 Christopher L. Langdon, ASLA

2013 Amelia Capron, ASLA

1 - 5 YEARS

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2017 Difan Chen, ASLA; Troy L. Vaughn, ASLA

● 11 - 20 YEARS

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- 2010** Bradley C. Lenahan, ASLA; Gary Lee Ruyle, ASLA
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- 1982** Diana Womack Biegner, ASLA

CCASLA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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In Sacramento, the State Legislature has so much money, they are cooking up ways to both spend the surplus as well as find ways to reduce the pain of inflation primarily at the gas pumps by devising an instrument to send funds to households that may or may not have a car in their driveway.

There are also many climate change issues being addressed including trying to use public lands to sequester carbon, water conservation flexibility so local jurisdictions can craft strategies that work for their regions to address drought conditions and many other bills.

Your state directors with the California Council of ASLA are reviewing a record number of bills that are making their way through both houses of the Legislature. The bills listed on the next page show the general subject and the status of the legislation. Hearings began in March and will be heard through June when the Legislature needs to adopt their 2022-2023 budget.

[Read the full text of the bills listed here](#), enter the bill number and search for the bill text and the status of when the bills will be heard or if they will be held in a committee to die.

The CCASLA Bill Status Update report as of March 30, 2022 can also be found on the [CCASLA website](#).

CURRENTLY MONITORED BILLS

BILL#	SUBJECT	POSITION	STATUS
AB 30	Outdoor Access to Nature State Policy	Watch	Sen Rules
AB 902	School Facilities/Design Build	Watch	Sen Rules
AB 646	Licensure: DCA Expunge Criminal Records	Watch	Sen Rules
AB 1445	Planning/Zoning, Housing Needs/Climate	Watch	Sen Rules
AB 1662	Licensure Disqualification: criminal conviction	Watch	Asm Biz+Prof
AB 1727	Climate Change Impacts: Contractor/Sub Con	Watch	Asm Labor
AB 1902	Resource Conservation Dists: Advisory Svcs	Watch	Asm Local Gov 3/23
AB 1910	Golf Courses/Housing Conversion	Watch	Asm HCD 3/23
AB 2575	Special Occupancy Parks Act: Lots	Watch	Introduced
AB 2142	Taxation: Turf Replace: Water Conservation	Support	Rev &Tax on 3/21
AB 2146	Pesticides: Prohibited Non-Agricultural Use	Watch	Asm ESTM
AB 2225	Traditional Eco Knowledge: Land Management	Watch	Asm Nat Res 3/21
AB 2238	Extreme Heat Ranking System	Support	Asm Nat Res 3/21
AB 2362	Eco Restoration/Climate Adapt. Proj/Permits	Watch	Asm Nat Res
AB 2757	Wildlife resources: natural com conservation plans	Watch	Introduced
AB 2789	Competitive bids:design-build+best value contracting	Watch	Introduced
AB 2805	Fish and Game: Mitigation/Conservation	Watch	Introduced
ACR 109	Extreme Heat/State Response	Watch	Sen Nat Resources
SB 905	Nat+Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy	Watch	Sem EQ 3/28
SB 989	Climate Resiliency Grants	Watch	Sen Rules
SB 1004	Public Works: Apprenticeship: Bid Preference	Watch	Sen GO
SB 1077	Non-Native Plants Removal/Restoration	Support	Sen Nat Res on 3/22
SB 1214	Planning and zoning: architectural drawings	Watch	Sen Gov, Fin & Judiciary
SB 1237	Licenses: Military Service	Watch	Sen BP 4/4
SB 1365	Licensing boards: procedures	Watch	Sen BP 4/4
SB 1443	Extension of DCA Sunset Review	Support	Sen BP 4/18

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Joy talking with residents in District 3.

