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Leucadia Wastewater District Teacher Grants Help Local Kids Grow



Left to right: Teacher Grant recipients Thomas Baugh, Cher Lally-Deering, Jodi Greenberger, Andrea Appel and Laura Peña are presented with a check by Executive Assistant Trisha Hill.

Carlsbad, CA – Teachers awarded grants through Leucadia Wastewater District’s innovative Teacher Grant Program brought their thanks, and some cilantro, to LWD’s Board meeting on April 13.

Leucadia Wastewater District awards local teachers grants of up to \$1,000 to fund projects to help students’ understanding of wastewater, water management or water recycling. Grants for the 2010/11 school year were awarded to Olivenhain Pioneer, Park Dale Lane and El Camino Creek Elementary Schools. Funded projects include school gardens, including a hydroponic growing system watered by a rainwater collection system, as well as a program to provide reusable water bottles for students, and a campaign to raise funds for UNICEF’s clean water program by selling popcorn. The student-grown cilantro and hand-drawn thank you cards were received by LWD’s Board of Directors President, Donald Omsted, who had thanks of his own. “Teachers are a kid’s second most important influence after parents,” he stated. “We’re glad to be able to help teachers, and reach so many children with this program.”

Since the start of the program in 2008, LWD's teacher grant program has awarded grants totaling \$9962.75 to educators within its district, reaching over 5,700 students.

Established in 1959, Leucadia Wastewater District collects, transports, treats and disposes of wastewater for approximately 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District disposes of nearly 4 million gallons of treated wastewater and produces nearly 1 million gallons of recycled water daily. District operations maintain a highly technical system of equipment, pump stations and pipelines used to safely transport wastewater to ensure protection of our local wetlands and beaches and the public's health and safety.

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