

**SDG&E Energy Innovation Center
Landscape Design Charrette
Partner Feedback Summary
September 30, 2010**

Attendees:

- SDG&E, Spurlock-Poirier Landscape Architects, Architects Hanna Gabriel Wells
- San Diego County Water Authority
- Padre Dam MWD
- Sweetwater Authority
- Labahn's Landscaping
- Secosys
- Dig corporation
- Water 2 Save
- Environs
- Surfrider Foundation

Partner Feedback on Landscape EIC Design

Plant feedback:

- Selection of plants should be drought tolerant.
- EIC could also have demonstration plants. Also for each plant, there could be educational signage with name of plant, water needs and tips to help educate people on plant selection for landscaping.
- Demonstrate conventional landscaping versus new sustainable way of landscaping with water efficiency in mind. Show a comparison of maintenance of traditional versus sustainable way of planting.
- Quantify the environmental impact of landscaping
- Plant for year-round color

Landscaping:

- Consider working with Jack in the Box to see if they could upgrade their their landscaping to be consistent with the EIC.
- Think about expanding 5' wide walking strips
- Create landscaping on the street that ties to the bus stop
- Create bigger areas for a larger effect
- Consider expanding the width of the access to the front of the building. Possibly make the roadway 1-way
- Use porous concrete for courtyard and walkway
- Consider planting area that is about the scale of a home
- Exhibits or educational opportunities for people to take away: how can I do this at my house?
- Add curvilinear lines

Outdoor Lighting:

- Utilize motion sensor ballasts along walkway in front of building
- Consider solar powered outdoor lighting

Sustainability Features:

- Consider using HVAC condensation for a water feature
- Consider using the EIC as a Farmer's Market or CSA drop-off location

EIC Update - Landscape Design

The EIC architect and landscape architect updated the landscape drawings in response to the suggestions and ideas we heard at the September 30 design charrette.

These changes are in the October 22, 2010 plans, and highlights include:

- The landscaping area along the east side of the building has been enlarged in order to improve its demonstration and educational value.
- The row of solar shade structures that was originally located over the landscaped pedestrian path has been moved over to the west. With the shade structures moved, the landscaping will perform better and the educational value of the signage will be able to have a landscape focus.
- The north patio has been reconfigured to accommodate a larger planting lab area and minimize conflicting uses. The covered trash enclosure has been moved away to the parking lot.
- An "add alternate" design is proposed for Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. The existing plant material along the sidewalk will be removed and replaced with drought tolerant plants consistent with the rest of the landscape design if the project budget allows.