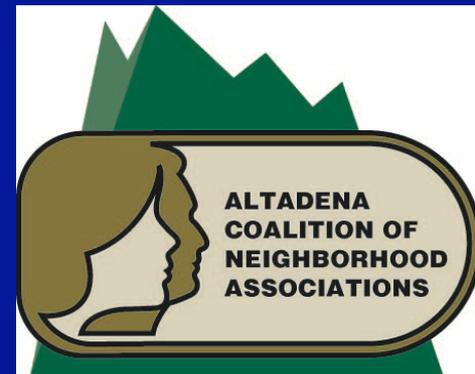


# Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (ACONA)

Let's keep Altadena  
*"The best neighborhood in LA  
County!"*

Sept 26, 2023



# Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

- **7:00 PM – 7:02 PM Quick introductions and welcome**
- **7:02 PM – 7:17 PM ACONA COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**  
Nic Arnzen, Altadena Town Council Council and ACONA Planning
- **7:17 PM – 7:37 PM SCE upgrades in the Meadows**  
- David Ford, Government Relations Manager SCE
- **7:37 PM – 7:57 PM Water During Fire Season**  
- Nina Jazmadarian, General Manager Foothill Municipal Water District
- **7:57 PM – 8:30 PM Q&A**
- **8:30 PM Meeting end**



# Your ACONA Team

- Elliot Gold
- Nina Ehlig
- Ellen Walton
- Nic Arnzen
- Captain Jabari Williams
- Holly Rundberg
- Carlotta Martin
- Sussy Nemer



# ACONA COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Nic Arnzen, Altadena Town Council



Since you asked...



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Wide variety of restaurant grade sustainable seafood!

## BAKED GOODS AND MORE

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## PICK-UP EVERY WEDNESDAY

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Altadena

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*Altadena Neighborhood*

# FARMERS MARKET

SEPT. 29TH

4-8 PM  
LOMA ALTA PARK



## CONCERT & PICNIC ON THE GREEN

Enjoy an evening at the farmers market & join us for a community concert & picnic!

All are welcome to join us & enjoy in the activities as we celebrate summer's end!  
Spend \$25 or more at a vendor's booth and receive a picnic blanket to keep!  
**BONUS!** Get a market tote with *any* purchase!



*Kathryn*  
**BARGER**  
District Supervisor • County of Los Angeles

LIVE MUSIC with THE FLAMENCO SOULS



[www.AltadenaWILD.org](http://www.AltadenaWILD.org) (Since May 23)

### Community Outreach Continues

**Over 5000 Signatures on Petition of Opposition**

60% Altadena, 20% Pasadena, 20% Rest of L.A. County

Nearly 400 Yard Signs Distributed

Most in Altadena & Pasadena

Newsletter #3 posted online August 1

Additional News Stories (posted online)

Pasadena Star-News (June 1)

Pasadena Now (August 16)

### Community Events Supported

➤ Altadena Pride Event (June 10)

➤ DENA Juneteenth (June 17))

➤ Altadena Farmer's Market (various)

➤ Backyard Mixers (August 12 +)

➤ **Altadena Community Garden Picnic**  
• **Celebrating 50 Years! (Sept. 30)**

**300+ have volunteered to help**

**AltadenaWILD**

*from Altadena, Pasadena,  
foothill communities & Los Angeles*

### **From Polytechnic School Website:**

**We are fully committed to a transparent and inclusive process** that will involve many opportunities for participation from neighbors, community members, government agencies, and other stakeholders to ensure we develop a project in harmony with the broader Altadena area.

**AltadenaWILD is unaware of any Poly transparency, inclusion, or harmony with Altadena community since May 23.**

*Preservation Without Degradation*

# POLYTECHNIC PLANS SUBMISSION TO COUNTY

Estimated for mid to late October



# How to Care for Trees in a Drought

During this historic drought, there are several things that you can do to help preserve our urban forest. As we continue to prioritize our water use, it is important to remember that trees are one of our greatest community assets. They improve air quality, provide shade, and beautify our communities. During this drought, they need a little extra help getting enough water.

