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## El Camino College to Celebrate Earth Day 2015

The El Camino College Horticulture & Environmental Club will sponsor an Earth Day 2015 celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22 on the Library Lawn and in the Student Activities Center, East Lounge.

Earth Day festivities will celebrate the diversity of natural resources that exist on the planet, while highlighting the crucial need for stewardship and conservation of those resources. Area businesses, nonprofits and El Camino College clubs will showcase the efforts in place that promote earth-friendly practices.

Discussions planned for the day cover topics such as soil testing, solar energy, recycling/composting, container/vertical gardening, scuba diving, irrigation during a drought, watershed management, urban forestry, camping/fishing, native plant cultivation, and horticultural therapy.

Demonstrations and activities will cover food preservation and nutrition strategies; food tasting opportunities will also be available. Entertainment is scheduled for 1 p.m. and documentaries featuring Robert Redford's "Watershed" will screen at 3 p.m., with time scheduled at the end of each film for discussion.

Representatives from area businesses and agencies will also be on hand to share information, including soil chemist John Wallace from Wallace Laboratories; irrigation specialist Brad Adams from Irrrometer Company, Inc.; drought expert Conner Everts from California Watershed Alliance & Desal; interpretive specialist Blythe Liles from California State Parks; and green transportation expert Diana Salmeron from Car2go Los Angeles.

Other participants include: arborists from Tree Health Specialists, Inc.; environmental consultant Lisa Collins from Waste Management; Barbara D. Sanchez from the California State University, Northridge biology department; Manuata Martin of Tahitian Gold Co., Inc.; GMO/pesticides damage expert Kathleen Hallal; urban beekeeper Chelsea McFarland; and Herley Jim Bowling, Los Angeles education coordinator, Mono Lake Committee.

The ECC Horticulture & Environmental Club will have Earth Day T-Shirts, vegetable plants, and other related items available for purchase. For more information, contact [ecc.hort.ec@gmail.com](mailto:ecc.hort.ec@gmail.com) or 310-920-8047.

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