



## AGENDA

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference/Training Room, Hall of Justice Building,  
1125 Third Street, Napa CA

#### Board of Directors

Susan Boswell  
Diane Dillon  
Marita Dorenbecher  
Warren Flint  
Michael Haley  
Gary Kraus  
Jason Lauritsen  
Kenneth Leary  
Mark Luce  
Gretchen Stranzl  
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Marc Pandone  
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Scott Sedgley  
Pamela Smithers  
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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Chair)

Welcome to **Gretchen Stranzl McCann**, newly appointed Napa County Resource Conservation District member, followed by roundtable of introductions by the Board.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES

Meeting of January 23, 2013 (Chair) (2 min)

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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#### 4. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

a) Report on **Public at Large opening on the Board**, applications due March 31, 2014 (WICC Staff) (5 min)

b) Update on Napa County **Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee** (GRAC) wrap-up, well monitoring update and recent public outreach workshop (WICC Staff) (10 min)

c) Update on current conditions and **vineyard management practices to conserve water** use in response to drought conditions (Jim Verhey, Big Ranch Vineyards/Verhey Advisors LLC) (10 min)

d) Update on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning** (IRWMP), upcoming regional and sub-regional project submittal deadlines, expedited drought funding and other grant and funding updates (Leigh Sharp, Napa County Resource Conservation District) (10 min)

(cont.)

- e) Update on **Regional/State Water Board policies and regulatory programs**, including: Sediment TMDL and Vineyard Waiver and others (WICC Staff) (5 min)
- f) Other reports and updates (WICC Staff; Board)

## 5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Presentation on the **Design and Construction of the Napa River Bypass**; a key element in the Napa Flood Control Project designed to manage and convey flood waters, yet also serve as a community park and public access point to the river (Andrew Butler, Associate Engineer, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) (15 min)
- b) Presentation on the **Napa Youth Ecology Corps (NYEC)**; a new hands-on conservation program designed to empower youth 18-25 through conservation work experience and career development skills training (Jim Cassio, Workforce Development Analyst, HHS Self Sufficiency Services) (20 min)

## 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION

Discussion on the **WICC Strategic Plan Update 2014** for input/ideas on plan topics and meetings (WICC staff, Board) (15 min)

## 7. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exchange of **informational announcements and events** (WICC staff, Board, and Public) (10 min)

- a) **Water Resources Management: What, Where and How** – North Bay Watershed Association Conference, Novato, Friday, April 11, 2014
- b) **Earth Day Celebration and River/Community Clean-up** – Downtown Napa, April 19, 2014
- c) **May 2014 Watershed Awareness Month** – focused promotion of watershed events and outings
- d) Other announcements and events

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of possible **items for future agendas** (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

## 9. NEXT MEETING (Chair)

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: **May 22, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT (Chair)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL (Vice-Chair)**

Welcome to **Pamela Smithers** and **Michael Haley**, newly appointed Public at Large representatives, followed by roundtable of introductions by the Board.

*Members Present: Diane Dillon, Warren Flint, Michael Haley, Gary Kraus, Jason Lauritsen, Kenneth Leary, Marc Pandone, Scott Sedgley, Pamela Smithers, Peter White, Keith Caldwell*

*Members excused: Susan Boswell, Marita Dorenbecher, Mitchell Klug, Mark Luce, Jeff Reichel, Rita Steiner*

*Members absent: Matt Pope*

*Staff present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp*

**2. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting of November 21, 2013 (Vice-Chair) (2 min)

*Approved as presented*

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*None provided.*

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

a. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair** for 2014 (per Bylaws§ II.A.) (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

*The Board nominated and appointed Marc Pandone as Chair and Peter White as Vice-Chair*

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- b. Discussion and **adoption of 2014 Meeting Calendar** (per Bylaws§ III.A.) (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

*The Board adopted the 2014 calendar as presented.*

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## 5. UPDATES, REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Update on Napa County **Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee** (GRAC) (WICC Staff) (5 min)

*Patrick Lowe provided the Board with a summary of the GRAC’s meetings, ad-hoc committee meetings, work-plan and volunteer well monitoring outreach efforts.*

- b) Report on Napa County water supplies, status of drought conditions and drought preparedness planning (Phil Miller, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) (10 min)

