



Leucadia Wastewater District Awards Teacher Grants to Support Water Education in Local Schools

Encinitas, CA – As part of its ongoing commitment to community education and environmental stewardship, the Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) has awarded Teacher Grants for the 2025–2026 school year. This year’s projects will engage over 600 students in hands-on learning experiences related to water and wastewater. Since the program’s inception, it has reached **over 20,000 community members, including students, their families, and school volunteers**, fostering a broader understanding of sustainable water practices throughout the District.

This year’s grant recipients are:

- June Honsberger, La Costa Canyon High School – *“Outdoor Laboratory”*
An ongoing campus ecosystem and environmental science research project that supports International Baccalaureate students in conducting water-related investigations. *(Program in its 13th year.)*
- Nancy Jois, Capri Elementary School – *“No Wipes Down the Pipes”*
A bilingual water cycle and pollution prevention program, culminating in a hands-on “Water Day” event and a student-produced public service announcement shared districtwide. *(Program in its 7th year.)*
- Barbara Larson, Park Dale Lane Elementary School – *“Rain Harvesters Improvements”*
A project-based learning initiative to enhance on-campus rainwater harvesting systems, including upgrades to tanks, installation of a first-flush diverter, and student-designed water-themed murals.

“These teachers are going the extra mile to engage their students in water education,” said Paul Bushee, General Manager of LWD. “Through innovative, hands-on projects, they’re building a generation of environmental stewards who understand the importance of responsible water use and wastewater management in our region.”

Established in 2008, the LWD Teacher Grant Program encourages educators to develop classroom and community projects that connect students with real-world water issues.

For more information about the Teacher Grant Program or other outreach initiatives, visit www.lwwd.org.

Background: Leucadia Wastewater District was formed in 1959 to collect, transport, and treat wastewater and provide recycled water for irrigation. The District provides service to about 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia, and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District manages of about 4 million gallons of treated wastewater daily.

The District's operations feature the use of advanced technology. Pipelines are regularly video-inspected to assure that they are secure and leak free. Computer mapping systems and mathematical modeling are used to design and maintain facilities so that they work under all conditions, at all times.

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