

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 2, 2015  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** John Pietig, City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY UPDATES

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**City of Laguna Beach Water Conservation Measures** – The following is a partial list of water conservation measures taken by the City of Laguna Beach. The City has been, and continues to implement many water conservation measures. Following are some of the conservation measures taken over the past eight years, as well as conservation measures that will be investigated for future implementation:

- Removal of 35,000 square feet of turf from the Laguna Canyon Road median (in process)
- Waterless urinals installed in most City facilities, public facilities, and parks
- 35 toilet flush valves changed from 3.5 gallon flush valves to 1.3 gallon flush valves
- Smart irrigation controllers for most City landscaping
- Low flow irrigation heads or drip irrigation at all City landscape areas
- Drought tolerant planting for most recent landscape installations
- Reduced evaporation from planter areas by use of forest floor mulch
- Reduced washing of tennis courts to once per month
- Replaced City Hall turf with drought tolerant Kikuyu grass (further changes are being considered)
- Water recycling units used for sidewalk pressure washing
- Use of reclaimed water in South Laguna City parks and medians
- Replacement of landscaping at City facilities and parks with drought tolerant materials to be studied

**AlertOC Test** - On April 7, over two million Orange County residents will receive a call, text or email at 3 p.m. to test the County's regional mass notification system, known as AlertOC. This test will include 26 participating cities and local water agencies throughout the County. The City of Laguna Beach will participate in this regional drill to test the AlertOC emergency notification system. Residents and local businesses are encouraged to register their cell phone numbers, email addresses and other alternate numbers at [www.alertoc.com](http://www.alertoc.com) to be a part of the regional test and to receive important life-saving information when a real disaster strikes.

**Annual Composting Classes** - The City's solid waste hauler, Waste Management, will offer the second of four free composting classes to residents planned for 2015. The class will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Bluebird Park, 798 Bluebird Canyon Drive. Compost bins and worm bins will be available for purchase during the classes at a discounted price. For more information regarding the classes, contact the Waste Management class instructor, Lisa Ryder, at (310) 874-2499, or by email at [lisarydermoore@gmail.com](mailto:lisarydermoore@gmail.com). Visit the City's website, [www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/recycling) for additional classes offered this year.

**Temple Hills Drive Sidewalk Workshop** - A public workshop regarding the design of a new sidewalk on Temple Hills Drive will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Community Center located at 380 Third Street. The project proposes to extend the existing sidewalk from Dunning Drive to approximately Palm Drive.

**Art That's Small at City Hall** - On Thursday, March 26, 2015 Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Dicterow announced the winners of the current exhibition "Art That's Small at City Hall." The exhibition was juried by Ludo Leideritz (Ocean & Forest Gallery); Ron Morrissette (Festival of Arts); and Peter Zokrosky (Laguna College of Art + Design.) Winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Wirth; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sabra Lande; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lani Emanuel; City Hall Choice Al Esquerra; Honorable Mention Josie Weber, Roger Baird, Connie Terry and Jill Cooper. The exhibition runs through April 23, 2015. This program is funded by the lodging establishments and City of Laguna Beach.

**REMINDER:**

**2015 Artist Designed Bench Competition** - The Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from qualified artists for an installation at Crescent Bay Point Park. The park has stunning 180 degree views for the coastline and has a bluff top setting. The opportunity is open to artists who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego countries. The budget for design, fabrication and installation is \$23,000. Interested artists must submit their application on-line at [www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com](http://www.lagunabeachcity.slideroom.com) by Monday, April 6, 2015. This public art project has been funded by Laguna Beach resident Norman J. Powell. Applications and information is available at <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=10802>.

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