



## Election of LATC Officers

At its meeting on May 6, 2005, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC) elected **Stephanie Landregan** as Chair and **Christine Anderson** as Vice Chair for 2005/06. Officers serve a one-year term.

Ms. Landregan, who was appointed by the Speaker of the California State Assembly on November 15, 2002, is currently serving in her first term on the LATC. Prior to being elected LATC Chair, she served two consecutive years as Vice Chair. Ms. Landregan is Chief Landscape Architect for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority where she works with the agency to design and provide public access to open space in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. She is active in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and is a former president of the Southern California Chapter. She also teaches for the UCLA Extension Certificate Program in landscape architecture. Ms. Landregan graduated from the University of Kentucky in Arts and is a graduate of the UCLA Extension Certificate Program in landscape architecture. Her term on the LATC will expire on June 1, 2006.

Ms. Anderson is also currently serving in her first term on the LATC, which became effective on

November 4, 2003. She is a Senior Associate Landscape Architect for The HLA Group, Landscape Architects & Planners in Sacramento. Since joining The HLA Group in 1989, Ms. Anderson has provided landscape design and master planning services for a diverse range of projects, including open spaces, parks and playgrounds, interpretive trails, sports facilities, master planned communities, redevelopment streetscapes, commercial centers, and municipal and private office developments. She has extensive experience in all phases of design and construction, including managing the complexities of public/private partnership developments and community facilitation. She is past president, secretary, and board member of the Sierra Chapter of the ASLA; chair of the Elk Grove Community Services District Waterfowl Advisory Committee; and member of the Environmental Council of Sacramento, Nature Conservancy, and California Women in Environmental Design. Ms. Anderson received her Bachelor of Science degree in landscape architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and an Associate of Science degree in architecture from Bakersfield College. Her term on the LATC will expire on June 1, 2007.



Stephanie Landregan



Christine Anderson

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## Landscape Architects Technical Committee

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## UPDATE ON EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE'S REVIEW OF EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

To meet a 2005 Strategic Plan objective, the LATC is in the process of completing its evaluation of California's eligibility requirements for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). The evaluation is being performed to ensure that applicants have appropriate levels of educational and training/work experience prior to taking the examination - levels that are appropriate for public health, safety, and welfare and for successfully preparing for the examination.

In May 2004, the LATC's Education Subcommittee was charged with this task and with ultimately reporting its findings and recommendations back to the LATC. Since October 2004, the Subcommittee has met three times in Sacramento. Another meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2005. The Subcommittee anticipates recommending changes to the regulatory require-

ments, which will require approval by the LATC and the Board.

Chaired by former LATC member Richard Zweifel, the Subcommittee is comprised of seven landscape architects with diverse backgrounds and years of practice. In addition to evaluating California's requirements, the Subcommittee was asked to evaluate the requirements of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), other landscape architectural licensing jurisdictions, and other design profession boards. Finally, curricula from various landscape architectural programs were examined, as well as additional licensure requirements that pertain to the Subcommittee's charge.

To monitor the status of the Education Subcommittee's and LATC's work on this issue, you may view meeting notices at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) or call (916) 445-4954 / email [latc@dca.ca.gov](mailto:latc@dca.ca.gov) for more information.

### LATC Office Scheduled To Relocate

The lease for the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) office building has expired and efforts are underway for the LATC, California Architects Board (Board), and approximately four other agencies to move to 2420 Del Paso Road in Sacramento. The Board's and LATC's suite number will be 105. Other DCA agencies will be moving to a new headquarters building located at 1625 North Market Boulevard in Sacramento. The two locations are approximately three miles apart. The Board and LATC are scheduled to move in January 2006. New telephone and fax numbers will be forthcoming and will be available at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).