## Check first

Before you water, use a screw driver or other small tool to dig into the soil 4-6 inches. If the soil is wet, don't water. If it is dry, it is time to water again.

## Watering

When watering a tree, use a watering tool with a slow release at ground level. The goal is to get the water to the roots which are typically 12-18 inches below the ground. Don't forget to check you water provider's watering restrictions.

## For young trees

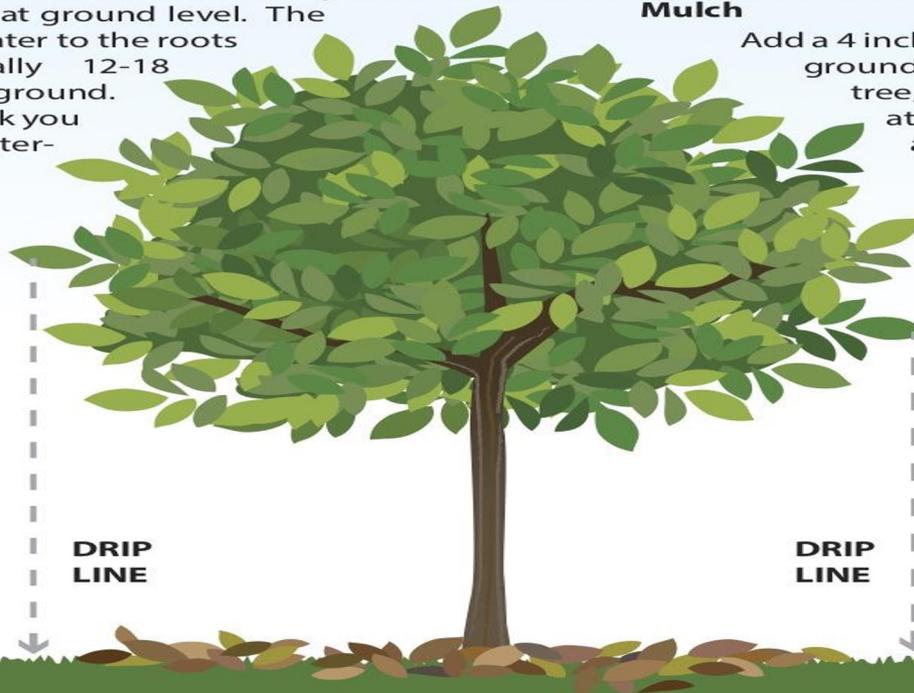
Water each tree 1-2 times a week with about 15-20 gallons of water. Create a 3-4 foot wide basin around the tree to hold the water.

## For mature trees

Water each tree 1-2 times a month with enough water to soak down through the top 18" of soil. The size of the tree and kind of soil will determine how much water is needed. Water towards the edge of the drip line rather than at the tree trunk.

## Mulch

Add a 4 inch layer of mulch on the ground surrounding each tree, making sure to leave at least a 1 foot ring around the trunk free of any mulch.



<https://pw.lacounty.gov/rmd/parkwaytrees>



## **Six At-Home BearWise Basics**

### **Never Feed Or Approach Bears**

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more.

### **Secure Food, Garbage And Recycling**

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.

### **Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active**

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

### **Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors**

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove bowls afterwards. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

