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**City Partners with Artists to Host “Paint-Out”
at The Water Conservation Garden**
Local Artists Capture the Beauty of Water-Wise Landscapes

SAN DIEGO - Local artists, grab your brushes, your watercolors and prepare to make some spectacular springtime art as the ninth annual “Paint-Out” at The Water Conservation Garden (Garden) takes place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 3, 2014. You don’t have to be a Picasso or Frida Kahlo to take part in this annual event, which highlights the beautiful blooms throughout the garden. Watercolorists of all skill levels are welcome to capture on their canvases the lush, colorful scenery that California-friendly® blooms have brought to The Garden. Talk about inspiration.

Co-sponsored by the City of San Diego’s Public Utilities Department and the San Diego Watercolor Society, the “Paint-Out” event will take place in the Garden’s gazebo during the Spring Garden Festival. Accomplished artist Chuck McPherson will guide participants with a painting demonstration to introduce techniques that can be used in their interpretation of the water-wise garden. This event is free. You just need to bring your own materials and your own keen eye.

“We are grateful to The Garden and the San Diego Watercolor Society for showing us how beautiful water-efficient landscaping can be,” said City of San Diego Water Resources Manager Luis Generoso. “San Diegans are doing a great job using water efficiently and having a water-wise landscape is one of the ways to save water.”

“This event is one of our favorites. We look forward to it year after year. Artists of all ages and levels come out to capture the natural beauty of the garden and also learn about how to ‘waste no water’ outdoors,” said San Diego Watercolor Society President Mary Sue Compton.

The hours of the Spring Garden Festival are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking and admission are also free. The Garden is located on the campus of Cuyamaca College at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA 92019. For more information on the festival or The Garden, please visit www.thegarden.org or call (619) 660-0614.

For more information on the San Diego Watercolor Society, please visit www.sdws.org or call (619) 876-4550. For more information on the “Paint-Out” event, please contact Destree Bascos at (619) 232-2112, ext.108, or via email at Destree@CollaborativeServices.biz.

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*The City of San Diego is one of six Joint Powers Agencies that own **The Water Conservation Garden** and have contracted with Friends of the Water Conservation Garden, a nonprofit organization, to manage it. These agencies also provide major funding for The Garden in an effort to increase water conservation through excellent displays and programs that educate and inspire the public.*



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