### Strategic Planning – January 2006

The LATC's next annual strategic planning session is scheduled for January 20, 2006 in Berkeley. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a regular LATC meeting on January 19, 2006. Both meetings are open to the public. The meeting agendas will be available on the LATC Web site ([www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov)) at least 10 days prior to the first meeting date. Daniel Iacofano with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. will facilitate the strategic planning session. The LATC's Strategic Plan will be updated based on topics and issues discussed at that session.

The Strategic Plan requires final approval by the LATC and Board and will be available at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) around mid-2006.



## CA Supplemental Examination Development Recruitment of Subject Matter Experts

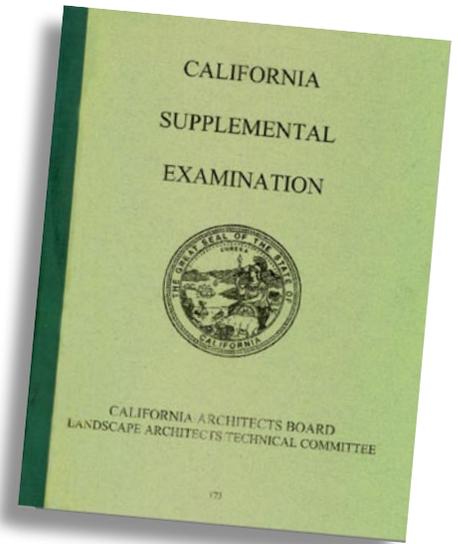
This spring, the LATC is scheduled to conduct an occupational analysis (OA) for and redevelopment of the California Supplemental Examination (CSE). The LATC anticipates working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Office of Examination Resources in conducting the OA focus group sessions and redevelopment workshops.

The current 30-question, take-home format of the CSE has been administered since June 2000. California candidates who pass all five sections of the LARE are then mailed the CSE to be completed and resubmitted to the LATC. Successful completion of the CSE allows candidates to apply for their initial license.

The LATC is in the process of recruiting subject matter experts (SMEs) to participate in the focus group sessions and workshops. Staff anticipates needing approximately 30 SMEs.

As part of the OA, the LATC will compare the current content of the CSE with the current content of the LARE and the recent LARE task analysis conducted by CLARB. The redevelopment portion of the process will consist of the following: Item Writing Workshop; Item Review Workshop; Examination Construction Workshop, and Passing Score Workshop.

*If interested in serving as a SME, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the LATC at: 400 R Street, Suite 4000, Sacramento, CA 95814. Questions can be directed to LATC staff by calling (916) 445-4954 or by emailing [latc@dca.ca.gov](mailto:latc@dca.ca.gov).*



## CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD TO ADOPT CHANGES TO STATUTORY LANGUAGE – Reporting of Settlements/Arbitration Awards – AB 302

With the Governor's approval of AB 302 (Chapter 506, Statutes of 2005) on October 4, 2005, the California Architects Board (Board) will be implementing new statutory language, effective January 1, 2006, that will clarify the settlement and arbitration award reporting requirements for architects. After attempts to promote compliance on the part of licensees and their legal and insurance representatives, the Board, through the efforts of a task force and its Regulatory and Enforcement Committee, examined new language under the Engineer's statutes and determined that the Board's requirements could be modeled after the Engineer's requirements. After final approval by the Board, The American Institute of Architects, California Council presented the Board's proposed language to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, which was then incorporated into the bill.

In January 2006, the LATC will be asked to consider similar changes to Business and Professions Code Sections 5678.5 and 5679.5. If a proposal is put forward through legislation and ultimately approved by the Governor, changes to the LATC's statutes could potentially take effect by January 1, 2007.

For more information regarding AB 302, visit [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov) and click on **Bill Information**.

## Examination News

### June 2005 LARE

Sections C and E of the LARE were administered to 170 candidates on June 13-14, 2005 at the Convention Center in Riverside and the California Exposition and State Fair facilities in Sacramento. Examination results were mailed to candidates on September 8, 2005. Upon issuance of these results, 16 candidates became eligible to apply for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination.