### **Clean And Store Grills, Smokers**

Learn MoreClean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

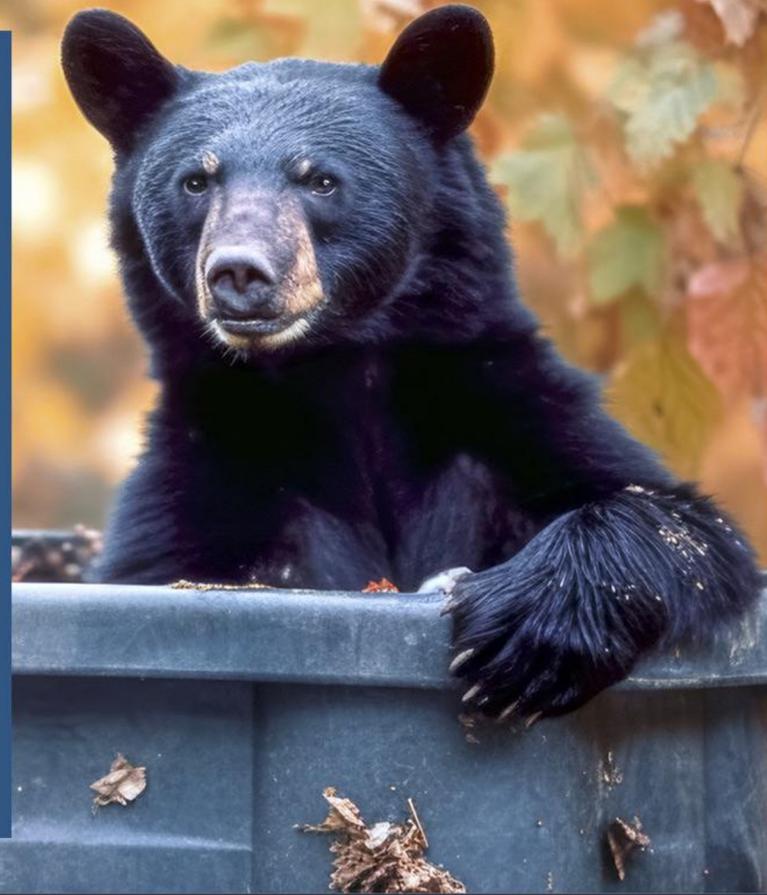
### **Alert Neighbors To Bear Activity**

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share info on how to avoid bear conflicts.



# Bear-Resistant Cart Program

- UWS customers in Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa can enroll to have their current black, blue, and green carts swapped out for new bear-resistant carts at no extra cost through a program being offered by UWS and Los Angeles County Public Works.
- Residents who sign up will receive 96-gallon Kodiak branded bear-resistant carts that are certified by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee. Deliveries will occur during a regular service day as carts become available.



# Bear-Resistant Cart Program

## *Resources*

Residents must sign up to take part in the rollout program:

- Scan the QR code
- Visit [bit.ly/akmbearcarts](http://bit.ly/akmbearcarts)
- Call UWS at (626) 677-3990 or Public Works at (888) CleanLA

For more information about the Altadena/Kinneloa Mesa Bear Cart program, visit [lacounty.pw/akm](http://lacounty.pw/akm).

To learn more about bears and best practices for peacefully coexisting with bears, visit [bearwise.org](http://bearwise.org).



# BEAR CART PROGRAM FAQ

## ***Background on the program/carts***

- This program is being rolled out as a safety precaution for both Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa residents and bears. Traditional bear carts are easy for bears to open, and this can lead to frequent visits and increased bear-human interactions and property damage. These carts will securely latch closed to keep bears out but are able to be opened by humans with the press of a lever.

## ***Want more than one bear cart in each color***

- Due to initial supplies being limited, the program is only able to provide one bear-resistant cart in black, blue, and green per household. Once the initial roll out is complete, additional carts will be available.

## ***Already have a bear cart through Athens***

- Residents that currently have a bear-resistant cart do not need to sign-up for the program. Carts will be delivered to you as the program is rolled out. Newer Athens black bear carts in good condition, will not be replaced; however, customers will receive a blue and green bear cart. Older model or damaged bear carts will be replaced with a new cart.

## ***Bear cart delivery process***

- With initial supplies being limited, roll-out of these bear carts have begun in phases, starting in areas with heaviest bear intrusion being serviced first. The program will gradually expand until everyone who has signed up has received a bear-resistant cart. Customers who sign up for the program will receive updates on when the program is rolling out in their area. Delivery started in late July and will continue until completion. Halfway done so likely till the end of the year. After that they will continue fulfilling new requests.



# BEAR CART PROGRAM FAQ

## continued

### *Roll out service*

- Signing up for the program will not impact residents who already have roll-out service; in fact, people with disabilities and seniors may request roll-out service at no additional charge. Bear carts are only available at this time in 96-gallon carts, so seniors with 32-gallon carts may upgrade to the larger size and still retain their senior discount. Smaller-size bear-resistant carts will be available later.



