

**Coastkeeper Garden
Santiago Canyon College
Orange, California**

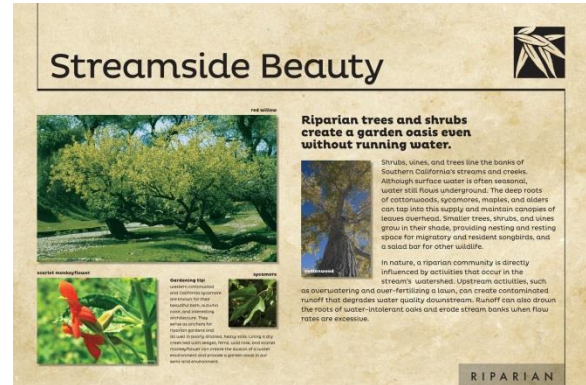


Situated on the campus of Santiago Canyon College, the 2.5-acre garden displays California native plants clustered into six plant communities and five themed landscape architectural vignettes. Their purpose is to capture the natural heritage of Southern California at the home garden scale. Plants and built features work together to inspire both the casual and professional garden designer and motivate them to adopt practices that conserve water supplies and reduce runoff.



Presented in the vignettes are pervious and permeable paving surfaces, innovative drainage and rainwater capture solutions, and design principles that can be easily implemented by the homeowner and designer.

The Garden's purpose extends beyond creating an exceptional visitor experience to provide a palette of solutions the visitor can apply at home. The Garden's ultimate aim is to change behaviors in order to reduce water consumption and the generation of runoff.



We developed the text for 13 interpretive panels, one welcome panel, and one orientation panel. We also created panel templates (several options) for client review and selection, helped coordinate the photography work, and sourced all the materials. The design that was selected required development of graphic icons to represent each plant community shown in a particular garden section.