### July 2005 C/LARE

Sections A, B, and D of the C/LARE (multiple-choice sections) were administered by CLARB to 59 California candidates at statewide computer testing centers on July 25-26, 2005. Examination results were mailed to candidates on September 22, 2005. Upon issuance of these results, 10 candidates became eligible to apply for licensure upon passing the California Supplemental Examination.

Candidates are reminded that: test centers have a limited number of stations available; space is reserved on a first come, first served basis; candidates should register as early as possible in order to have the best selection of testing centers; and administration fees will increase for registrations made less than 21 days prior to the first day of administration. For more information regarding the C/LARE, visit [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org).

### October 2005 C/LARE

The C/LARE was administered again on October 3-4, 2005. Examination results should be available around the end of November 2005.

### December 2005 LARE

The next administration of Sections C and E of the LARE will be on December 5-6, 2005. The application deadline was October 1, 2005. The examination will again be held at the Convention Center in Riverside and the California Exposition and State Fair facilities in Sacramento.

Eligibility/Examination Applications for Sections C and E are accepted

by the LATC on an ongoing basis; however, there are specific deadlines posted on the LATC's Web site for each administration. If an application is received after the posted deadline, the candidate will be scheduled for the next administration.

For more information, view the Candidate Information page at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov).

### June 2005 LARE Results

#### All Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C - Planning and Site Design	G	114	46/40%	68/60%
E - Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	106	36/34%	70/66%

#### First-Time Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C - Planning and Site Design	G	45	19/42%	26/58%
E - Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	48	22/46%	26/54%

#### Re-Take Candidates

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
C - Planning and Site Design	G	69	27/39%	42/61%
E - Grading, Drainage & Stormwater Management	G	58	14/24%	44/76%

G = Graphic Format

### July 2005 C/LARE Results

Section	Section Format	# of Candidates	#/% Passed	#/% Failed
A - Legal & Administrative Aspects of Practice	MC	41	23/56%	18/44%
B - Analytical Aspects of Practice	MC	33	27/82%	6/18%
D - Structural & Materials & Methods of Construction	MC	32	20/63%	12/37%

MC = Multiple Choice

## Expired License Reminder

Licensees are reminded that a license that is not renewed within three years after its expiration is cancelled and may not be renewed, restored, or reissued thereafter. If that occurs, a previous license holder must apply for and obtain a new license (see information below) in order to continue practicing landscape architecture in California.

An individual whose license has been **expired for less than three years** would be required to pay all accrued and unpaid renewal fees in order to bring his/her license current.

An individual whose license has been **expired for more than three years, but less than five years**, would be eligible for a new license through the Re-Licensure process and upon meeting the following conditions:

1. No fact, circumstance, or condition exists which, if a new

license were issued, would justify its revocation or suspension

2. The applicant submits the following documents to the LATC: Re-Licensure form; Eligibility/ Examination Application form; required work samples; and supporting documentation
3. The applicant pays all fees which would be required of the applicant if applying for a license for the first time
4. The applicant passes the current national licensing examination, or otherwise establishes to the satisfaction of the LATC (through the Re-Licensure process) that he/she is qualified to practice landscape architecture without taking the entire examination or portions of the examination



5. The applicant passes the California Supplemental Examination.

An individual whose license has been **expired for more than five years** would be eligible for a new license upon meeting the conditions noted above; however, the applicant **would not** be eligible for the Re-Licensure process and would therefore be required to take and **pass all sections of the current national licensing examination.**