*Phil Miller provided the Board with a report on drought conditions and status of water allocations under the State Water Project. Napa County receives water from the State Water Project via the North Bay Aqueduct and pumps located in Barker Slough. The valley has ‘carry-over water’ in storage to meet demand for the year, but conservation will be necessary to meet reduction limits set by the Governor’s drought declaration and local jurisdictions response. Currently the State Water Project allocation is 5% of the contracted allotment; and will likely change over the coming months. This is the third year of the drought. Groundwater levels in the valley are monitored semi-annually and will be monitored again this spring. Historically groundwater in the valley floor has been relatively good and stable, with the exception of the Coombsville/MST area and some foothill areas on the valley’s edge, where the geology is less conducive to water storage and soils are not as deep.*

- c) Report on **county-wide water conservation programs** (Pat Costello, City of Napa Water Division) (10 min)

*Pat Costello provided an overview of many water conservation and rebate programs that the County, Cities and Town have to offer. He also mentioned rebate programs for rainwater harvesting and rainwater gardens. Mr. Costello provided information on upcoming workshops and training sessions available to professionals and the public to help them better understand their water use and how to effectively manage the resource. Outdoor water use is the focus for most of the programs due to the drought, but indoor programs also exist; such as clothes washer and toilet rebates, and shower/faucet flow devices. The WICC website will launch a new water conservation page in response to the drought on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.*

- d) Update on **Integrated Regional Water Management Planning** (IRWMP), upcoming Prop. 84 Round 3 workshops, call for regional projects and grant funding deadlines (WICC Staff) (10 min)

*Jeff Sharp overviewed how Prop. 84 funding has been supporting many water resource programs in the County. Prop 84 Round 2 funding provides \$800,000 to St. Helena to remove York Creek dam, \$500,000 to County of Napa for Milliken Creek flood and habitat work, \$127,000 for Napa City/County water conservation programs, and additional funds for regional Bay Area fisheries monitoring and habitat enhancement projects. Round 3 funding guidelines will be out for review in July and final projects will be due in Nov. Projects in Round 3 will need to be regional in scope; so small projects will need to be coordinated and coupled in a regional/sub-regional fashion to be successful. Funding workshops are scheduled for Feb. \$18M may be possible for the North Bay.*

- e) Update on **Regional/State Water Board policy and regulatory programs**, including: Sediment TMDL and Vineyard Waiver, de-listing the Napa River for nutrient pollution, State Board workshop on groundwater to identify and prioritize statewide protection actions, and others (WICC Staff) (10 min)

*Jeff Sharp noted that a General Permit is being considered instead of a Waiver for vineyard operations in the valley. Waterboard members are planning to tour various vineyards next week. The Napa River is being proposed for de-listing of nutrient pollution, hearing scheduled on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. The State Water Resources Control Board has recently released documents to identify and prioritize groundwater protection statewide. Patrick Lowe mentioned that groundwater basins in the county are a 'medium' priority for the Department of Water Resources.*

- f) Update on **scoping of a watershed monitoring program** (WICC Staff) (5min)

*Jeff Sharp informed the Board that this work is still in process. Mr. Sharp is planning to meet with Warren Flint next week and is working on next year's WICC budget to include some funds to support the effort, along with the groundwater monitoring and reporting that was discussed as part of the GRAC report given by Patrick Lowe.*

- g) Other reports and updates (WICC Staff; Board)

*None presented.*

## 5. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Presentation on **Wildfire in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century California: New and Old Problems**; an overview of emergent wildfire issues, including changes in natural fire regimes, increasing human conflicts with modern era fire patterns, and managing for wildland health and ecosystem function in a complicated world (Dave Sapsis, CAL FIRE, Fire and Resource Assessment Program) (20 min)

*Dave Sapsis provided the Board with the presentation. Mr. Sapsis reviewed fire history across California with a focus on Napa County. He stressed the importance of fire and how fire suppression has changed the frequency and intensity of today's fire events. Mr. Sapsis also provided some examples of forest/fuel management approaches that help control fire intensity and support better functioning ecosystems. He noted that many challenges remain, including climate change, continued rural development, and State budget constraints.*

- b) Presentation on **Napa River Spawning Gravel Study**; a pilot monitoring project to assess spawning conditions for steelhead and salmon, focusing on streambed scour and gravel permeability - two indicators of conditions needed for incubating eggs and measured objectives in the Sediment TMDL (Jonathan Koehler, Senior Biologist, Napa County Resource Conservation District) (20 min)

