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A world where the built and natural environments coexist in harmony and sustainable balance, where all peoples can express their diverse heritage and their individual desires to grow and thrive; and where we, as a profession, can substantially contribute to the process of achieving these ends.

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

Hello Friends!

Most of us want to have a **sense of purpose** and want to work toward goals that will benefit ourselves, our families, and our communities. But at times, we are so consumed with the demands of everyday life that we don't believe we have the time or the energy to devote to a cause. If at times you feel lost and feel that you are constantly working without direction or support, **remember that you are an important part of the whole and that the green environments you help create directly improve the health of humans.**

For instance, I recently listened to an interview by Aaron Scott, Co-Host of NPR's podcast Short Wave (6/21/22), with environmental psychologist Dr. Ming Kuo, Director of the Landscape and Human Health Lab at the University of Illinois, who stated that specific studies tie nature to our body's increase of natural defenses against viruses by roughly 50%, and that these are at a 25% above the baseline after a month. Dr. Kuo also stated that the communities most impacted by COVID-19 also have the least amount of urban green spaces nearby and that tree-poor neighborhoods will spend more money on health



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care than those that live in tree-rich neighborhoods. Therefore, even if we don't realize it at times, we are channeling our collective energy toward our common goal of creating green environments for the health of our communities.

It is interesting how people often do not realize **all the pieces that thoughtfully have been put together to evoke a reaction in us**, for example, the water efficient irrigation systems necessary to keep the plants looking beautiful, the creative hardscapes guiding the users and defining the space, the energy efficient lighting bringing the spaces alive at night, the furnishings framing the spaces and providing places for people to gather, the shade structures which protect us from the sun and make the space more enjoyable, the beautiful plants creating a tapestry of color and unifying the design, the sounds of water and chimes, and the underground utilities connecting the systems. These everyday objects may be invisible because of their functionality but **tell the hidden history and development of these designs.**



This past June 30 we held our 2022 Design Awards to celebrate the creation of **exemplary outdoor spaces** which are perfect examples of artful environments designed by talented teams.

These designs meet the

SDASLA vision of creating *"A world where the built and natural environments coexist in harmony and sustainable balance; where all peoples can express their diverse heritage and their individual desires to grow and thrive; and where we, as a profession, can substantially contribute to the process of achieving these ends."*

Jeannie Martin, 2022 ASLA President, joined us at the event and gave an inspirational speech about how our ASLA strategic plan helps us address the needs of the practitioner and of the profession for today. It is broken down into five focus areas which will help us realize the future we imagine – Community, Connection, Innovation, Scale and Voice. Her full presentation can be read [HERE](#).

This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the featured projects and to commend the teams that made these designs possible. Congratulations to all, outstanding work!

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

VIEW THE AWARD WINNERS!



2022 DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS!



Leigh Kyle, Amelia Capron - **President's Award**: Mission Trails East Fortuna Field Station, Spurlock Landscape Architects



Glen Schmidt - **Honor Award**: Civita Park, Schmidt Design Group



Chris Langdon - **Merit Award**: Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Promenade, KTUA Landuse and Planning



Glen Schmidt - **Merit Award**: Maruta Gardner Playground at Bonita Cove Park, Schmidt Design Group

2022 DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS!



Glen Schmidt - **Honor Award**: E Street Greenway, Schmidt Design Group



Kari Kikuta, Alan Gonzalez - **Merit Award**: Normandie Supportive Housing, LPA Design Studios



JT Barr - **Merit Award**: Fox Point Farms Agrihood, Schmidt Design Group



Xinni Zhang - **Merit Award**: Garst Lane Residence, Fiore

2022 DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS!



Shane Sullivan - Merit Award: Garden of the Arts, Carson Douglas Landscape Architecture



Keith Mitemeyer, Brice Ciabatti - Merit Award: Modera SD, Urban Arena



Scott Sandel, Sameera Rao - Honor Award: City of San Diego Parks Master Plan, City of SD



Andy Spurlock - Merit Award: UCSD Ridge Walk Improvements, Spurlock Landscape Architects

2022 DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS!



Andy Spurlock - **Merit Award**: Ocean Discovery Institute, Spurlock Landscape Architects



Rocio Gertler - **Merit Award**: Kaiser Permanente Clairemont Mesa Medical Office Building, LPA Design Studios



Joseph Bryant - **Honor Award**: Bluff Creek Sculpture Garden, HLW Architects



Brad Lenahan, Amanda Funari - **Merit Award**: The Boardwalk at Science Center Drive, GroundLevel