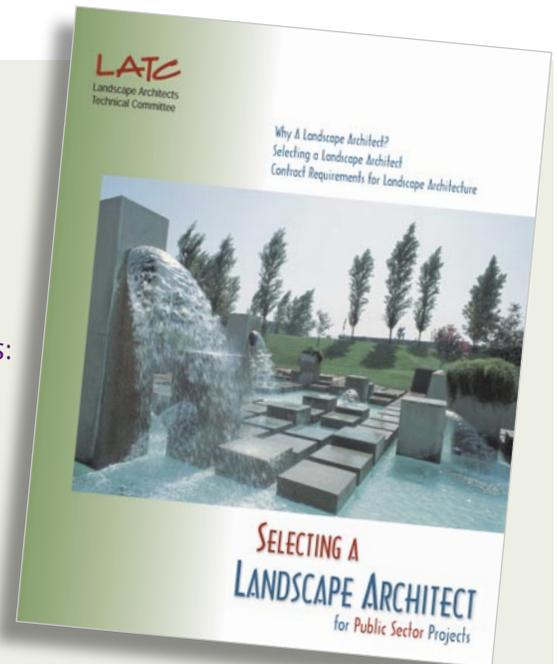
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## CONSUMER GUIDES TO BE UPDATED

### Images/Photos Needed

The 2005 Communications Plan directed the LATC to review its consumer guides for currency. Since March 2000, the LATC has distributed three guides: *Selecting a Landscape Architect for Private Development Projects*; *Selecting a Landscape Architect for Public Sector Projects*; and *Selecting a Landscape Architect for Residential Projects*.

The LATC is now in the process of updating its guides, which will require new images and photos. Staff anticipates having the new guides available for distribution in 2006. If you or your firm has images/photos that could be used for the new guides, please contact the LATC's Special Projects Coordinator at (916) 445-4954 (please note that the LATC will have a new telephone number effective January 2006—visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) for the most current contact information).



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The LATC realizes that cancellation of a license may sometimes be intentional on the part of a licensee; however, there are instances when renewal of a license may be overlooked or a licensee may fail to forward a change of address to the LATC, etc. In the latter cases, individuals put themselves at risk if they continue to practice without a current and valid license, as such action could result in disciplinary action taken against them by the LATC.

The maintenance of a license is the professional responsibility of the licensee; however, as a courtesy, the LATC would like to remind the following individuals that they are within six months of approaching the three-year cut-off (in which an expired license is cancelled and the Re-Licensure process would be required in order to obtain a new license) or the five-year cut-off (in which re-taking and passing all sections of the current licensing examination would be required in order to obtain a new license).

### Approaching three years since expiration of license

License #	Exp. Date	Name	Address
4588	6-30-2003	Linda M. Barfield	San Juan, PR
2920	3-31-2003	Stephen G. Calhoun	Bothell, WA
121	5-31-2003	Donald R. Carter	Mill Valley, CA
3129	12-31-2002	Margaret Chionis	The Woodlands, TX
1147	1-31-2003	George W. De Vault	Malibu, CA
1293	3-31-2003	George W. Dong	Sacramento, CA
2210	2-28-2003	Kathleen J. Ellsworth	Newport Beach, CA
3194	2-28-2003	Timothy T. Franke	Austin, TX
1795	5-31-2003	Emily Gabel-Luddy	Burbank, CA
761	4-30-2003	Russell Y. Iwanaga	La Mirada, CA
3320	3-31-2003	Shawn T. Kelly	Williams Bay, WI
3967	3-31-2003	Lee R. Kempf	Richmond, CA
4436	5-31-2003	Mary M. King	Huntington Beach, CA
2190	12-31-2002	Gary R. Kling	Phoenix, AZ
4508	3-31-2003	Russell Macdonald	Avondale, AZ
1931	6-30-2003	Gary W. Malone	Hemet, CA
3697	4-30-2003	Cheryl Mihalko	Winterville, GA
2121	5-31-2003	John P. Montgomery	Delray Beach, FL
3169	6-30-2003	Margo A. Partridge	Wilson, NY
3912	2-28-2003	Frederick J. Poehler	Minneapolis, MN
3022	12-31-2002	Donald B. Sibbett	San Francisco, CA
2549	1-31-2003	Keith D. Simon	Denver, CO
2860	12-31-2002	Amber L. Theilacker	Encinitas, CA
463	2-28-2003	Richard A. Wilson	San Diego, CA