*Jonathan Koehler provided the Board with the presentation. Mr. Koehler reviewed the study's intent and the reason for the pilot project in support of a Napa River Sediment TMDL monitoring plan. Mr. Koehler reviewed the process/technique for determining streambed scour and gravel permeability and why these measurements are important to determine a healthy environment for spawning. He presented initial results of the pilot study and the challenges that arose. At this time, the monitoring is expensive and time-consuming. Mr. Koehler hopes to work with the resource agencies involved to revise and refine the procedures so that the measurements can continue and become more meaningful indicators of watershed condition overtime.*

## 6. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Exchange of **informational announcements and events** (WICC staff, Board, and Public) (5-10 min)

- a) **2014 North Bay Watershed Association Conference** – Water Resources Management: What, Where and How; Friday, April 11, 2014

*Jeff Sharp encouraged Board members to attend the Conference.*

- b) Other announcements and events

*American Canyon Crab Feed, March 1<sup>st</sup>, supporting high school scholarship fund*

*Year in Afghanistan – Phil Blake, Sierra Club Membership Outreach, Napa Library, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Drought and Fish – Jonathan Koehler, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at Napa Book Mine*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion of possible **items for future agendas** (Board; WICC Staff) (5 min)

*None provided*

**8. NEXT MEETING** (Chair)

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: **March 27, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

**9. ADJOURNMENT** (Chair)

*Motion and approval to adjourn*

SB	DD	MD	WF	MH	MK	GK	JL	KL	ML	MP1	MP2	JR	SS	PS	RS	PW	KC
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**Voting Key**

If not unanimous, votes will be tallied (N = No; A = Abstained, X = Excused) using the following Board Member abbreviations:

SB = Susan Boswell; DD = Diane Dillon; MD = Marita Dorenbecher, WF = Warren Flint; MH = Michael Haley; MK = Mitchell Klug; GK = Gary Kraus; JL = Jason Lauritsen; KL = Kenneth Leary; ML = Mark Luce; MP1 = Marc Pandone; MP2 = Matt Pope; JR = Jeff Reichel; SS = Scott Sedgley; PS = Pamela Smithers; RS = Rita Steiner; PW = Peter White; KC = Keith Caldwell (alternate)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**March 7, 2013**

**Applicants sought for Watershed Information Center  
and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County**

(Napa, CA--) The County Executive Officer announces the existence of **one (1) Public At Large** opening on the Board of Directors of the **Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County** due to a mid term resignation. The term of office commences immediately upon appointment and expires August 2016.

The WICC Board serves as an advisory committee to Napa County Board of Supervisors. The WICC's role is to assist the Board of Supervisors in their decision-making process and serve as a conduit for citizen input by gathering, analyzing and recommending options related to the management of watershed resources. In that capacity, the WICC has a responsibility to publicly evaluate and discuss matters that they have been requested to review and comment upon by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has charged the WICC with making recommendations on matters relating to watershed restoration projects and resource protection activities, coordination of land acquisition, and development of a long-term watershed resource management program that provides public outreach and education, monitoring coordination, inventory and assessment, and data management. The WICC was created by the Board of Supervisors in May 2002. The WICC Board encourages collaboration, cooperation and consistency among those working in Napa County's watersheds by coordinating and facilitating partnerships among individuals, agencies and organizations involved in improving watershed health; supporting watershed research activities and

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### Applicants sought for Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County

providing watershed information and education. The WICC Board meets the fourth Thursday every other month at 4:00 p.m. in the Hall of Justice, 1125 Third Street, Napa, CA 94559.

The Board consists of seventeen members and one alternate member as follows: one (1) member nominated by the Napa County Land Trust from among the Land Trust's Board of Directors; one (1) director or associate director nominated by the Napa County Resource Conservation District; one (1) representative from the Natural Resource Conservation Service; two (2) members and one (1) alternate of the Napa County Board of Supervisors; one (1) member of the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Commission; one (1) council representative from each city or town in Napa County nominated by their respective city or town council; and six (6) Napa County residents from the public at large representing environmental, agricultural, development and community interests.

Anyone interested in consideration for appointment must submit a completed application form and apply directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, 94559, telephone 253-4421 no later than **5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2014**. The application form is available on the County website at [www.countyofnapa.org](http://www.countyofnapa.org). Go to the main County page and click on the Committees and Commissions link in the left-hand navigation under County Info. To submit an application directly online, click "application for appointment" and follow the application instructions.