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With a powerful dedication to environmental quality, housing and local business, Joy has led Encinitas by passing resolutions to improve our open spaces and to support native plants. She supports context-sensitive attainable housing for all income levels. Joy is also creating a city-wide historic signage program, implementing plans for an Arts Center at the Pacific View campus, and partnering with environmental groups to improve our climate stewardship. In her first year in office Joy supported de-carbonization of buildings, divestment from fossil fuel, an organics recycling program that converts food waste into renewable natural gas and fertilizer, and has helped her District 3 neighbors by improving traffic calming, school crossing guards, stormwater issues and traffic safety.



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TRUSTEE UPDATE



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CHAPTER TRUSTEE

If you attended our **Chapter Kick-Off Meeting** on February 10th at Thompson Building Materials, you had the opportunity to meet and hear from our new CEO Torey Carter-Conneen and our national President-Elect Emily O'Mahoney. I was so impressed with both, and I think Torey is taking ASLA in a new direction as an organization, so that we grow and our profession becomes more relevant to the public at large.

STEM Update – On January 21st, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) updated the STEM Designated Degree program list. The DHS received 97 suggested fields of study to add to the STEM list, including landscape architecture. Unfortunately, DHS did not add any disciplines from the 04 CIP code, which is Architecture and Related Services, and landscape architecture currently falls under this code. 15 of the 22 added disciplines are new emerging fields of study from the 30 CIP code – Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies. I am curious if members see this as an important pursuit. Your comments would be greatly appreciated!

ASLA Vice President of Education Ebru Ozer, Torey our CEO, and Director of Accreditation and Education Kristopher Pritchard represented the Society at the **Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture**

(CELA) Conference, March 16-19, which included providing an ASLA update. The update focused on ASLA's new mission, vision, and strategic plan; ASLA's new partnership with Land8 and LABash; as well as the new Women of Color Licensure program.

Landscape Architects Advocating For Change –

Recently, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a report to Congress: Moving to a **Complete Streets Design Model: A Report to Congress on Opportunities and Challenges**, detailing the agency's commitment to advance implementation of the Complete Streets design model to help improve safety and accessibility for all users. The report identifies five opportunity areas that will inform FHWA as it moves ahead with its efforts to increase the proportion of federally-funded transportation projects that are routinely planned, designed, built, and operated as Complete Streets. ASLA worked with FHWA to include landscape architects Rob Loftis, ASLA, Peg Staeheli, FASLA, David Lustberg, ASLA, David Crawley, ASLA and Ryan Bouma in discussions with the department to identify policy and design barriers to implementing Complete Streets projects. ASLA's contributions are recognized in the report!

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EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE UPDATE



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We are looking forward to an eventful year coming up! **We will be hosting a Portfolio and Resume Review on May 12** (rescheduled from mid March), so keep an eye out for that flier. Last year's portfolio review was very successful; all participants got insightful feedback from principals at KTUA Landscape Architecture & Planning, this year we anticipate having reviewers from other local firms as well. This event is a great way to get constructive feedback from professionals in the field for those looking for a career change or just to improve their portfolios.

Additionally, we will be hosting **two LARE reviews run by professional reviewers in July and November, prior to testing sessions**. These review sessions will provide LARE candidates with the resources they need to pass the exams while avoiding spending large amounts of money on study materials, prep courses and the tests themselves. The discussions at these events range from learning about the registration process for the exam, to sharing resources, knowledge and experience between EPC members. A major emphasis of the on-going LARE review session effort is to reassure candidates that they are not

alone in their path toward licensure; rather, they are part of a community of peers who are on the same path, and are part of a greater community of licensed landscape architects within the ASLA San Diego Chapter support network.

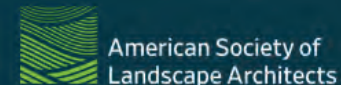
We would also like to work on creating a **LARE study group within the San Diego area** for candidates to share information, study materials and methods with peers. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact [Gwen Stark](#) to share your interest!