### Approaching five years since expiration of license

License #	Exp. Date	Name	Address
1107	12-31-2000	George M. Omi	Mill Valley, CA

## Outreach To Public Agencies

The 2005 Strategic Plan directed LATC staff to distribute information to target recipients clarifying the LATC's role and the scope of practice for landscape architects. To help meet this objective, an informational letter to public agency officials (city and county Building, Planning, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works Departments) was distributed on August 29, 2005. Included with the letter was a LATC Information Sheet and a Landscape Design In California chart which outlines the legally permitted scope of work for landscape architects and other related design professionals / practitioners (this chart can be viewed at [www.latc.ca.gov/publicinfo/publicfaqs.htm](http://www.latc.ca.gov/publicinfo/publicfaqs.htm)).

The LATC will continue its outreach to public agencies and other constituents in 2006.

## 2005 CLARB Annual Meeting

Past CLARB president and former LATC member, Sandra J. Gonzalez, presided over CLARB's 2005 Annual Meeting on September 9 and 10 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Representatives from thirty-three member boards came together to discuss critical health, safety and welfare issues, share personal experiences, and collaborate on strategic objectives for the future of the organization.

Specifically, the membership unanimously passed a resolution regarding the examination standards for CLARB Certification. For Certification candidates who are not licensed by January 1, 2008, any sections of the examination completed prior to 1992 will no longer be accepted for transitional credit towards satisfaction of the examination standard. CLARB will advise all Council Record holders of this change directly. Unlicensed candidates who have examination credit prior to 1992 are advised that they will need to complete the examination and become licensed prior to January 1, 2008 in order to meet the requirements for CLARB Certification.

The membership also discussed a resolution proposing bylaw revisions to change the process of electing CLARB officers. While the resolution had significant support and was successfully amended, it ultimately failed to gather the three-fourths votes required to pass. What did come out of the discussions, however, was a clear directive to the Board of Directors to draft a nominations and election process that addresses the concerns stated by the members and present it at the Spring Meeting in February 2006.

Friday's lunch session provided members with a report on the recent

New applicants/candidates are reminded to verify registration deadlines and examination dates on the CLARB Web site at [www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org) (for Sections A, B, and D) and the LATC Web site at [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) (for Sections C and E).

computer administered multiple-choice sections of the LARE by CLARB's Director of Examinations, James T. Penrod. Immediately following, CLARB Treasurer Cleve Turner and accountant Dave Johnson presented the financial status of the organization.

### Other Decisions from the 2005 CLARB Annual Meeting

#### Update on CLARB's C/LARE Administration Dates

On March 7, 2005, CLARB member boards were notified that the C/LARE would be administered four times a year. However, in recent months, CLARB had expressed concern that there was not sufficient demand to support an examination administration every three months. At the Annual Meeting, the CLARB Board of Directors met to discuss whether the previously scheduled January administration would be held. On September 19, 2005, the LATC was informed by CLARB that the 2006 administration dates for Sections A, B, and D of the LARE would be as follows:

April 4-5, 2006

October 3-4, 2006

The previously identified administration dates for January and July will not be held.

#### CLARB's Certificate Examination History Verification Policy Change

To speed up the ability of Council Record holders to achieve reciprocal licensure, CLARB staff will now verify examination scores for examinations completed after December 1998. Verification of these scores for Council Record holders will come directly from the CLARB examination score database. This will eliminate the process of requesting score verifications from each Member Board in which the Record holder completed an examination section. Questions regarding this new process can be directed to Valerie Heh Gardner at the CLARB office ([valerie@clarb.org](mailto:valerie@clarb.org)).