# Thank You

- Nic Arnzen  
[nic.arnzen@altadenatowncouncil.org](mailto:nic.arnzen@altadenatowncouncil.org)



# SCE Upgrades in the Meadows

David Ford, Government Relations Manager  
Southern California Edison



# Crosby 4KV Cutover

***SCE ACONA Presentation  
Meadow's Upgrade  
September 26th***

Energy for What's Ahead®



# Scope of Work

- Upgrade Plans
  - Cutover The Crosby 4KV To The Tola 16KV
  - 145 Structures To Be Worked
    - 82 Pole Replacements
    - 62 Transformer Replacements
    - 48,977' of Primary Wire
    - 2,027' of Secondary Wire





# Schedule

- Tree Trimming – In Process
- Target Construction Start Date: 4/3/23
- Target Construction Finish Date: 6/30/23

# Self-Service Resources

## [Outage Awareness Map](#)

sce.com > Outage Center > Power Outage Awareness Map

- Interactive map
- Data on current & future projects
- Sign up for outage alerts
- Community support resources
- Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) status updates

## Additional Resources

- [Medical Baseline Allowance](#)
- [PSPS Information](#)
- [CPUC Fire Map](#)

**Power Outages**

Search by address, city, county or ZIP

[Click here to enter the outage number and check the status](#)

**Current Outages**  
20 Outages | 4,499 Customers Impacted

**Upcoming Scheduled Outages**  
1,388 Outages Scheduled | 65,123 Customers Possibly Impacted

**Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)**  
Search for an address to see specific PSPS details or see county-level details [below](#).

Not Seeing Your Outage?  
Last Updated: 7/2/2022 - 9:58 AM PST [Report](#)

**Outage Alerts**  
Stay informed about unplanned repair and planned maintenance outages. [Get Alerts >](#)

**Community Support**

[Resource Centers](#) [Crew Vehicles](#) [Further Assistance](#)

SCE Community Resource Centers are available to support customers during a Public Safety Power Shutoffs... [More >](#)

There are currently none available.

Thank You

David.A.Ford@SCE.com



# Water During Fire Season

Nina Jazmadarian, General  
Manager Foothill Municipal  
Water District





## Who We Are & What We Do

- Imported Water Wholesaler/Special District – Incorporated 1952
- Member agency of MWD
- Infrastructure
- District office located in La Cañada, CA

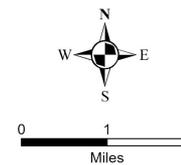
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FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Member Agency Service Areas

- Crescenta Valley Water District
- Kinleola Irrigation District
- La Canada Irrigation District
- Las Flores Water Company
- Liberty Utilities
- Lincoln Avenue Water Company
- Rubio Canon Land-Water Association
- Valley Water Company



- About 85% of Altadena's water is from local supplies
- Groundwater levels low

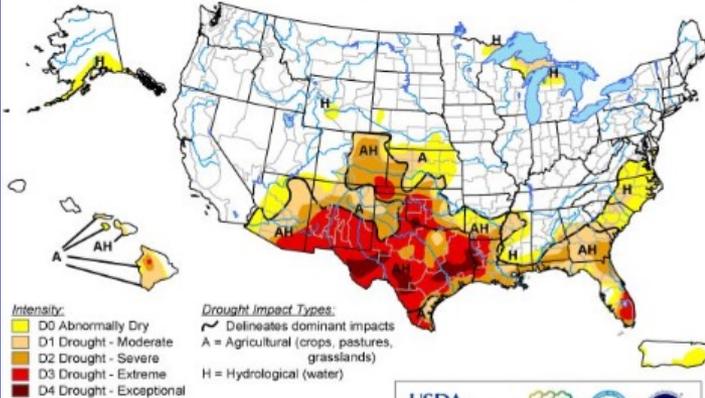
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# MWD Service Area Supplies



# U.S. Drought Monitor

April 26, 2011  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

### Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.