2022 DESIGN AWARDS WINNERS!



Sherida Jeffrey - **Merit Award:** Modern Times Leisuretown, Land Lab



Rocio Gertler - **Merit Award:** High Bluff Ridge, LPA Design Studios



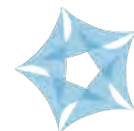
Rich Bienvenu, Lance Hunter - **Merit Award:** Great Park Ice and Five Point Arena, LPA Design Studios

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BOY SCOUTS EARN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MERIT BADGES



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On Saturday May 21, the Scouts (formerly Boy Scouts of America) descended upon Point Loma Nazarene University for two days of Merit Badge University, an event where boys and girls from all over southern California have the opportunity to earn several Merit Badges over the weekend. The Landscape Architecture Merit Badge was offered as part of the curriculum and the response was subtly optimistic, considering the relative lack of public exposure the discipline receives.

Led by former chapter President Phil Armstrong, the Scouts were introduced to the basic principles of Landscape Architecture including site layout, programming, and plant material. And, of course, they were informed that Central Park is the result of Landscape Architects, not a natural phenomena.

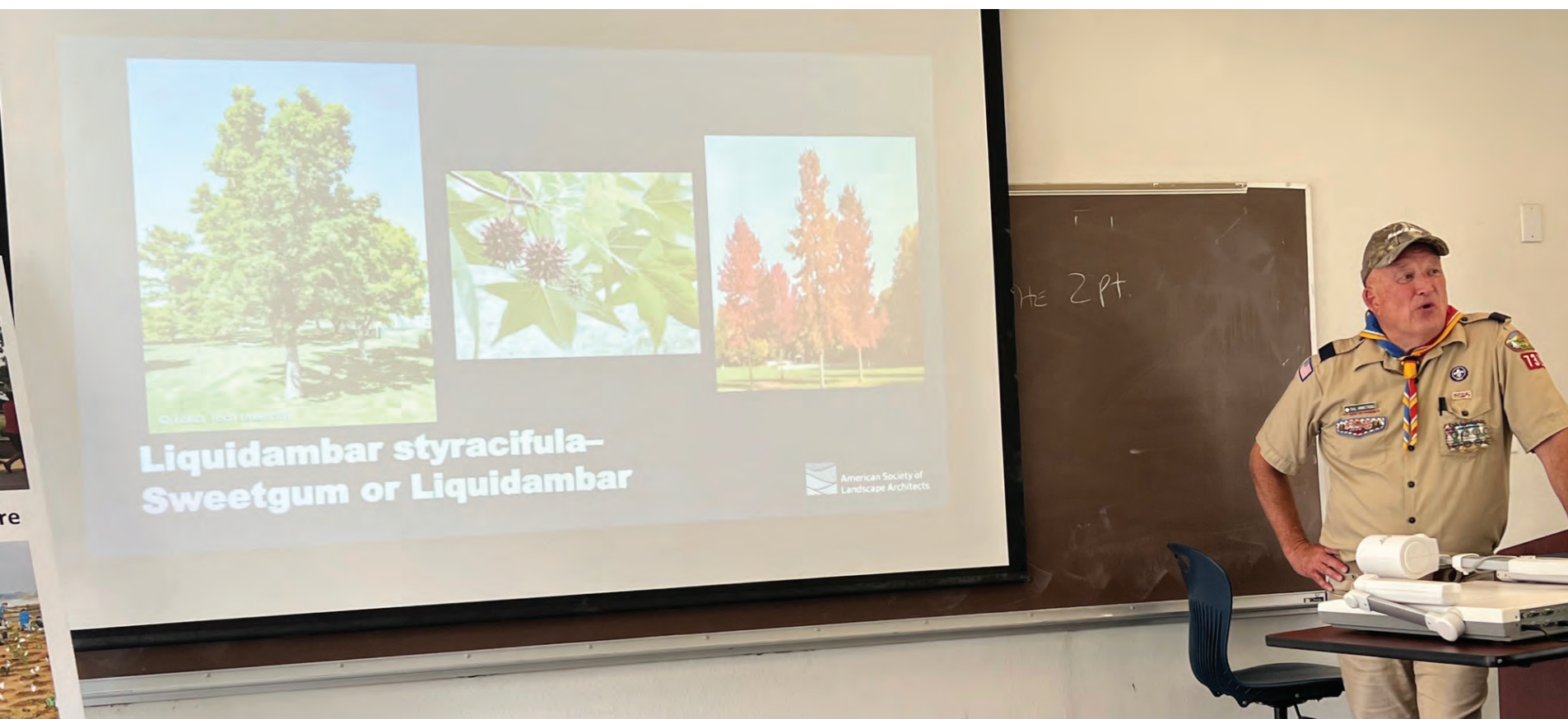
Following an initial slideshow outlining the scope of the profession, we toured and discussed the recent landscape at Sator Hall with its designers', Spurlock's Yu-Ju Liu and Emily Dowgiallo, and learned about the stormwater treatment infrastructure that defines the site's function and form. As the group walked the campus on a beautiful Spring day, the ocean glistening in the distance, the Scouts observed various specimen trees and learned how to identify their significant characteristics. There are some magnificent Torrey Pines on the campus by the way.



