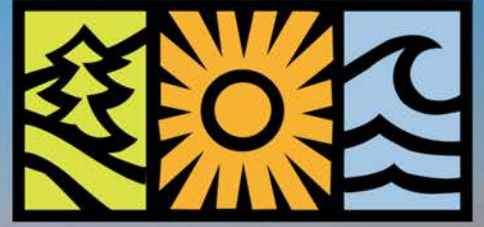


**Solana Center**  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION



**2023-2024**  
**IMPACT**

**WASTE TO WONDER**

**Making climate solutions practical since 1983**



# Down to Earth

Serving San Diego County



Solana Center for Environmental Innovation is an award-winning environmental 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 1983. Located in Encinitas, we serve all of San Diego County. Our classes, workshops, and events focus on soil, water, and waste, promoting upstream and preventative behaviors that are widely accessible. We make green living practical for individuals, businesses, schools, and local governments. Our organization believes in circular systems that support **our vision: a world with oceans and landfills free of discarded resources**. Small actions everyday, make a big impact. We are in the business of meeting each person wherever they are on their environmental journey.

## FY 23/24 PROGRAM IMPACT

**7,030**

Students educated

**3,439**

Volunteer hours donated

**89,000 +**

Gallons of rain water collected

**3,700**

County residents dropped off E-waste for recycling

**513**

Businesses consulted for SB 1383 compliance & food waste prevention

**80%**

Of San Diego Jurisdictions partnered with Solana Center for SB 1383 compliance

**145,000**

Individuals inspired via digital engagement

IMPACT OF ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

**18,000 TONS**

OF GREENHOUSE GASES MITIGATED

Equivalent to planting 270,007 trees and letting them grow for 10 years



## Education & Compliance

Sparking climate curiosity with thousands of residents & businesses annually



**7,503,036**

Pounds of edible food donated by businesses who received consultation from Solana Center

**= 6.25 Million Meals**







# 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.

**1,226**

place settings rented

## E-WASTE RECYCLING

Collection program preventing toxic and hazardous waste from electronics from polluting our groundwater while keeping valuable raw materials out of landfills.

**27,446**

E-waste items diverted from the landfill

## TOOL LENDING LIBRARY

Rental program supporting San Diego County home, school, and community projects with accessible garden tools.

**151**

tools borrowed

## TEXTILE WASTE EDUCATION

Community event featuring a clothing swap, fix-it clinic, upcycling activities, and consumer education.

**282**

pounds of textile waste diverted

## GREEN LIVING TOURS

Free educational tours led by our volunteer docents provide engaging community education for practical climate solutions.

**14**

tours

## Leading the Way



Fieldstone Leadership Network San Diego, in partnership with the Clare Rose Foundation, has awarded a \$50,000 grant to Solana Center for Environmental Innovation and Executive Director Jessica Toth to build the organization's capacity.

# Composting Journey



**Melody Plan**  
Master Composter  
volunteer &  
author

"Because of volunteering with Solana Center and participating in their Master Composter class, my sustainability journey was impacted beyond even writing my book *Inside the Compost Bin*. That experience has impacted what kinds of groceries I buy, and how much. I have always cared about the planet and the environment, but the experience with Master Composter really honed my focus on what matters to me and how I am contributing to the world." - Melody Plan

## Waste to Wonder: 40 Years of Solana Center

*The Road Less Traveled*



We gathered with our Solana Center community on May 11, 2024 to recognize our history, celebrate the hard work of innovation, and to recognize our future challenges.





# Annual Message

Jessica Toth, Executive Director



This year we celebrated our 40 years with an awe-inspiring gathering of founders, supporters, and friends. Solana Center started its journey by recycling bottles and cans. We are ending 2024 with recycling programs that manage materials yet to be invented in 1983.

We are addressing environmental problems that are just becoming newly evident.

I'm proud to lead this impactful organization, powered by our wonderful staff, volunteers, donors, and Board of Directors.

Thank you all for helping us continue to make the possible practical.

## Thank you, major donors!

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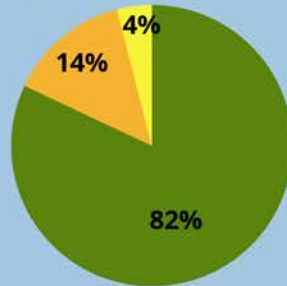
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## Annual Expenses

- Programming & Community Services
- Management & Operations
- Fundraising



# On the Horizon

Vision and Upcoming Projects

## Our VISION:

**A world with oceans and landfills free of discarded resources.**

## Developments

Solana Center is expanding our education programs and community access to climate resources.



ZERO WASTE  
TEXTILE  
EXPO



EXPANDING  
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## Awards and Recognition



CLARE ROSE  
FOUNDATION



**United States House of Representatives**, Mike Levin, Member of Congress Proclamation honoring Solana Center's commitment to climate action.



**California Legislature Assembly** Resolution by Tasha Boerner and Catherine Blakespear recognizing the vital role Solana Center has played in improving the quality of life in the San Diego area.



**County of San Diego**, Proclamation presented by Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer Honoring Solana Center for Environmental Innovation's 40th Anniversary. Declaration of May 11th to be Solana Center Day throughout San Diego County.



**Office of the Mayor of the City of Encinitas** Proclamation honoring the 40th Anniversary of Solana Center for Environmental Innovation.

## Let's work together!

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