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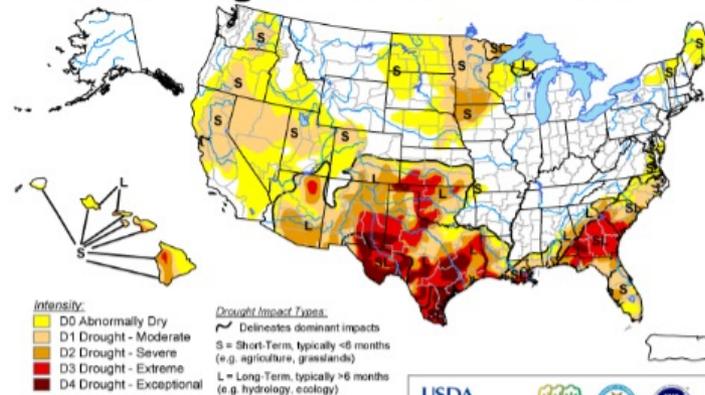
Author: Michael Brewer/L. Love-Brotak, NOAA/NESDIS/NCDC

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

Droughts are more impactful. Temperature variations are greater. Wildfire season is lasting longer.

# U.S. Drought Monitor

January 24, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

### Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

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Released Thursday, January 26, 2012

Author: Eric Luebbehusen, U.S. Department of Agriculture

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

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# Responsibilities of Retail agencies for Fire Suppression

- Retail agencies Size their systems for additional Flows required for Fires. These capital facilities include water storage, larger diameter pipes and fire hydrants.
- However, Agencies cannot size a system for a large wildfire Event as we have seen in the area such as the station fire. The cost and impacts on water Rates would be unaffordable.
- The Fire Department recognizes this fact and is prepared to fight such large fires with chemical suppression and other avenues.

# Water Agency Preparations

- Continuously Testing fire Hydrants to Ensure they are in Working Order
- Monitoring Water Storage to Ensure Ample Storage to Fight Fires
- During Red Flag Warnings, will increase storage further
- Table Top Exercises with Local Emergency Personnel Including Fire Department

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# What can you do to Help

- Consumers can Redesign their Landscapes to help deter wildfires from spreading to their homes.
- Los Angeles County Fire Department has a Brochure in how to create a Defensible Area Around your home called Ready! Set! Go! Which discusses Living in the Wildland Urban Interface.

[https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Ready-set-go\\_06062023\\_NoBleed\\_Page-Does-not-include-Zone-0.pdf](https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Ready-set-go_06062023_NoBleed_Page-Does-not-include-Zone-0.pdf)

# Agency Website

- Water Agency Website for Water Savings Plants including Fire Resistant Plants
- <https://www.foothill.watersavingplants.com/fire-wise.php>
- Other Plants, Look Under Plant Name, Design Tab, Special Uses to see if Fire Resistant

*Achillea millefolium*  
Yarrow



 + Add

Anatomy Sun/Water **Design**

**DESIGN STYLES**  
English Cottage, Meadow, Mediterranean, Ranch, Seascape, Spanish, Wild Garden

**ACCENTING FEATURES**  
Fragrance, Showy Flowers

**SEASONAL INTEREST**  
Spring, Summer

**LOCATION USES**  
Entry, Perennial Border, Foundation, Lawn, With Rocks

**SPECIAL USES**  
Cut Flowers, Filler, Mass Planting, Lawn Substitute, Fire Resistant, Naturalizing

**ATTRACTS WILDLIFE**  
Butterflies

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# MWD Turf Replacement – Residential

## Current Program Information

- Metropolitan offers a base rebate of \$2/square foot (sf) of turf replaced
- Maximum 5,000 sf per project
- Minimum three plants for every 100 sf
- Modifications to convert/remove over-head sprinklers
- Projects must include at least one sustainability element
  - Rain garden or rock garden
  - Dry river bed
  - Rain barrel or cistern
  - Swales or berms or grading



