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So, that was a hot March. A little freaky, and a harbinger of weather to come. That's a big reason we do what we do. Join us!

Westwood Greenway Sunday, April 12

Join us at this special park during [LA Climate Week](#) and learn how it **captures stormwater**, supports **biodiversity**, and builds **climate resilience**. Stick around afterward to help steward the [Westwood Greenway](#) by removing **invasive plants** and making room for **native plants** to thrive. Learn more and RSVP at nca.la/westwood_greenway_04-12_2026.

MRF tour

We will take a tour of a **MRF** (materials recovery facility) at [Athens Services](#) Monday morning, April 13 in Irwindale during [LA Climate Week](#) to learn about what happens behind the scenes to our **waste**. Unfortunately, we are already at capacity, but we hope to schedule this again! Learn more about the event at nca.la/athens_mrf_04-13_2026.

Last month, challengers [Marissa Roy](#) and [Aida Ashouri](#) to the city attorney seat participated in a candidate forum with a focus on **sustainability**. The current city attorney, [Hydee Feldstein Soto](#), had agreed to participate, but then withdrew. Her campaign did not provide a reason. The other contender, [John McKinney](#), joined the race after we had first invited the other candidates. He later was invited to participate but was unavailable. You can watch the forum at nca.la/city_atty_candidate_forum_3-22_2026.

We also completed our third **lawn to habitat** transformation at a multifamily property, this year in the Exposition Park neighborhood. Follow us on [Instagram](#) to check in on its progress.

Charter Reform Commission on many issues relevant to sustainability

The [Charter Reform Commission](#) has completed its work and made recommendations regarding the [Public Bank](#) (we supported the feasibility study), the [Capital Improvement Program/Capital Infrastructure Plan](#) ([we supported Investing in Place's efforts](#)), and [neighborhood councils](#) (our advocacy committee voted to support the [Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition's recommendations](#)), [city council size](#), which we discussed in [one of our forums](#). And [so much more!](#) The next step is for City Council to consider the Commission's recommendations and to decide what to put on November's ballot. But the Commission got a very late start, as Mayor Bass was late in her appointments, and they did not address everything people wanted them to. We can expect another **charter reform** commission in 2034.

LA County's heat action plan and artificial turf

The [Los Angeles County Heat Action Plan](#) cites **artificial turf** as a problematic source of **heat** to be removed. Check out pages 45, 47, and 86.

Native plants

The [City of Encinitas has adopted a native plant ordinance!](#) (Forgive the photos of **nonnatives** in the article!)

How long do EV batteries last? A long time, it turns out.

Check out [this article](#) from NPR.

Free green jobs fellowship from LACI

This spring, the [Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator](#) (LACI) is launching a free eight-week **Distributed Energy Resource Management Systems** (DERMS) Fellowship open to Los Angeles residents. Applications are open through April 17, and an in-person information session will be held April 8. Learn more at events.laincubator.org/derms-fellowship-2026.

Annual Earth Day celebration in Tarzana April 11th

The [Tarzana Neighborhood Council](#) is hosting its 13th Annual **Earth Day** Celebration April 11th. Here is the [flier](#).

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