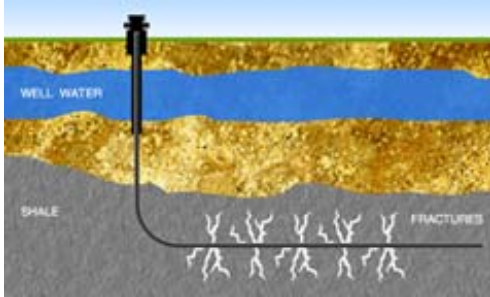




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## Experts on Fracking to Present at EarthFest LA 2012



Fracking Illustration



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CA Construction Academy of  
at the UCLA Labor Center



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Presentations by experts on fracking, green jobs and construction, and water reclamation will be part of the free activities at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual EarthFest LA being held at West Los Angeles College in Culver City on Saturday, September 15, 2012. EarthFest LA is a day-long event coordinated by California Greenworks, Inc. It is intended to raise the level of awareness about environmental protection, conservation and pollution prevention. In addition to all of the free, family-friendly activities, a jazz concert benefiting California Greenworks will run from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Headlining is Grammy Award winning smooth jazz artist Paul Brown. Also scheduled to appear is chart-topping contemporary jazz musician Darren Rahn; R&B vocalist Wendy Moten; jazz fusion band DW3; and Motown-influenced singer/songwriter Chris Lightfoot.

**Food & Water Watch** will discuss the impact of fracking, an issue currently being hotly debated in Culver City, Baldwin Hills and surrounding communities. A screening of “**Gas Land**” by Josh Fox is scheduled to accompany the presentation. **Daniel Villao**, primary author of “Beyond Green Jobs,” and State Director of the California Construction Academy at the UCLA Labor Center, will discuss the economic and environmental benefits of a greener economy. **DeAna Vitela**, CEO and partner of AquaBio Environmental Technologies, will address the future of water sustainability.

### **ABOUT FRACKING**

In the past few months, hundreds of activists and neighbors of the nation’s largest urban oil field in Baldwin Hills have turned out at meetings to discuss the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing or “fracking.” This method has been in the news on the East Coast, in the Midwest and in Rocky Mountain states for years.

Fracking uses a high-pressure injection of water and chemicals underground to break up rock so that oil and gas can be released and pumped out. The technique has raised questions about safety and contamination of underground aquifers which can contaminate drinking water supplies. Baldwin Hills residents also question if fracking is triggering small earthquakes that are damaging their properties.

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According to a June 12, 2012 report by NBC, “earlier this year, regulators with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) admitted that fracking had been used in California for decades. But fracking is not regulated or tracked in California, so oil companies do not have to tell the state whether, where or when they're using the technique. The piece quoted Damon Nagami, a staff attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council “We wouldn't even know where to look for contamination because the state doesn't require companies to say where fracking is going on.”

#### **ABOUT “GAS LAND”**

“The largest domestic natural gas drilling boom in history has swept across the United States. The Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking" or hydraulic fracturing has unlocked a "Saudia Arabia of natural gas" just beneath us. But is fracking safe? When filmmaker Josh Fox is asked to lease his land for drilling, he embarks on a cross-country odyssey uncovering a trail of secrets, lies and contamination. ~ *source Gaslandthemovie.com*

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