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Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Workshop

The City of Santa Maria Utilities Department invites all K-6th Grade Teachers to an informative and fun workshop that will put over 60 classroom-ready activities in your hands while learning about water. Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a nationally-syndicated environmental education program that promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge, and stewardship of water resources. All activities are correlated to the California State Standards for Science, History/Social Studies, and English/Language Arts.

Developed by the Project WET Foundation, the Project WET Activity and Curriculum Guide helps educators illustrate an array of water quality concepts, including the physical and chemical characteristics of water, the connection of water to the Earth's systems, how water resources are managed, and how water resources exist within social constructs.

During the workshop:

- Participants will receive the updated Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide Version 2.0 and access to the new Project WET Portal Website;
- Teachers will participate in several activities from the guide to learn how they can be implemented in their own classrooms;
- Teachers will learn about local water education programs through the City;
- Snacks and drinks will be provided.

This free workshop will be held Thursday, December 5, and Friday, December 6, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Shepard Hall, Santa Maria Public Library, located at 421 South McClelland Street. This workshop is sponsored by the City of Santa Maria Utilities Department and CREEC Network Region 8 Coordinator Teresa "Tree" Lees. The Project WET Guidebook is funded by the Water Education Foundation, and EEI curriculum units are funded by Cal-Recycle. Workshop space is first-come, first-served, and pre-advanced registration is required. The deadline to register is Friday, November 29, 2013.

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