

## We'll be Eating Fish for Days...



Even better though, were the fish tacos made the next few days. There's nothing better than fresh fish tacos caught that morning!

Note to self: don't bet on catching the biggest fish when you've got a couple of kids on board. Of course, the littlest person on the boat pulled up the biggest fish of the day! All in all, the day was lots of fun, full of smiles, and something we can all look forward to for next year!

What a wonderful day at sea!

Some of us were feeling a little tired, arriving to the dock at 5am on a Friday, but the trip was well worth it, as the boat brought in a great haul, sending each angler home with the 10-fish limit of beautiful rock cod.

We had 17 join us aboard the Patriot, including contractors, vendors, and friends. The crew was great, and the food aboard the boat was delicious!









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<b>2016-19</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>1994</b>
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<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>1996-98</b>	<b>1991-92</b>
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## **President's Message**



Hello Fellow CLCA members, many of you know I am Brandon West, your current CLCA SLO chapter president (and if you haven't met me in person yet, now you know who to look for!). As you saw above, we had a great fishing trip earlier this month, and are in the heat of the

landscaping season. Plants are blooming, business is booming, and the Central Coast continues to be a great place to be.

Don't forget to submit your entries into the annual beautification awards – share your best projects, and we'll see you at the event in July!

## Legislation Update: Get Your Irrigation Controller Rebates

The City of San Luis Obispo is currently offering rebates for large landscape smart irrigation controllers. Single-family residential customers may also partner with Rachio for discounts on smaller smart irrigation controllers.

Multi-Family Residential properties in the **City of San Luis Obispo** can now receive a rebate for upgrading outdoor irrigation systems with WaterSense-certified weather-based or soil-moisture-sensing smart irrigation controllers. Controllers must have a minimum of 24 stations. Rebates will be granted at \$20 per station, up to \$700, until funding is exhausted. There is a limit of 1 large landscape smart irrigation controller rebate per customer address.

Single-Family Residential water customers can receive discounts on 8-zone and 16-zone Rachio Smart Irrigation Controllers through the City's Partnership with **Rachio**. These weather-based devices allow smaller systems to control their irrigation systems right from their smartphones and automatically adjust irrigation systems to current local weather conditions. Click <u>here</u> to check your eligibility.

For more information on available rebates, or to get started, please visit the City of San Luis Obispo <u>Water Conservation Rebate Program</u> webpage.

#### Member Spotlight / Associate Member Spotlight:

Your company could be highlighted in a future issue of the CLCA SLO Newsletter! Interested in learning more about how to be featured? Contact our membership chair **Ian Parker** at (805) 234-5797 or via email at <u>ian@madronelandscapes.com</u>.

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## **Beautification Awards:** Call for Entries!

The CLCA SLO chapter awards encompass categories covering residential and commercial landscape construction, maintenance, and design/build, along with hardscape, outdoor lighting, and sustainable landscaping. This is one of the chapter's biggest events.

<u>Submit your best projects</u> from this past year! We are offering a discount on the entry fees to help maximize your number of entries – pay to enter two projects and get the third free (what a deal!). The **entry fee for each project is \$150** and to qualify for this discount must be **received on or before Monday, June 26, 2023**.

Projects will be judged by retired experts in the landscaping field or other experts from outside of our chapter area. They will be looking at the skill and quality of workmanship of every aspect of your project. Don't forget to spruce up your projects for final presentation. Previous construction entries (non-winners) may be re-entered, as long as the completion date adheres to this year's date. All previous maintenance entries (as well as new entries) may be entered every year.

Judging will take place on Friday and Saturday, June 30 and July 1, 2023. Please be sure that there is no signage, vehicles, or employees with your company name or logo on-site during the judging days.

Awards will be presented at a **gala banquet on July 13, 2023 at the SLO Botanical Gardens**. The evening will start at 6 pm with a cocktail reception and dinner to follow. Please visit the <u>CLCA website</u> to RSVP and **register for the event by Friday, June 30, 2023**. Cash, Check, or Card will be accepted at the door. You can also RSVP with **Ian Parker** at <u>ian@madronelandscapes.com</u> or (805) 234-5797.



These awards are incomplete without a sponsor, so <u>download the sponsorship application</u> today! As a sponsor, your company will be seen as a leader in the landscape industry in our local area. Your company name will appear on the category plaques, in the programs, and in media releases. We would surely enjoy your company sending a representative(s) to help present the award that you sponsored. **One representative's dinner is included in your sponsorship**. The cost of **additional tickets for the banquet is \$60**.