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## Press Release

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### **Vallecitos, City of San Marcos collaborate for rain barrel giveaway**

San Marcos, CA – On Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, Vallecitos Water District and the City of San Marcos will co-host a workshop for 100 participants that will receive a free rain barrel as well as presentations on proper installation and the barrel's environmentally friendly role in a sustainable future.

The 100 rain barrels will be available to City of San Marcos and Lake San Marcos residents that participate in the co-agency sponsored "Sustainable San Marcos" program. Participants will leave the workshop with a 60-gallon rain barrel as well as a better understanding of how rain water harvesting can contribute to increased water conservation and decrease urban runoff and waterway pollution.

Although not a new idea, many are not completely aware of rain water harvesting's full potential. The session taking place at Vallecitos Water District's Administration, Operations and Maintenance facility at 201 Vallecitos de Oro in San Marcos is designed to increase awareness.

Program participants will first receive an overview of rain water harvesting's positive effects of urban runoff reduction delivered by the City of San Marcos and the overall positive results of conservation delivered by the Vallecitos Water District. Participants will then be treated to a presentation from local native plant and landscape design expert Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design. San Marcos-based rain barrel installer, Ace Rain Systems, will follow up to cover installation techniques.

All interested in attending must register by contacting Vallecitos Water District at (760) 744-0460, ext. 238. Space is limited. The free rain barrels are available by grants from the Vallecitos Water District and the City of San Marcos. All barrels are expected to be distributed during this session; however, any remaining will be available to Lake San Marcos and San Marcos residents by request. Contact the Vallecitos Water District for more information.

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*Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 86, 500 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos' Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.*