*The Board of Supervisors and staff of Napa County are dedicated to preserving and sustaining Napa County for present and future generations as a community with generous open space, a thriving agricultural industry and a quality human and natural environment. Visit us on the Web at [www.countyofnapa.org](http://www.countyofnapa.org).*

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# Round 3 Request for Regional Concept Submittals

The Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) is soliciting projects for the region's response to a forthcoming Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Proposition 84 implementation projects. The CC anticipates release of the DWR's Round 3 PSP in Summer 2014, with full applications due in late 2014/early 2015. In order to effectively put together a regional proposal in that window, the CC is soliciting and vetting project concept proposals well in advance.

**This RFS** concerns **regional project submittals** that benefit large portions of the region by addressing the priority regional needs identified below. It will be followed by development of smaller-scale opportunities in each of the four IRWM subregions throughout the spring of 2014. All project ideas are expected to be reviewed in late spring/early summer 2014 in order to call back a final pool of project applicants (both regional and subregional) in late summer once DWR releases the next project solicitation package and determines regional allocations for the State.

The CC has determined to prioritize regional submittals that best address a suite of **regional priority needs** identified in the plan and further refined with input from each IRWM functional area. These need categories are not exclusive and projects that integrate solutions to multiple needs are welcomed. The priority needs are as follows:

- **Climate Change**, as relates to **all** topics below, but also including:
  - Enhanced Weather Management Projects
  - Shoreline Sustainability Projects
- **Reinforce/Enhance Water Supply Capacity** (Desal, Infiltration, Interties)
- **Regional Water Reliability/Long-term sustainability**
- **Health of the Bay and Creeks** (Water quality and biota)
- **Sediment Management**
- **Invasives Management**
- **Riparian and Fisheries Restoration**
- **Protection of Water Source Areas**

**[CLICK HERE FOR REQUEST FOR REGIONAL SUBMITTALS](#)**

All submissions must be received electronically by **5:00 p.m. PDT on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at [projects@bairwmp.org](mailto:projects@bairwmp.org)**. A call-back of top proposals will be forthcoming in mid-summer 2014. See attached for detailed submission requirements.

If you have any questions on the process, please contact **[projects@bairwmp.org](mailto:projects@bairwmp.org)**. We look forward to hearing your ideas for excellent regional projects to consider for the next round of IRWMP funding.

## Round 3 Request for Sub-regional Concept Submittals

The Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) is soliciting projects for the region's response to a forthcoming Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The CC anticipates release of the DWR's Round 3 PSP in Summer 2014, with grant applications due in late 2014/early 2015. In order to effectively put together a regional proposal in that window, the CC is soliciting and vetting project concept proposals well in advance.

This RFS concerns ***sub-regional project submittals***; a separate regional project request was issued in January 2014. Sub-regional projects include any local project that can meet the eligibility requirements discussed below. Additional guidance will follow on potential regional and subregional allocations, as well as scoring criteria for selecting 2<sup>nd</sup> call projects.

All project ideas are expected to be reviewed in late spring/early summer 2014 in order to call back a final pool of project applicants (both regional and sub-regional) in summer once DWR releases the next project solicitation package and determines regional allocations for the State.

All submissions must be received electronically by **5:00 p.m. PDT on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at [projects@bairwmp.org](mailto:projects@bairwmp.org)**. A call-back of top proposals will be forthcoming in mid-summer 2014.

[CLICK FOR SUBREGIONAL REQUEST FOR CONCEPT SUBMITTALS](#)

If you have any questions on the process, please contact [projects@bairwmp.org](mailto:projects@bairwmp.org). We look forward to hearing your ideas for excellent regional projects to consider for the next round of IRWMP funding.

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**To:** [Sharp, Jeff](mailto:Sharp, Jeff)  
**Cc:** [Napolitano, Michael@Waterboards](mailto:Napolitano, Michael@Waterboards); [Ponton, James@Waterboards](mailto:Ponton, James@Waterboards)  
**Subject:** RE: Update on Ag Waiver and Sediment TMDL Implementation  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 4:22:20 PM

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Hi Jeff,

Below are some general updates related to the Vineyard WDRs progress. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any follow-up questions or if members of WICC Board have any questions following your meeting next week. You are welcome to pass along my contact information and to clarify that I am the new staff member working on the Vineyard WDRs.