# MWD Rebates - Residential

- Premium High Efficiency Toilet - \$40
- High Efficiency Clothes Washer - \$85
- Sprinkler Nozzles - \$2
- Rain barrels - \$35
- Cisterns - \$250, \$300, \$350
- Irrigation Controller -\$80
- Soil Moisture Sensor - \$80
- Leak Detection - \$100



*Max Rebates based on cost of purchase*

Source: MWDSC

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# Additional Foothill Rebates



Spray to Drip -  
\$0.25 per square  
foot converted



Residential  
Water Audit – no  
cost



Laundry to  
Landscape – up  
to \$500



# Rebates - websites

- Metropolitan –
  - <https://socalwatersmart.com> - rebates
  - <https://www.bewaterwise.com>
- Foothill - <https://www.fmwd.com/rebates>

Questions?



*Student Art by Blake Ngai  
Mountain View Elementary  
9/26/2023*

- Nina Jazmadarian, General Manager  
Foothill Municipal Water District
- [nina.jaz@fmwd.com](mailto:nina.jaz@fmwd.com)



# Altadena Community Garden's *Annual* **Picnic**

Celebrating 50 years of Service and Friendship

*Saturday*  
**SEPT**  
**30**  
**2023**  
12pm - 6pm

**Loma Alta Park**  
3330 North Lincoln Avenue • Altadena, CA  
*at the corner of Palm Street & Lincoln Avenue*

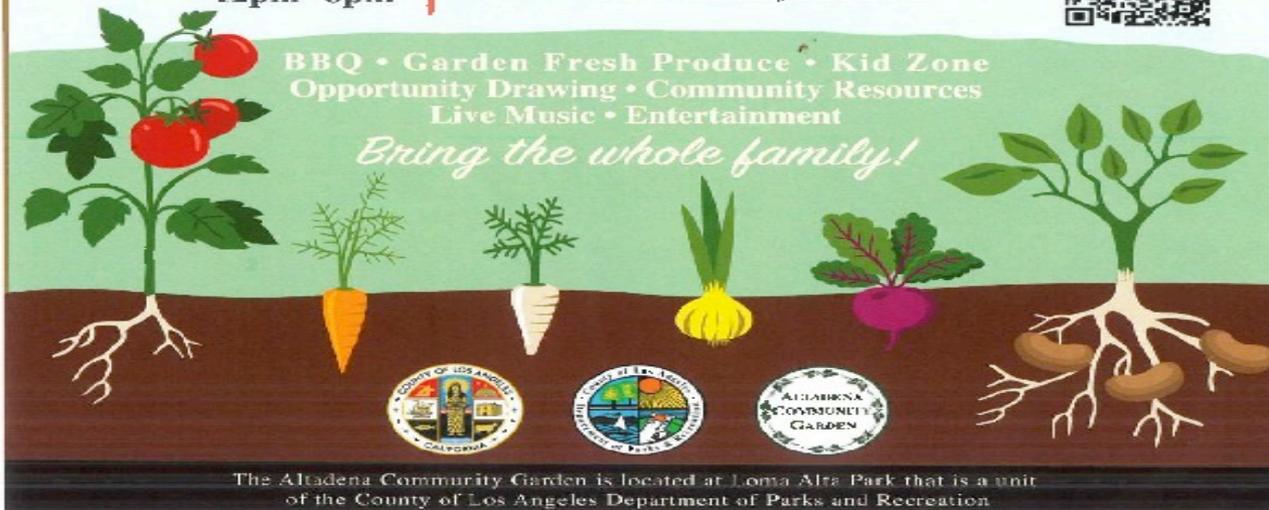
**General Admission \$15 per person**  
Kids 10 years & younger are **FREE!**

**For Tickets Scan QR code**  
or visit [AltadenaCommunityGarden.com](http://AltadenaCommunityGarden.com)



**BBQ • Garden Fresh Produce • Kid Zone**  
**Opportunity Drawing • Community Resources**  
**Live Music • Entertainment**

*Bring the whole family!*



# Questions?



# Next ACONA Meeting

- Nov. 29, 2023      Wednesday

