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### *Fourth Annual Paint-Out Inspires Water-Friendly Landscapes*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Water Department and the San Diego Watercolor Society invite you to celebrate Water Awareness Month this May at the Fourth Annual Paint-Out during the 2007 Spring Garden Festival at the Water Conservation Garden. The paint-out event will take place **Saturday, May 19, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon** at the Garden's gazebo. Enjoy beautiful art in the making with Michelle Abrams, a Point Loma-based watercolor artist, who will lead a painting demonstration. All artists and community members are encouraged to bring their own materials and participate in this fun and creative activity.

“Our partnership with the San Diego Watercolor Society and the Water Conservation Garden is a great tradition we enjoy being part of every year,” said Luis Generoso, Water Resources Manager for the City of San Diego. “This is a great opportunity to enjoy the live beauty of the Garden and be inspired by the artwork produced by talented watercolor artists.”

“The Garden is an incredible place for painting and for learning about water conservation. We hope to show San Diegans the beauty found in these type of water-efficient plants and flowers and encourage them to opt for a more natural California landscape at home,” said Mike Shirk, President of the San Diego Watercolor Society.

Parking and admission to the Spring Garden Festival are free. The Water Conservation 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](http://www.thegarden.org) or call (619) 660-0614.

For more information on the San Diego Watercolor Society, please visit [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org) or call (619) 876-4550. For more information on the Paint-Out demonstration, please contact Destree Lazo at (619) 232-2112, ext. 104, or via email at [DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz](mailto:DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz).

*The Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings, and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation> or call (619) 515-3500.*

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