



Update on Conservation Connection: Water and Energy in Southern California

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● PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- For middle school students (grades 6-8)
- Study examples of water/energy systems, supply and demand challenges and alternatives
- Teaches about the conservation of water and energy

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● CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

- Activity-oriented Student Book and Teacher Guide
- Approved by California Department of Education
- Water and energy survey/audit

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● SURVEY/AUDIT COMPONENT

- Home and School Water and Energy Surveys
 - Key component of curriculum
- Students track and evaluate water and energy use
 - At home (via hard copy)
 - At school (via online survey)
 - Students develop action plan to make changes and improvements

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● PILOT PROGRAM

- Goal is to work with teachers and students to assess best way to launch program to broader audience
- Member Agency Participation
 - Six Member Agencies (in three counties)
 - 16 teachers (13 middle school/3 high school)
 - 46 classes
 - 1,645 students

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● PILOT PROGRAM TIMELINE

- Teachers Complete lessons and on-line home surveys by mid-May
- Staff, beginning May 31:
 - receive pilot program teacher evaluations
 - develop summary of teacher feedback
 - integrate feedback into survey instructions
 - incorporate feedback into rollout strategies

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- QUESTIONS?