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One of the merit badge requirements was to develop a new design for an existing small contemplative space adjacent to Prescott Prayer Chapel. The Scouts learned how to take site measurements in order to develop a basic base drawing on which their new designs would reside. While the actual design deliverable was intended to be a homework exercise, several ambitious Scouts completed the task while on site (perhaps foreshadowing future Landscape Architects?).

Another requirement challenged the Scouts to identify plant and tree species after another slide show illustrating common plants seen in the local landscape. Everde Growers generously donated roughly 15 of these plants for the event which allowed the Scouts to connect the images with the real thing. To our delight, after suggesting they touch and smell the plant material, the children seemed to perk up upon interacting with the rosemary and lavender. After, when asked what their favorite plants were, unsurprisingly the overwhelming response was rosemary or lavender, while several independent minds selected the bougainvillea. Of course, we did not let them overlook the fact that the vibrant colors making the bougainvillea so popular in local landscapes was in fact not the flower but rather the bract, and pointed out the small white flowers encased by the bracts.



The notion that scent and texture are under-appreciated yet important aspects of planting design was illustrated by the student's selection of a plant to take home with them upon their raffle ticket being drawn from the hat – guess what the top three picks were? If you guessed rosemary, lavender, and bougainvillea then you are correct. Hopefully they are still thriving.

If you are interested in assisting the Chapter with this program and others that help young people see a future in landscape architecture, go to this link and complete a volunteer form for one of our Chapter Committees or email us at ASLASD@sbcglobal.net and let us know how you would like to volunteer.

TRUSTEE UPDATE



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ASLA ADVOCACY DAY 2022: SEPTEMBER 29TH



We need three members from our chapter to participate and represent our chapter at Advocacy Day. This is a noteworthy event, one of the best in my opinion, that ASLA National organizes for the chapters that has a major impact on legislators, environmental policy, and visibility for our profession. [Registration is now open](#) for participants to sign up for this year's advocacy day. The deadline is August 12, 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on CA Business and Professions Code, Sections 2615 (Form of Examinations) and 2620 (Education & Training Credits). Many of you may know that I am on the California Landscape Architects Technical Committee, that regulates our profession. As of June 8, 2022, legislation went into effect that grants credit for related and non-related degrees and adds an experience only pathway to licensure. This change has been in the works since 2018. For more information, check out the LATC website or contact me directly at ptrauth@rickengineering.com.

ASLA CELEBRATED 2022 EARTH DAY IN BALBOA PARK



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ASLA San Diego joined the 31st Earth Fair in Balboa Park on April 24. Our chapter celebrated the world's most significant annual environmental events with thousands of visitors on that sunny Sunday. ASLA San Diego set up the booth sharing the professional information, including a list of local licensed professionals who focus on residential projects, landscape architecture programs, and landscape design guides of interest to the public.

Our goal is to support the goals of a sustainable life and a clean and healthy environment. We also held a drawing to give away cute succulents (donated by Everde Growers) to attract people to revisit our booth. The raffle ran every hour, and people could check whether they won a plant. People came to inquire about the landscape design in the San Diego area. We provided the suggested plant lists to support people who want to get their own homes decorated with the landscape. Also, we welcomed people interested in landscape architecture education and the programs they can look into in California.



Members from ASLA San Diego and the Board of Directors team (Patricia Ferman, Cisy Cao, Difan Chen, Andrew Hatch, Mary Radley and our Executive Director, Tracy Morgan Hollingworth) volunteered in the booth, and everyone was happy to get reconnected after this event had been canceled in both 2020 and 2021. We advocated at the event by educating people about the importance of landscape architecture and how it can positively impact the environment. April is a significant month for landscape architects in other ways. ASLA San Diego is glad to join the public events again and enlighten people with the outdoor interactions and sustainable plants. Earth Day provides a platform for individuals, communities, and even entire countries to come together and advocate for everyday practices and lifestyles that build a healthy, regenerative and livable planet.

CCASLA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In Sacramento, the State Legislature has gone on recess and will return in early August to finish approving some bills that CCASLA has been tracking.

