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Dear Richard

Summertime, and the living is easy. Gershwin got it right with the lyrics to this classic song. Lighten up, put on your shorts and draw a long warm breath of summer air. Yet here in the West, the optimism of Summer is tempered by the ongoing drought.

As difficult as some of the coming decisions may be, I am still optimistic that the power of creativity and perseverance will lead us through the difficulty to new solutions and a more sustainable reality for everyone. While pending water restrictions may change the way we do some things, the opportunities are still abundant and we are seeing growth in all areas of our business.

Summertime at Architerra Design Group means never a dull moment, let us share with you some of what has been going on around here. Please feel free to contact me directly with any of your landscape planning and design needs. We are always just a phone call or click away, and we always look forward to hearing from our valued clients and colleagues.

Happy Summer.



Richard Krumwiede
President Architerra Design Group

Landscaping The Drought - Education is Key

Southern California had an unseasonably wet spring, and yet not even a (pardon the pun) drop in the proverbial bucket to alleviate the stress of this historic drought. Architerra remains dedicated to design strategies to create sustainable, water wise and drought tolerant landscapes. Richard Krumwiede has been presenting to various groups and agencies, and being called on by the media to give expert opinions about how water restrictions will dictate design and usage moving forward.



Richard will be a featured "expert panelist" at the **9th Annual San Bernardino Water Conference** being held on August 21st, at Cal State University San Bernardino. Other recent presentations include being a panelist at a forum hosted by the local chapter of **CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women's Network)** which also included representatives from local governments and water agencies. He is quoted extensively in this [article](#) about the new reality for developers that was published in the **Inland Valley Daily Bulletin**. He also taught at an event hosted by **Lake Arrowhead Community Services** on native and drought tolerant landscape design and planning.

Well executed landscape design creates continuity, and flow, in neighborhoods and commercial developments. Will the rush to create drought tolerant landscapes result in a gravel and wagon wheel approach? As landscape designers and community planners, our goal is to ensure that landscaping unifies and beautifies, without resorting to unnatural and frankly ugly design solutions. **Water wise should never mean aesthetic-less.** To assist everyone to better understand the opportunities that the current challenges provide, we have the staff and expertise to offer actionable educational resources for both client and colleague alike.



Ribbon Cutting for Award Winning Rialto Leg of PET

The final leg of the **Pacific Electric Trail** - 21 miles linking Claremont to Rialto following the route of the old Pacific Electric Red Line railway, has been completed, and on May 28 was the official ribbon cutting. The Rialto leg - designed by Architerra, was recently awarded a **Southern California**

Associated Governments (SCAG) Sustainability Award for its Achievement in Active Transportation. The trail is lauded for its promotion of "the principles of placemaking, reduced reliance on cars, active transportation planning and encourages safe physical activity in an industrially growing, but economically challenged and racially diverse City."

With the overall conceptual design spearheaded by Gregg Denson and Richard Kruwmwiede, along with project management by Josif Pelayo and **interpretative graphics** designed by John Huber - it was another true team effort and one of which we are particularly proud.

Project Manager's News, Notes, and Happenings



Vila Borba Park **Chino Hills First Dog Park** has begun construction ...

Standard Pacific Homes **Montarra** and **Serena** Models at Vila Borba opened in early June, homes in these upscale neighborhood start in the mid- 700's ...

Along with **SVA Architects**, design development for the **Monte Vista Water District** campus wide expansion and water wise landscape redesign ...

City of Claremont **Shelton Park**, **College Park**, and **City Hall** turf reduction and re-landscaping projects are out for construction bids and set to break ground this summer ...

City of **San Dimas Downtown Master** plan is progressing through the design development phase ...

City of **Chino Community Garden** has entered the construction document phase ...

Lennar Homes **Cornerstone** in Rancho Cucamonga models are open and construction is well underway ...

Design development William Lyon Homes **The Orchards** in Upland and **Laurel Lane** in Chino models opening end of July ...

Brookfield Homes **Waverly at New Haven** in Ontario in design development ...

Design development for **Trails End Ranch** in Webb Canyon for Pomona College is underway ...

Staff News

Business is booming and as the project load increases, so too does our staffing. We are happy to announce three more professionals joining Architerra.

Todd Bagley joins our staff as our newest project manager. Todd is a registered Landscape Architect (#3650) and brings a wealth of project design project management experience to the firm. Todd earned his Bachelors Science in Landscape Architecture from Utah State University in Logan and has a strong and varied history as designer, partner and business owner.

Ryan Skolny recently completed coursework for his Masters in Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona. Ryan has been a landscape designer with Architerra part time for about a year and a half, and we are pleased to finally welcome him on board full-time!

Landscape Designer **Jamie Chen** comes to us via Washington State and Cal Poly Pomona. She is a talented designer and a great fit at the office.

On another note, we are also happy to report that landscape designer Crystal Gutierrez is currently on leave as she recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. Mother and future landscape architect are doing well.



Have a Safe and Sane 4th Everyone!

Let us all celebrate the **the Declaration of Independence**, the document that started this crazy experiment called - The United States. Our office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of the holiday, but back on the boards first thing Monday morning July 6th.



We have social media, and we aren't afraid to ask. Like, friend, review, follow, and tweet us, please? We will certainly return the favor.

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