Our other events throughout the year will include a site visit and project review of a project recently completed or under construction, a 'Meet the Fellows' event as well as a social mixer. Dates for all these events will be announced in the coming months. Stay up to date with this year's events by visiting the [EPC section on the ASLA website](#), and don't forget to RSVP to our bi-monthly EPC meetings by emailing [Gwen Stark](#) or [Fernanda Suarez](#). Also, be sure to sign up for the group email blast and newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Figure 1 Desertification of the Great Plains from
"Constructing Climate Change Resilient Ecosystems" Ryan (2021)

JOIN THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE!

ASLA COMMITTEE UPDATE
CLIMATE ACTION



MISSION STATEMENT

(Adapted from National ASLA CAC)

The SD ASLA Climate Action Committee (CAC) builds from the national committee's mission to communicate the potential of landscape architects in mitigating and adapting to climate change at regional and local scales. This committee will further explore, develop, and promote regionally appropriate programs, products, and services that provide current research data and learning opportunities available to practitioners in and around the greater San Diego metropolitan area.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ Develop actionable pathways for individuals and communities to advocate for San Diego's environmentally sensitive landscapes.
- ✓ Encourage SD ASLA members to promote mission to clients and policy makers
- ✓ Celebrate public policy that advances climate change mitigation and adaptation

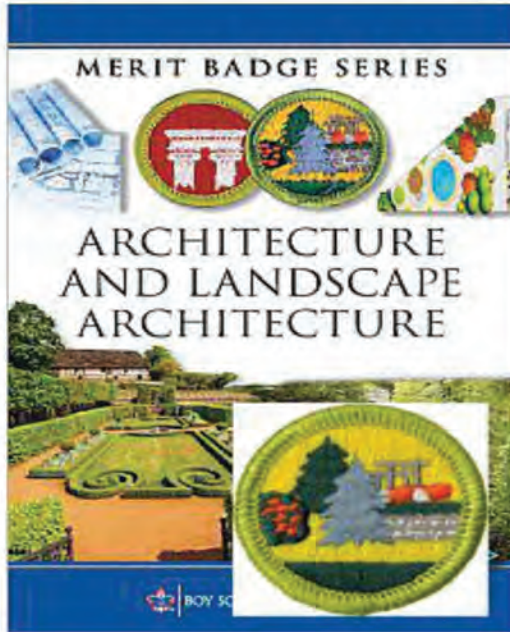
Hello, my name is James Ryan, a recent MLA graduate from Kansas State University and a passionate advocate for protecting vulnerable ecosystems. This passion fueled the direction of my master's project and report. My focus had me examining the complex relationships between historic minimum and maximum global temperatures, prehistoric migrations due to these temperature fluctuations, all while identifying modern conflicts that would inhibit ecosystems from finding refuge in a rapidly warming climate. Spending my time on this massive undertaking was only really possible because I had a passion for protecting these vulnerable systems; however, just being excited about a topic and getting from idea to product takes not only interest but a community of support, or in this case, a committee.

That is why, this Climate Action Committee and I need your help! We need help with committee duties and coordinating events and subcommittees but mostly this committee needs help actualizing our vision of making a quantifiable difference in the greater San Diego region. This committee has a vision but it's only as effective as its ability to achieve that vision. That is why we need you! If you have any interest in helping shape this committee or subcommittees into what you would like to see it become or simply just participate in various committee events, we would greatly appreciate your presence and support.

James Ryan, ASLA - Climate Action Committee Chair

CONTACT JAMES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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HELP TEACH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MERIT BADGE

San Diego Boy Scouts @ Scout University

Fun 'merit badge fair' event for Scouting - come share your passion for landscape architecture with the youth of our community.



VOLUNTEER FOR MERIT BADGE EVENT

Saturday
May 21st

morning session
8:00-12:00

afternoon session
12:00-4:00

Point Loma Nazarene
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Greek Theater

AM and PM shifts needed

Lunch Provided!

Share your passion and
give back

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AS LEADERS OF POLICY MAKING



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Have you considered using your skills as a landscape architect to write policy?

