

# Media Alert

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## Water Agency Landscape Contest Winners to be Announced at Water Conservation Garden

Who: Helix, Otay, Padre Dam water districts, Sweetwater Authority, the City of San Diego, and the Water Conservation Garden cooperate to sponsor the **Water Agency's California-Friendly Landscape Contest**. Each agency will honor one of its residents with a gift certificate to a local nursery for their outstanding use of low-water planting. The winners are:

Otay	Cheryl & Steve Whiteley	Spring Valley
Sweetwater	Julia & Keith Lindsey	Chula Vista
Helix	Charles Aldrich	La Mesa
Padre Dam	Carolyn Post-Ladd	Santee
City of San Diego	Philip Diamond – Kevin Tilden	San Diego

What: Awards will be given to five county home owners whose water-conserving landscapes provide exquisite examples of the beauty of low-water use for the community.

When: May 8, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

Where: The award ceremony will take place at the amphitheatre at the Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive, West, El Cajon, California 92019. Map available at: [www.thegarden.org](http://www.thegarden.org)

*City of San Diego*

*Helix Water District*

*Otay Water District*

*Padre Dam Municipal Water District*

*Sweetwater Authority*

*The Water Conservation Garden*

*More beauty - less water*

Why: Fifty to seventy percent of the water used in San Diego County is used on landscaping. With ninety percent of the water in region being imported, the cost of imported water increasing, and regional shortages anticipated for years to come, low-water landscaping has become more and more attractive. The landscapes winning prizes in this contest serve as shining examples of what San Diego's scenery will look like in the future— having more beauty using less water.



Left: Cactus and succulents with amazing color and curb appeal dominate the Aldrich front yard.

Below: A car plowed through the Lindsey's street-strip just a few weeks ago. However, these hardy water-wise plants rebounded with a riot of color and texture.



Left: The Diamond-Tilden residence welcomes the visitor with warm tones and defined surfaces, making the entry clean and visually appealing.

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