

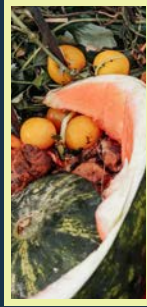


Solana Center
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

FY 2022 - 2023

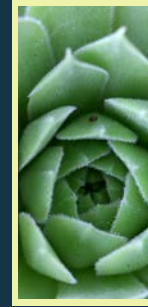
IMPACT at a glance

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS



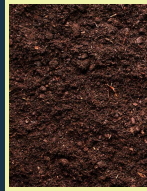
3.5 million pounds of organic waste

kept from the landfill, creating healthy compost



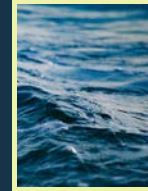
10,000 volunteer hours

to support environmental programs and education



87,000 San Diegans

trained & educated



257,000 gallons of rainwater

saved through rain barrel sales



OUR MISSION: COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION

Impacts of the looming climate crisis are escalating. Here in Southern California, we have experienced torrential rains, excessive heat, fires, and drought. Other parts of the world face water-submerged cities, famine, and devastating storms. Nature's ecosystems are out of balance.

In the face of this global challenge, there are things we each can do locally. Our Climate Solutions Map provides **tools to continue your climate action journey**. The single most impactful action you can take right now is to reduce your food waste.

While our eyes are on the horizon, our feet are firmly planted on the ground, empowering individuals, schools, businesses, and government agencies to reach their own environmental goals.

Bolstered by individual actions, we envision **a future of oceans and landfills free of discarded resources**. A world in which Sequoia National Forest still has ancient trees, the Great Barrier Reef still has live coral, and Glacier National Park still has glaciers.

With this report, I am pleased to share details of our real, measurable impacts made possible every day by our 20 amazing staff, 600 dedicated volunteers, and 10 incomparable board members.

We know what is needed for the sea change to happen, and your support will help make it possible.



Jessica Toth

Jessica Toth
Executive Director



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

We are proud to be celebrating four decades of serving the San Diego region. Our organization began by pioneering the region's first comprehensive curbside recycling program. Together with our network of partners, we promote responsible resource management and accessible community solutions.

Guided by a changing climate, driven by passion, Solana Center innovates and delivers.

Recycling: Salvaging a Solution?



Solana Recyclers are never happier than when things start to pile up. Recycling cans and paper at salvage center are, from left, Van Clotter, Nancy Alvarado and Chris Frazer. Solana Beach, Cal Mar and Encinitas are served. [More Photos, Page 5.](#)

Emerging Efforts Show That It Can Work

Beginning: Curbside Recycling

1989 - Best Curbside Recycling Program in California



Present: Climate Solutions

2015 - California Governor's Environmental & Economic Leadership Award

2023 - National Organics Diversion Program of the Year



ANNUAL PROGRAM REACH

4,900

Students at schools

19,800

Community event-goers

770

Environmental workshop attendees

450

Lunch & Learn participants

340

Businesses consulted on SB 1383 compliance & food waste prevention

440

Policy-makers influenced & advised

20,350

Inspired individuals via digital outreach

Solana Center works with **80% of San Diego County cities & jurisdictions** to ensure successful compliance with state waste management, organic recycling requirements, and climate action goals.

Education & Outreach

Sparking climate curiosity with thousands of residents & businesses annually

EDUCATIONAL EVENT SB 1383 BUSINESS INSPECTION





Climate Solutions & Community Resources

Environmental tools to support people, places, and planet

GREEN CONVENE

Reusable food service-ware loan program eliminating single-use waste at social gatherings.

725
place settings rented

E-WASTE & U-WASTE RECYCLING

Preventing toxic and hazardous waste from electronics, batteries, and light bulbs from polluting our groundwater while keeping valuable raw materials out of landfills.

73,000
pounds of toxic e-waste collected

2,500
customer e-waste & u-waste drop-offs

TOOL LENDING LIBRARY

Supporting San Diego County home, school, and community projects with accessible garden tools.

140
tools borrowed

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

Supporting 50+ farmers in securing state funding for carbon farming projects.

\$890,000
of funding allocated to farmers

FOOD CYCLE COMMUNITY COMPOST PROGRAM

Community-based solutions to a growing food waste problem.

18,000
pounds of food waste composted

COMPOST AND ZERO WASTE ASSISTANCE

Free community hotline, resources, and technical assistance.

775
environmental hotline inquiries



Waste Reduction & Resource Conservation

Mitigating climate change for regional resilience

IMPACT OF ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

200+ TONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AVOIDED & SEQUESTERED

through composting and recycling programs

Community Influence

Strengthening community ties & environmental action through volunteerism



Solana Center's impact is amplified by our dedicated Eco-Team Docents, Master Composter graduates, service learning students, corporate groups, and all volunteers.

600
Volunteers

2,530
Volunteer Hours

We are tremendously grateful!



Support Our Work

Thank you to our top donors!

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Vision & upcoming projects

We aim to create a space that invites everyone to the climate action table, where they feel supported, hopeful, and empowered with tools to create an environmentally-just future.

Grants

- County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
- California Department of Food & Agriculture
- Encinitas Community Fund
- Hervey Family Foundation
- Kelley Family Charitable Fund
- Las Patronas
- Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club
- SDG&E Environmental Champions Grant

In Kind

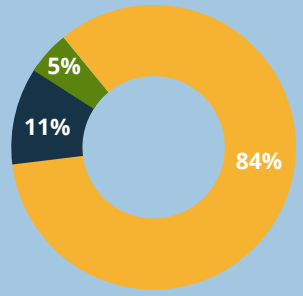
- Barrels and Branches
- Climate Science Alliance
- Grangettos
- Japanese Friendship Garden
- Kirkpatrick & Associates
- Melody Plan
- Plastic Beach
- San Diego Botanic Garden
- San Diego Natural History Museum
- Seaside Market
- Solomon Ward Attorneys at Law
- Trader Joe's
- Urbane Cafe

Partners



Expenses

- Programming & Community Services
- Management & Operations
- Fundraising



Developments

Solana Center is expanding our education programs and community access to climate resources, including:

TEXTILE RECYCLING COLLECTION	BILINGUAL HANDS-ON EDUCATION	INDUCTION COOKTOP LOAN PROGRAM	SB 1383 INSPECTOR TRAINING

Climate Solutions Resource Center

- where visitors of all ages can:
- Experience hands-on environmental education
 - Find tools for sustainable, decarbonized lifestyles
 - Recycle difficult materials, diverting waste from landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions



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