Your state directors with the California Council of ASLA have been reviewing a record number of bills that are in the last phase of making their way through both houses of the Legislature. The bills listed in the report on CCASLA's website show the general subject and the status of the legislation.

To read the full text of the bills listed, use the bill number link in blue for each bill listed.

The CCASLA Bill Status updates can also be found on the CCASLA website at <https://cc-asla.org/advocacy/>



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 CLASS OF FELLOWS!

The American Society of Landscape Architects has elevated 27 members as ASLA Fellows for their exceptional contributions to the landscape architecture profession and society at large.

We are pleased to announce that chapter member, Kyle Fiddelke with OJB is one of the 27 members who will be elevated at the Conference on Sunday evening, November 13 during the Fellows Investiture Dinner.

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2014 Josef Gutierrez, ASLA; Brooke Whalen, ASLA

1 - 5 YEARS

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2017 Patricia Ferman, ASLA

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- 2007** Darren Jacobsen, ASLA
- 2005** Michael Vail, ASLA
- 2004** Brad Lents, ASLA
- 2002** Timothy F. Jachlewski, Jr., ASLA; David M. Preciado, ASLA

CONGRATULATIONS FOR
REACHING MEMBERSHIP
MILESTONES!

(MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL
THROUGH JUNE ARE FOR CONTINUING
MEMBERSHIP)

● 21 - 30 YEARS

- 2000** James Neri, ASLA
- 1998** Robert J. Streza, ASLA
- 1997** Amy Chevalier, ASLA; Keith A. Mitemmeyer, ASLA
- 1996** Mark A. Caro, ASLA
- 1995** Robert V. Mekjian, ASLA

● 31 + YEARS

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- 1989** Mark A. LaRue, ASLA
- 1988** Bruce Alan Rudd, ASLA
- 1984** Jon L. Powell, ASLA
- 1980** Don F. Ueno, ASLA

A wide-angle photograph of the San Francisco skyline at sunset. The city's dense urban landscape is visible, with numerous skyscrapers and residential buildings. In the foreground, there are palm trees and greenery. A decorative yellow dotted line with a wavy pattern runs across the lower portion of the image, starting from the left and curving towards the right.

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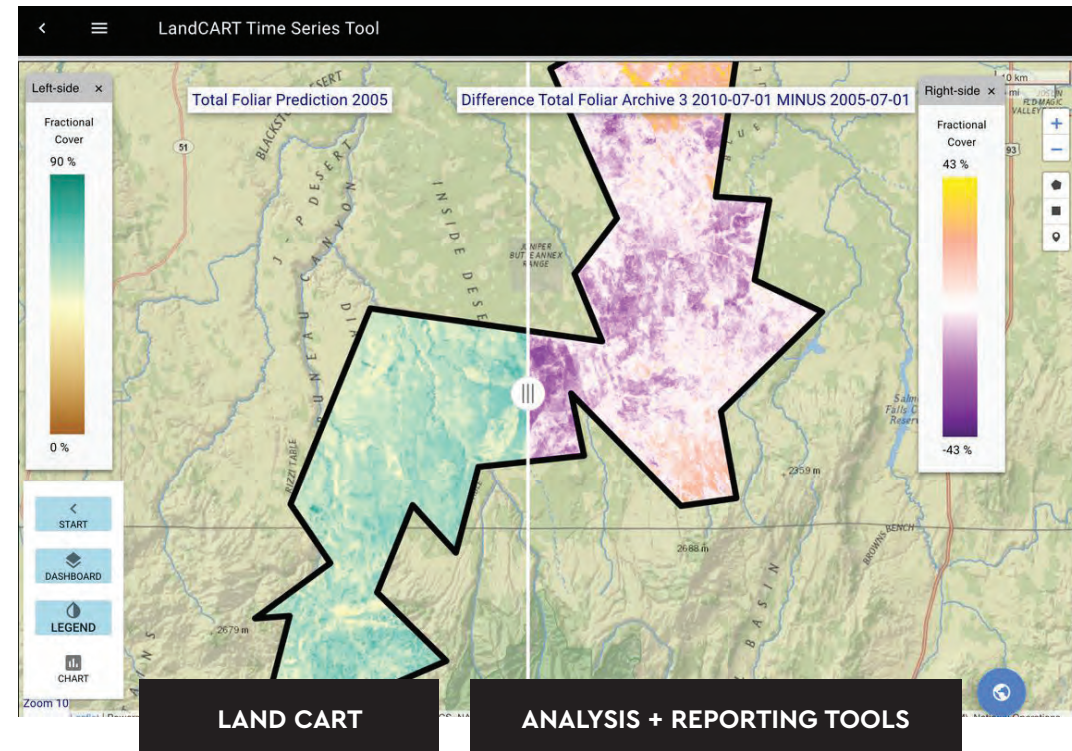
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The 2022 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture will offer more than 100 education opportunities, allowing attendees to fulfill their professional development requirements in four days. Additionally, the amazing ASLA EXPO will provide hands-on access to products from over 200 manufacturers and suppliers.

