Water Security for Community and Household Gardens and Farms

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
2 pm – 3 pm

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Housekeeping

We want to hear from you!

Join the discussion: Mute and Unmute Yourself

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Recording and Slides

Completed Webinars

Click on each webinar title for recordings, presentations, speaker bios, and additional resources.

Webinar 2—Agriculture and Drought: Implications for Food Security
July 22, 2015, 12-1 pm
Healthy regional food systems are a foundation of healthy communities, but how can we preserve local agriculture in the face of threatened water supplies? This question forms the central theme of our webinar on agriculture and water. We will hear more about the changing face of agriculture, future threats, and the host of possible health risks of drought-related agricultural changes. We will address some concrete ways health departments can support healthy agriculture in Southern California.

Webinar 1—Rethink Your Drink: Getting Safe Tap and Drinking Water into Schools and Community Places
June 16, 2015, 2-3 pm
This webinar will survey the challenges to providing safe drinking water in every school and in public places, including supply, quality and cost considerations. It will explore intersections and synergies with Rethink Your Drink campaigns, review relevant policy initiatives, and highlight opportunities to use Rethink Your Drink to leverage better drinking water access in our public places.

INTRODUCTORY WEBINAR--Water and Health 101
May 27, 2015, 12-1 pm
This webinar will provide an overview of Southern California water sources, distribution, and use, as well as projections of what climate-related water changes we can anticipate in the future. It will provide a framework to understand the public health impacts of climate-related changes in the water cycle and discuss the role of health leaders in this rapidly changing physical and political landscape.

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Introducing our Moderator, Alliance Healthy Food Systems Co-Chair:

Gayle Hoxter
Public Health Program Chief II
Nutrition Services & Health Promotion Branch
County of Riverside Department of Public Health
Public Health Alliance Vision

All Southern California communities are healthy, vibrant and sustainable places to live, work and play.

9 Local Health Departments:
- Orange
- Long Beach (City)
- Los Angeles
- Pasadena (City)
- Riverside
- Santa Barbara
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- Ventura

Nearly 60% of CA Population
Agenda

- Housekeeping - Holly Calhoun
- Welcome and Introduction - Gayle Hoxter
- Greywater Reuse - Laura Allen
- Urban Agriculture and the Drought - Alana Siegel and Kim Kessler
- Q&A and Discussion - All
- Wrap-Up and Closing - Gayle Hoxter
Introducing our Speakers:

Laura Allen  
Founding Member  
Greywater Action

Alana Siegel  
Summer Fellow  
Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy, UCLA School of Law

Kim Kessler  
Policy and Special Programs Director  
Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy, UCLA School of Law
Discussion and Q&A

• How to mitigate high cost of water while scaling up production?
  – incentives for water conserving systems
• Opportunities to combine education with garden practice.
• Rainwater catchment barrels in schools?
  – Cesar Chavez Elementary in San Francisco.
• Perris: Demonstration community garden showing different production methods. NEOP dollars for education.
• Funding: grant for 40 school gardens in one water district. Can get creative with funding sources.
• Building new and unusual partnerships for collective impact
• Legislative roundtable (with multiple levels of government) re. mitigation efforts and impact on community health. Some areas have higher restrictions for community gardens than residents.
Discussion and Q&A

• Need for recognition of connection between water and food production as well as public health and safety (e.g., heat island effect, dying trees)
  – Save our Water, Save our Trees campaigns
• Communicate with water suppliers to get up-to-date and clear info
• Partnerships:
  – Parks & Rec land
  – WIC sites
• Ordinance: required greywater stub-out in new construction to make it easier to use greywater
• Rainwater catchment for use in community gardens (more info in Ch. 17 of California Plumbing Code)
• Installing rainwater or greywater in community gardens at health depts
Thank you to our Speakers!

Laura Allen

Alana Siegel

Kim Kessler
Water and Health Webinar Series

Drought, Climate and the Food We Eat (Nutrition)

October 20 (2-3 pm): Emerging Water-Friendly Production Methods and Foods

November 18 (12-1 pm): High Opportunity Levers for Water and Health: Resources, Policy and Next Steps

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Thank you for joining the conversation!

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Questions?
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