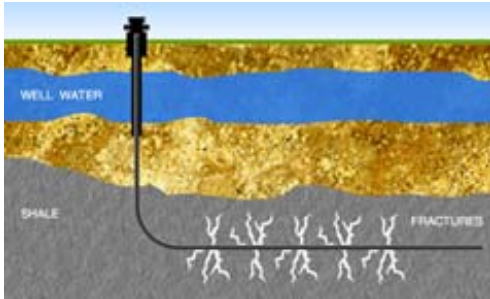




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Experts on Fracking, Green Economy and Water Reclamation to Present at EarthFest LA 2012



Fracking Illustration



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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 7th Annual EarthFest LA being held at West Los Angeles College in Culver City on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Food & Water Watch will discuss the impact of fracking, an issue currently being 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. She has advised federal task forces concerning restoration and treatment of water ways, lagoons and effluents from urban runoff and waste treatment facilities.

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.

Honorary event chairs include Congressperson Karen Bass, Assemblyperson Holly Mitchell and Culver City Vice Mayor Jeffery Cooper.

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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 "Saudi 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. A recently drilled nearby Pennsylvania town reports that residents are able to light their drinking water on fire. This is just one of the many absurd and astonishing revelations of a new country called GASLAND. Part verite travelogue, part expose, part mystery, part bluegrass banjo meltdown, part showdown.” ~ *source Gaslandthemovie.com*

DANIEL VILLOA, STATE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY AT THE UCLA LABOR CENTER

Daniel Villao, primary author of “Beyond Green Jobs,” is State Director of the California Construction Academy at the UCLA Labor Center. Under his leadership, the Academy has taken on a leading role in research, facilitation and popular education of issues affecting the construction industry, particularly energy efficiency. His book describes how comprehensive, deep green energy efficiency can bring the best benefits to the environment and create good, long-term careers. Prior to his work at the UCLA Labor Center, Villao served as a council representative for the Los Angeles and Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council. He has been a strategic advocate for civil service apprenticeship, including the design and implementation of the Port Electrical Mechanical Apprenticeship program (PEMA) in Los Angeles. Villao currently serves on the national Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship for Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, and the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). He is also on the executive committee of the national board of directors of Association of Latino Professionals in Finance, Accounting and Related Businesses (ALFA).

DEANA VITELA, WASTEWATER & SOLID WASTE REMEDIATION EXPERT

Since 1987, DeAna Vitela has been a pioneer in the research, development, and application of non-pathogenic microorganisms for degradation of pollutants. Her specialty is water, wastewater, and solid waste remediation using Bioremediation, Phytoremediation, and Biomimicry. As CEO and partner of AquaBio Environmental Technologies, Inc. & AquaBio Aquatic Management Division she has provided her expertise, for environmental, engineering, and remediation firms, municipal and industrial facilities, waste treatment facilities, confined animal feed operations, landfill, compost, and green-waste facilities as well as stormwater retention basins, lakes, and aqua culture facilities.

Over the years, Vitela has participated in the research and development of applied bioremediation, phytoremediation, and biomimicry for treatment of pollutants in urban runoff, watershed and municipal and industrial waste water treatment. She has also been involved in city, state and federal task forces concerning restoration and treatment of water ways, lagoons and effluents from urban runoff, and waste treatment facilities.

California Greenworks Inc. is a non-profit organization whose charter is to improve urban communities in Southern California specifically Los Angeles County. Our motto "Greening communities one neighborhood at a time" reflects our mission to improve the quality of life in urban areas by promoting environmental education and awareness, implementing sustainable community based restoration and revitalization projects that promote open space conservation and reduce urban blight; push advocacy; and promote green economic development programs.