Early Bird Deadline July 27, 2022

NEW TOOL CAN TRACK VEGETATION CHANGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Land managers and conservationists have a new resource to create land maps that inform their decisions. The Landscape Cover Analysis and Reporting Tools (LandCART) uses satellites, climate data, and ground observations to create maps that track vegetation changes across the continental U.S. The creation of LandCART was a joint effort among UCLA, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and NASA.



NEW!

FREE STUDENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The ASLA Fund once again is offering **free registration to student members for the 2022 ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture in San Francisco**. To receive the free registration, students are required to donate approximately 4 hours of their time helping at the conference in various areas. This is a great opportunity for students to network, learn the inner workings of the conference, and have fun! Once students register, they will receive an email from Judy Mehlman with details about the volunteer process. **Sponsorship from the chapters would be greatly appreciated for transportation and housing.** The registration deadline for the student volunteer program ends **September 21, 2022**.

LEGACY PROJECT WRAPPING UP



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LEGACY PROJECT CO-CHAIRS

The Legacy Project which began in 2019 as part of our Annual Conference Host Chapter project is ongoing and nearing its final completion.

This project has survived COVID and three separate Longfellow Elementary school principals.

While this project has had its fair share of difficulties we are nearing the finish line. With a new vendor Southwest Boulder and Stone, promising donations we are that much closer to the end. Brightview and LDI are donating time, materials and committing to help us see this through.

We have had and will continue to have limited access as this school will be hosting summer school shortly. However, the Sage Garden Project coordinator has been on site and growing food with the children of Longfellow Elementary.

We are so grateful to the steadfast parents of Longfellow who have shepherded this project through all the hurdles before us and facilitated a beautiful mural installation behind the garden bioswale for all to enjoy. Completion shall be over the coming weeks and we are very thankful to see this to the end and provide a great learning experience for the students, instructors and parents.





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THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE UPDATE



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SDASLA's Climate Action Committee is reaching a nexus point. The convergence of local chapters and national efforts are coming to a head and the ASLA climate action leaders are convened on July 13 for a network-wide call. This will begin collaboration across chapters facing the unique regional issues such as drought and water-use by combining resources, knowledge, and skillsets.

As part of this, the SD ASLA Climate Action Committee in conjunction with the San Diego Water Authority and the San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council has come together to form an urban drought mitigation group to broadly coordinate within San Diego and abroad in the larger San Joaquin and Sacramento watersheds. This group is working to fight drought through analysis of existing systems and process in agriculture, landscape, and other interrelated industries to reduce water waste.

The Climate Action Committee is meeting bi-monthly! If you would like to join the volunteer efforts to improve climate change adaptation and mitigation in San Diego and California, reach out to me (jryan@vdl.us) for more information.

Water Grant Program

"The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released their [Grant Program Guidelines](#) and [Proposal Solicitation Package](#) for approximately \$193 million in grant funding to help local agencies advance water infrastructure and resilience projects. This critical statewide funding will support projects such as water desalination, wastewater treatment, water conservation, and groundwater recharge as California plans for a fourth year of drought."

- California Department of Water Resources

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Mission Statement (Adapted from National ASLA CAC)

The SD ASLA Climate Action Committee (CAC) builds off of 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. These endeavors will be rooted in current research data to provide guidance on climate mitigation and abatement strategies to practitioners and policy makers in and around the greater San Diego metropolitan area.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

JULY

27 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY

27 EMERGING PROFESSIONALS LARE
REVIEW Q&A: 6PM-8PM ONLINE

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1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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17 COMMUNITY GRANT
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31 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY

TBA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY LAUNCHED

SEPTEMBER

7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/
RETREAT 9AM – 1PM |
HILTON HARBOR ISLAND

10 E-NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
(OCT-DEC EVENTS) TO CAO AND
MORGAN HOLLINGWORTH

28 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
ITEMS TO BOD SECRETARY

30 URBAN TIMBER PARTY 2PM – 6PM
610 BAY BLVD, CHULA VISTA
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\$10 EPC/STUDENTS
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OCTOBER



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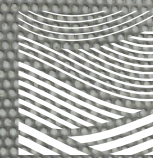
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