

SAN DIEGO REGIONAL URBAN FORESTS COUNCIL MINUTES
April 6, 2011

Welcome & Introductions:

Meeting commenced at 11:00 a.m. at the Sizzler Restaurant, Ramona. President Mike Palat welcomed all and introductions took place.

Presentations:

Mistie Milam, Urban Corps of San Diego presented *Arboriculture in the 21st Century*, a recap of Jim Clark's & Nelda Matheny's presentation given at the CaUFC Conference Oct. 2011. Mistie is one of the recipients of the SDRUFC scholarship awards. Several highlighted points of *Arboriculture* in the 21st century will be reflected in the new 5th edition of *Arboriculture* book and will feature:

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| * research | * international perspective | * utility arboriculture |
| * trees & buildings | * chemical control | * funding |
| * ANSI Stds. | * ISA BMPs | * tree risk mgmt. |
| * mature trees | * street tree selection guide | * u.f. mgmt. plan tool kit |
| * maintenance mgmt | * tree stability | * tree health as related to pest mgmt. |
| * science vs. practice | * soil inoculants | * quality nursery stock |
| * aeration systems | * planting amendments | * decay detection & evaluation |
| * value of trees | * changes in temperature | * US hardiness zones |

Changes in our industry are happening now. Jim Clark's main points is that everyone has access to information via internet and the way we will conduct business will include information coming from high technologies.

Mary Matava, owner of El Corazon Green Waste Facility in Oceanside spoke about: proper collection of green waste and composting; recycled materials; problems with palm fronds used in mulch; developing and marketing new products on a local level that are safe and have added value; and reduction of odors caused by composting. New products such as aerated compost tea, vermi-compost, bagging of compost and free tipping (no charge) for clean chips. For more information visit: www.AgriServiceinc.com.

SDRUFC Executive Update:

Mike announced that this will be the first time the SDRUFC will be sponsoring an Arbor Day event in Ramona – \$1000 has been allocated to this event, more details to follow.

The remaining fund of \$400 may be available for one recipient to attend the WCISA Conference in May 2011.

Mike and Drew Potocki informed us that the San Diego Advisory Board has one position available for a district. Vince Mikulanis and Danielle Campbell were elected as nominees from our regional council.

Cal Fire Grant Update:

Lynnette Short announced that there are six different grants available next year totaling 3 million dollars (a reduction from 2010 grants totaling 9 million dollars). RFPs will be available in June '11 for the following year. This year's recipients went to City of Chula Vista, City of San Marcos and Urban Corps of S.D.

The Urban Wood Conference will be held on May 19 -21, 2011 in northern Calif. Cal Fire is participating in an Urban Wood Program and will be renting saw mills. Presently, Palomar College has one on loan.

John Melvin, State Urban Forester is working on a canopy analysis study in the San Francisco Bay area. Forest Resource Assessment Program (F.R.A.P.) will be available on-line as a download in the near future.

CaUFC Update:

Jack McCabe, Manager for Davey Tree and CaUFC Board of Directors member commended us on being the "model" regional council. More involvement with the regional councils is a major goal of CaUFC – the sense that we are part of CaUFC will be the focus. The Board's responsibilities are to support, act as a fiscal agent and provide educational opportunities. A restructuring of the Board includes 7 reps from the regional councils and 6 members at-large. The hope is to have the Bd. of Directors represented at regional meetings. Among the restructuring created the:

- Policy Council – to set strategic focus and direction and have a representative from each regional council
- Advisory Council – to help advise the Director, Nancy Hughes
- CaReLeaf is CaUFC's advocacy, support group, funding body and political liaison
- Public Relation firm was made possible from a United Voices grant which will help engage lobbyist in Sacramento
- Leadership Program – modeling somewhat after Society of Municipal Arborist MFI program
- Reaching out to develop the Certified Urban Forester exam program
- CaUFC Annual Conference will be held in Palo Alto on Sept. 15 – 16, 2011

Overall, President Obama's Stimulus Package helped to promote sustainable urban forests, create "green" jobs, clean up the environment and involve community support.

WCISA Conference Update:

An update by Mike was given on the WCISA Annual Conference to be held on May 10 – 13, 2011 at the Hyatt La Jolla. Those that would like to volunteer their time need to contact Mike. Some volunteer positions will allow a 50% discount on the conference fees. Our council will be helping to host the event.

Regional Updates:

Danielle Campbell discussed the Arbor Pine Tree program.

Delia Juncal mentioned she was helping WCISA with the student/mentorship program and hopes to pilot the program at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Mike Palat announced that he and Delia may be team teaching an Arboriculture class at MiraCosta Community College. On May 21 at the San Carlos Rec Center a Certified Arborist exam is being held, need volunteers that are certified to help proxy the exam.

Vince Mikulanis discussed the canopy study done at 700 different plots in order to get a baseline of the urban forests in CA, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Hawaii. Interns will be selected from Cal Poly.

Eric Wolff is working on a Cal Trans Environmental Program to select 500 sites for trees planted in rights-of-way.

Megan Schenck, representative for Rain Bird has become a new member and would like to keep us informed on new irrigation products.

Donna Trotter, City of Encinitas will be celebrating Public Works Day on May 16 – 20 and will be incorporating Arbor Day with elementary students planting trees.

Drew Potocki, City of San Diego reminded us of the Palomar College Wood Event in May '11.

Robin Rivet, CCSE Urban Forester announced that the March 2 event was successful and gave out more than 200 fruit trees.

Kristi Mansolf announced that she would like to have some resources for trees. Please email her at kmansolf@gmail.com.

Larry O'Leary, Dri-Water still has products to donate for your Arbor Day event. This weekend he'll be out at Cuayamaca Community College participating in their event.

San Oludunfe, UCSD invited us on campus to help celebrate Earth Week on April 21 by planting trees.

Open Discussion:

Mike Palat announced that the June meeting may be held at Santee Lakes in their new Self-sustainable Facility. Another meeting may be held in August at the CCSE. We hope that more of the meetings can be held at this center.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting date and location to be announced at a later date.

End of Minutes