*As the host State for this year's event, LATC member Linda Gates gave the "Welcome Address" at the General Session. During the Region V meeting, LATC Chair Stephanie Landregan was elected Alternate Region V Director. Ms. Gates was elected Region V Representative to the 2005-2006 CLARB Nominating Committee. During the President's Award Luncheon, LATC Program Manager Mona Maggio was presented with the CLARB Presidential Recognition Award for exemplary service to CLARB.*

## EcoLandscaping

By Dave Tamayo, Pesticide Control  
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Landscape architects are well aware of the profound effect that landscapes have on our quality of life. But did you know that landscapes can also help or hurt local creeks and rivers and the creatures that depend on them? Poor design, installation, and maintenance of landscapes can waste water, cause soil and stream bank erosion, and result in discharge of pesticides and other pollutants. However, well designed landscapes can play an important role in protecting the environment because they can trap pollutants like heavy metals and sediments, reduce pesticide use, conserve energy and water, and help prevent erosion.

As part of our overall goal to protect the water quality of local creeks and rivers, the Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (SSQP), which comprises the County of Sacramento and the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento, has an active program to promote landscaping that helps protect the environment, or "ecolandscaping." Our strategy relies on providing information on reducing landscape associated pollutants to a wide variety of stakeholders, including homeowners, landscape professionals, park managers, developers, and public agency staff. In addition, our program supports several programs that provide public recognition for successful application of ecolandscaping techniques.

A key ingredient in implementing ecolandscaping is the professional expertise of landscape architects. It is often not a trivial exercise to adapt landscape designs to promote water quality, while meeting the other needs of the customer, such as esthetics,

maintenance, and economics.

Because each project is different, there is not a cookbook solution, and the creativity, experience, and knowledge of landscape architects can make all the difference between failure and success.

Another important factor is the incorporation of ecological landscaping principles early in the design process. Trying to squeeze in a new feature or concept late in the process can be impractical and expensive, while early incorporation of the same feature might have been accomplished with little or no extra effort or expense.

It is also crucial to communicate the benefits of ecolandscaping to the customer. Individual homeowners may be very glad to know that the design of their landscape will result in fewer ants invading their homes, while reducing the need to use pesticides. And when a developer knows that common areas, such as median strips or parks, will be more energy efficient, create less green waste, and protect water quality, these ecolandscaping benefits can be marketed as value added features.

A brief article such as this cannot provide details on implementing ecolandscaping, but a number of resources on principles and techniques are readily available. An important one is *Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines: Sustainable Practices for the Landscape Professional*, produced by Alameda County's StopWaste Program. These guidelines have been so successful that the SSQP is in the process of developing a version adapted to Sacramento area conditions, which should be available for distribution early in 2006. The guidelines are organized around seven principles: landscaping for local conditions, green waste reduction,



nurturing the soil, water conservation, energy conservation, water and air quality protection, and creation of wildlife habitat. The current version is available as a pdf document at [www.stopwaste.org](http://www.stopwaste.org).

A website with a wealth of information on design concepts and techniques for reducing pesticide use is provided by the Integrated Pest Management Practitioners Association (IPMPA) at <http://members.efn.org/~ipmpa/keydocs.html>. This site combines a strong conceptual background for landscape integrated pest management (IPM) with specific, useful examples. For instance, it includes design tips for hardscapes that reduce herbicide use.

The University of California IPM program has a great Web site that can help avoid common problems, and select plant materials that will resist pests. For instance, the site includes the comprehensive "The UC Guide to Healthy Lawns" at <http://ucipm.ucdavis.edu/TOOLS/TURF/>.

Finally, the SSQP supports a number of programs and resources that promote ecolandscaping. One resource is a design manual for pollution control features that can be integrated into the landscape of commercial facilities, such as sand filters, vegetation strips, and grassy

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swales. The manual is available at <http://www.sacstormwater.org/const/manuals/>. Coming soon to our Web site will be guidance and design information for “rain gardens,” which are landscape elements suitable for pollution control in many residential properties. Landscape professionals who consistently implement ecolandscaping principles can gain recognition through the Green Business Program, the Clean Water Business Program, and the Sacramento area Pollution Prevention Awards. We were a major sponsor in 2004 and 2005 of the local EcoLandscape Conference for landscape professionals, and we provide information on IPM directly to residents through our Water Wise and Our Water Our World programs. You can visit our Web site at [www.sacramentostormwater.org](http://www.sacramentostormwater.org) for more information on these and other programs for reducing stormwater pollution.