Lately more landscape architects are considering the benefits of being at the policy leadership table. We have conformed to the policies others have established for too many years, and we believe we can make a valuable difference.

The profession of landscape architecture is vocational to policy making. We are educated in environmental practices and civic engagement, so we practice at the heart of our communities and with every project we design our goals are to improve quality of life, enhance sustainable developments and foster resilient futures. In practice we abide by the policies of the agencies or municipalities we serve, or where our projects reside, and in doing so we conform with their general plans, their zoning codes and their development standards. If you've ever applied a policy that you thought could be better, you already know what I mean.

In the 12 years I served as an accreditor of University Landscape Architecture degree programs through the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB) I saw an array of types of degree programs across the country, and I also saw a clear evolution of thought and student type. Today there's a strong interest from faculty and students to advocate for policy reform, to practice at the center of civic leadership and to be at the table where the decisions are made which direct how we develop communities and protect our climate. Students are graduating from colleges

– especially those with a strong environmental or advocacy focus – ready to create a changed world where landscape architects are policy leaders.

Professional landscape architects, many of them members of our San Diego Chapter of ASLA, have stepped up to run and to be appointed to office. Many of our colleagues have already done the hard work of campaigning. Are we ready to support each professional who chooses this path? If so, we will grow stronger together and we learn from each other. In the interest of mentoring future candidates and supporting current ones, I'd like to invite you to consider volunteering for and learning from a landscape architect candidate of your choice.

My experience: I was appointed to the District 3 Encinitas City Council seat in 2021 and I'm now campaigning for the seat for the November 2022 election. Having served in this position I see how valuable it is to have a landscape architect's voice at the policy making table. My city council colleagues appreciate my expertise and welcome a strong environmental sustainability focus. I've hired a campaign manager and we will launch the campaign within a couple weeks. If you are interested in how a campaign works, I invite you to join me. Some opportunities include participating in campaign meetings and outreach activities to get an inside view of the process. If you are interested in candidacy mentorship, or in volunteering for a campaign, I invite you to [contact me.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

APRIL

- 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS SOLICITED
- 1-22 LA MONTH INSTAGRAM TAKE OVER
[DETAILS](#) [SIGN-UP](#)
- 4 LATE DESIGN AWARDS ENTRY TEMPLATE DEADLINE
- 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM | IN PERSON/TBD
- 8 SOIL WATER & CLIMATE CONNECTIONS WEBINAR 12PM-130PM
[RSVP](#)
- 24 EARTH DAY CHAPTER BOOTH BALBOA PARK | 8AM – 5PM
[VOLUNTEER](#) [QUESTIONS?](#)
- 27 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY
- 28-30 ASLA SPRING MID-YEAR MEETING CPC AND TRUSTEES (VIRTUAL)

MAY

- 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM | GO TO MEETING/HYBRID
- 6 DESIGN AWARDS JURY DAY 9AM – 5PM | RICK ENGINEERING
- 12 EMERGING PROS ONLINE RESUME & PORTFOLIO REVIEW 5PM – 630PM | RSVP BY 5/10
[RSVP](#)
- 21 BOY SCOUT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MERIT BADGE EVENT | 8AM – 4PM
POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY | LUNCH PROVIDED
[VOLUNTEER](#) [QUESTIONS?](#)
- 25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY
- 26 COUNTY NATIVE PLANT POLICY WEBINAR | 12PM – 1PM
[RSVP](#)

JUNE

- 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM | GO TO MEETING/TBD
- 1 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS MAILED/EMAILED TO COMMUNITY ORGS
[QUESTIONS?](#)
- 21 MODERN BUILDERS SPANISH TAPAS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE EVENT 530PM – 8PM | FREE | SAN MARCOS, CA
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- 29 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY
- 30 DESIGN AWARDS EVENT – FARMER AND SEA HORSE, REGISTRATION OPEN ON APRIL 18
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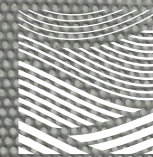
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