



SAN DIEGO REGIONAL URBAN FORESTS COUNCIL MEETING – AUG. 1, 2012

Meeting was held at SDG&E's New Innovation Center (<http://sdge.com/eic>), San Diego. An outstanding presentation, "Exceptional Trees of Recreation & Parks, City of Los Angeles", was given by Jorge Ochoa, former Parks Supervisor for the City of Los Angeles Parks & Rec Dept. The presentation gave a historic, unique and most interesting trees found in the public park system. Jorge is now the Director of the Horticulture Program at Long Beach City College.

Patty Berg, owner of "The Wishing Tree Company", gave a story of how she developed this successful business. If you wish to have a tree planted for a special occasion, check out her web site at: <https://thewishingtreecompany.com>

Anne Fage, San Diego Children and Nature Collaborative spoke about the "Urban Forestry Education: Teachers and Student Choosing Lessons in Nature" grant awarded by Cal Fire. Anne will be needing help from the SDRUC Board to develop curriculum, materials, and classroom projects. For more information, contact Anne at: afege@aol.com

SDRUC Executive Board member, Annette Saul was nominated to represent us at the CA Urban Forestry Advisory Council. She will serve a 2 to 3 year term; attend bi-annual or quarterly meetings. Purpose of having a rep will be to help drive the goals of the grant program and advise the State Urban Forester, John Melvin on urban forestry issues.

Have you put into practice what was learned at the "Invest from the Ground Up" workshop given by CaUFC? Annette Saul, City of Santee has committed to write an article of how they are exercising the tools learned during the workshop in their Face book page.

October 3 meeting will be held in conjunction with volunteering to help plant trees at Grainger Elementary School. More information to follow.