



NEWS RELEASE

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SCV Water Celebrates the Completion of the Bridgeport Park Sustainable Landscape Demonstration Garden

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SCV Water, together with the City of Santa Clarita and its community partners, held a ribbon cutting for the Bridgeport Park Sustainable Landscape Demonstration Garden on September 1, 2023. The garden serves as an educational hub where individuals can immerse themselves in water-wise landscapes, efficient irrigation practices, and SCV Water resources including information on programs, incentives, and local landscape designer support.

“This Bridgeport Park Sustainable Landscape Demonstration Garden is the first of its kind for the community,” said SCV Water Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens. “And its primary goal is to offer accessible and interactive sustainable landscape concepts that inspire and educate visitors in various ways.”

It’s All About Location

SCV Water partnered with the City of Santa Clarita to choose the right venue to bring the sustainable landscape concept to the public space. Bridgeport Park was chosen for the projected foot traffic the site would attract, the proximity to schools, and its popularity among visitors.

“The Bridgeport location was ideal for a demonstration garden showcasing sustainable landscaping and water conservation,” said Dickens. “We have the potential to educate and inspire a diverse audience, from neighborhood residents and students at nearby schools, to the regular park-goers and those who may happen to stumble upon it.”

Features and Community Benefits

The 14,800-square-foot demonstration garden is home to four distinct gardens, each carefully designed to bring forth unique experiences and vital lessons in sustainable landscaping. Additionally, they showcase sustainable landscape features such as California Native and other climate-appropriate and low-water-using plants, high-efficiency irrigation, rain gardens, and a permeable concrete pad for use in garden maintenance.

How to Use the Garden

- **Education.** Learn how California and SCV-native plants are used and how the landscape saves water.
- **Inspiration.** Get ideas on how to design and maintain a water-wise garden. Identify plants to add to your landscape. Learn about beautiful landscapes different than a “traditional” grass yard.

- **Enjoyment.** Stop for a moment and rest on a bench to enjoy a breath of fresh air in the midst of our urban setting. Notice the wildlife (bees, butterflies, and other native species) and mini ecosystems in the garden.

“We are thankful to the City of Santa Clarita, the Bridgeport Elementary Green Team and local landscape designers,” said Dickens. “It was truly a collaborative effort and we are extremely happy to show the community what sustainable landscapes look like and what you can do in your own yard.”

An Invitation to Visit

The Bridgeport Park Sustainable Landscape Demonstration Garden is now open and the public is invited to visit during park hours. It is located along Bridgeport Lane between Bridgeport Elementary School and Bridgeport Park.

For more information, visit: <https://www.yourscvwater.com/bridgeport-park>

Park Partners

Thank you to our partners who helped make this community space possible:

- City of Santa Clarita
- AIM Landscape & Irrigation, Inc.
- The Grass Is Always Greener Landscape Designs
- Physis Design
- Songbird Garden Design
- Bridgeport Elementary Green Team

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About SCV Water:

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 75,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated, regional water provider. More information can be found at yourSCVwater.com.

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