

Urban Southern California Coalition
Proposition 50 Project Summary
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County: San Diego

Sponsoring Agency: Helix Water District

Project Title: Water Conservation Garden Authority Multipurpose Building

Preferred Proposition 50 Chapter:

Chapter 8, Integrated Regional Water Management, Section 79561

Alternative Proposition 50 Chapter:

Project summary:

This project will allow for the construction of a multipurpose conference center complex at the Garden/Cuyamaca college campus. Increased demonstration garden use has resulted in the outgrowing of the multipurpose meeting room. Funding would provide for the design and construction of an enlarged learning center conference building to include meeting rooms, interactive displays, liquid art, and native plant vendor areas for this award winning site. The center would educate the public on outdoor water efficiency measures and will also serve as a community outreach center.

Project Goal(s) and Benefit(s):

This project will promote water conservation. Many public agencies are building small demonstration gardens; a meeting center at The Garden is needed to be a catalyst to bring together disparate groups and serve as a regional resource.

Project status:

Only preliminary plans have been outlined. No further work can be done on this project until funding can be identified. Funding is needed for programming and space use design. To ensure the highest quality experience, stakeholders will determine site focus and components.

Project Partners:

The Water Conservation Garden, Otay Water District, The City of San Diego, San Diego County Water Authority, Cuyamaca College, San Diego Xeriscape Council. Funding of this site, we believe, will attract additional water agency and city partners desiring to meet mandated educational requirements for BMPs and the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Project Timeline:

Architectural site planning and program and site studies 2003-2004. Construction 2004 – 2006.

Was Project submitted for funding under Proposition 13? (If yes, under what category?)

No.

Total Project Cost (\$): 3,000,000

Local/Other Funding Committed (\$): 1,500,000 These funds will be supplemented by in-kind contributions by the partners named above. Presently staff from partners meet monthly to plan projects, leverage member agency resources, hold special events, and determine outreach focus. Agencies also provide public relations, graphics, and educational plans, events, and exhibits.

Proposition 50 Funding Request (\$): 1,500,000