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Skits to Focus on Conservation at Water Fair

A performance from a professional troupe of actors about the importance of saving water highlights the City of Perris' "conservation fair" Nov. 1 at Mercado Park.

The performance of H2O, Where Did You Go? explains through songs and skits how water gets to peoples' taps, how to prevent water pollution, how to conserve water and what a drought means. The show also includes segments about the water cycle, aquifers and watersheds and the importance of preserving them.

The performances are the work of the Los Angeles-based group "Shows That Teach," which are held throughout California. The 40 to 45-minute show begins at 11 a.m. at Mercado Park, 10th and D Streets.



Perris water consultant Maria Elena Kennedy addresses a recent City Council meeting with the trio of water-drop mascots, who will be named at the Water-Conservation Fair Nov. 1 at Mercado Park.

The Conservation Fair kicks off at 9 a.m. with the next in a series of Winter Workouts to keep Perris residents fit and healthy during the approaching holiday season. The fair also include tips about how to save water and lower monthly utility bills, the benefits of planting drought-resistant landscaping, drip-irrigation systems and hard-scapes to replace traditional lawns. Several nurseries, landscapers and other water-related businesses will attend to lend their support to the City's ongoing water-conservation efforts.

Free el Día de Muertos face painting will be offered.

A mobile fresh fruit and vegetable truck will sell wares produced locally.

Perris officials began an outreach effort several weeks ago to inform residents in the disadvantage Downtown community about the deepening drought and the importance of preserving water as much as possible. The effort includes one-on-one and small-group meetings with Downtown residents and stops at schools to get the message out to Perris youngsters.

Part of the water-saving program includes creating a trio of "water-drop mascots" to drive home the point to save. Perris school children are wrapping up a contest to name the mascots and the winning monikers will be announced at the fair.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch said the importance of saving water cannot be understated and that he is proud of the City's education program.

"Conserving water is very essential now and in the future," Busch said. "Our conservation program and water fair are great first steps in getting that message out. I am not surprised by the initial response—our City has stepped up on projects like this in the past."

Perris Mayor Pro-Tem Rita Rogers said education-outreach must become a long-range goal.

"It is very important we continue to educate our residents about the importance of conservation," she said. "It is imperative they become more knowledgeable about the drought and ways to mitigate its effects on their lives."

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