The SSQP will continue to develop and offer training opportunities on ecolandscaping for landscape design and maintenance professionals. If you want to be informed of training opportunities as they arise, or have other questions about our program, please contact me at [tamayod@saccounty.net](mailto:tamayod@saccounty.net) or (916) 874-8024.

*Dave Tamayo has been with the County of Sacramento Stormwater Program for over 10 years. He develops programs and policies to reduce discharges of pesticides, mercury, and bacteria to creeks and rivers. He is the chair of the Pesticides Committee for the statewide California Stormwater Quality Association and an active member of the EcoLandscape Working Group. Mr. Tamayo holds a bachelor's degree in zoology from UC Berkeley and is a professional river guide and former commercial fisherman.*



## AB 2717 Task Force Update

By Julie Saare-Edmonds,

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In February 2005, the AB 2717 Landscape Task Force met for the first time in Sacramento. The purpose of the Task Force and Technical Work Groups is to re-examine the existing Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and other aspects of landscape water use and make recommendations that will improve landscape water use efficiency. After the introductory Task Force meeting, the Technical Work Groups began meeting to discuss the specific issues involved.

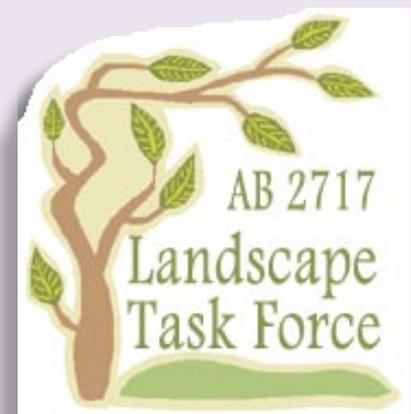
**Work Group One** focuses on water supply, planning, implementation, enforcement, and coordination. Overcoming conflicts and improved communication are also important components of the Work Group One efforts.

**Work Group Two** focuses on soils and irrigation. This work group is examining advances in irrigation technology, labeling and performance standards of irrigation equipment, irrigation efficiency and scheduling, system design and maintenance, and non-potable water use. The work group is also examining cultural practices involving soil.

**Work Group Three** is looking at issues related to landscape design, plants, and turfgrass. Specifically, they are discussing plant selection, water use, design considerations, and climatic factors. This group is also evaluating measurement methods and case studies.

**Work Group Four** is studying the economics of water use and conservation, rate structures, environmental costs and benefits, environmental justice, and social impacts.

The final report from the Task Force is due to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2005. For more information about the AB 2717 Stakeholder Task Force and Technical Work Groups, see the California Urban Water Conservation Council Web site at: [www.cuwcc.org](http://www.cuwcc.org). Click on the AB 2717 Landscape Task Force logo on the home page.



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

December 2, 2005	Education Subcommittee Meeting	Sacramento
December 5-6, 2005	LARE (Sections C and E)	Sacramento, Riverside
January 19-20, 2006	LATC Meeting / Strategic Planning	Berkeley
April 4-5, 2006	C/LARE (Sections A, B, and D)	Statewide Testing Centers
June 12-13, 2006	LARE (Sections C and E)	Sacramento, Riverside



### Email Subscriber Feature on LATC Web Site

An email subscriber feature was added to the LATC Web site. Subscribers will receive email notifications from the LATC pertaining to meeting dates and agendas, newsletters, and regulatory changes, etc. To receive email notifications from the LATC, visit [www.latc.ca.gov](http://www.latc.ca.gov) and click on *"Join Our Email List."*