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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Ocean Friendly Garden Class...How Friendly is Your Garden?

South Bay Region of Los Angeles County, CA (February 22, 2010). Do you want to learn how to make your garden more ocean friendly and minimize water usage while maximizing its beauty? Do you have questions about the types of plants that should be in your garden to make it more drought-tolerant? The South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC), in partnership with West Basin Municipal Water District and Surfrider Foundation, invites you to attend the **FREE** Ocean Friendly Garden class on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm at the South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula. To register for the class, please visit SBESC's website at <a href="https://www.sbesc.com">www.sbesc.com</a> or call 310-371-7222.

By attending the class, you will learn how to create a healthy soil, how to design a landscape using native plants to capture and utilize rain water, and how to restore a little bit of nature.

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use.

The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas Company<sup>SM</sup>, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles.

SBESC is located at 15901 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 400, Lawndale, CA 90260. Telephone Number 310-371-7222; Fax Number 310-371-0888. Visit <a href="https://www.sbesc.com">www.sbesc.com</a> for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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