- The Draft Vineyard Waiver is in the process of being revised to Vineyard General Waste Discharge Requirements (Vineyard WDRs) and an EIR document will be prepared to evaluate the program's potential environmental impacts.
- Leading up to these efforts, our staff has met with both Napa and Sonoma County employees to get a better understanding of the County-level erosion control regulations and what oversight currently occurs in relation to vineyard properties.
- Through these conversations we're identifying gaps in the regulatory coverage that the Vineyard WDRs will work to cover, as a supplement to the existing County regulatory structure as they relate to the protection of water quality.
- We've also been in contact with the regional RCD's as well as representatives from the Fish Friendly Farming program to understand the extent of conservation/erosion control efforts that have already occurred across Napa and Sonoma Counties.
- We will use the data and information collected from these sources to refine and focus our potential environmental impact analysis and refine certain requirements of the permit.
- We anticipate soliciting public comment on the draft EIR and draft WDRs in the Fall 2014.
- On a parallel path, we have continued to work to grow additional capacity in both watersheds to help farmers comply with the anticipated requirements of the permit through the formation of third-party technical assistance groups.

Thank you for getting in touch!

Anya Starovoytov  
Environmental Scientist  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
(510) 622 2506 – phone

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**From:** Sharp, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Sharp@countyofnapa.org>]

# NAPA RIVER DRY BYPASS – NAPA RIVER FLOOD PROTECTION



## Dry Bypass Groundbreaking

CH2MHILL & MCMILLAN, LLC

Please join Federal, State and local officials as we celebrate the start of construction of the Dry Bypass

Saturday, April 5, 2014

2:00 pm

Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

804 First Street, Napa

Parking is limited onsite. Please park at the City of Napa's public parking lot located across from the Oxbow Market.



Please RSVP. Call the Flood Control & Water Conservation District at (707) 259-8600 or email [deborah.elliott@countyofnapa.org](mailto:deborah.elliott@countyofnapa.org)



# Napa Youth Ecology Corps: Hard Work, Great Training!

## Our Mission

The Napa Youth Ecology Corps (NYEC) will help empower our future workforce with job readiness skills in a fun, stimulating and educational environment! In conjunction with Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB), eligible Napa County youth between the ages of 18-25 will complete daily conservation work at worksites managed by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. This 8-week summer work/learning experience can help propel young people into successful careers in conservation, natural resources, park services, habitat restoration, and more. Those who complete the NYEC program have the opportunity to enroll in the California Conservation Corps for one year of continued training and employment.



## Work Schedule/Salary

NYEC corps members work and learn 5 days per week (Mon-Fri). They are paid \$9 an hour for their hard work four days a week (Tues-Fri). Monday of each week is Education Day, which is unpaid but mandatory. Transportation to project worksites is provided by CCNB from the California Conservation Corps Napa Center. Education Day includes instruction on current environmental issues, job readiness, career exploration and planning, and basic education skills.

## How to Apply

**Step #1:** Attend an NYEC INFORMATION SESSION to learn more about the program and its eligibility requirements. (The program is designed for at-risk and low income youth between 18-25 years old.)

**April 10 and April 17, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, 650 Imperial Way, Napa**

**Step #2:** We determine if you are ELIGIBLE for the program.

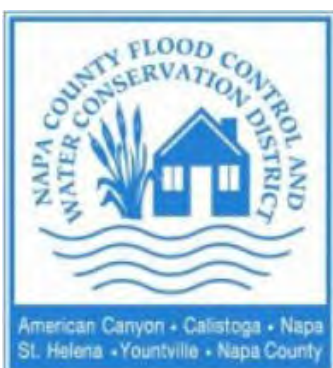
**Step #3:** Attend a free JOB PREPARATION WORKSHOP - designed to help you compete for a corps member job (and any other job you apply for).

**Step #4:** Interview with CCNB for a corps member job on RECRUITMENT DAY.

*One NYEC crew begins work on/about May 19, 2014; A second crew begins work on/about July 21, 2014. Both crews work and train for 8 weeks.*

If the NYEC program interests you, contact Monica Cole at:

Monica.Cole@countyofnapa.org or (707) 253-4967



# Build Your Own Rain Barrel

**March 29, 2014**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Vintage High School Cafeteria**  
**1375 Trower Road, Napa**

**Convert a 50 gallon food-grade plastic drum into a rain barrel to take home**

***Barrel, hardware, and tools provided***

**Cost: \$20, payable via check or cash at workshop**  
**One barrel per household**

**Space is limited – RSVP required**

**RSVP: [deborah.elliott@countyofnapa.org](mailto:deborah.elliott@countyofnapa.org) or 707-259-5969**



*Hosted by:*

Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
Ecology Center - Greywater Action



Funding for this workshop comes from the State of California water bond measure, Proposition 84, administered by the California Department of Water Resources

Please Join Us  
for the  
North Bay Watershed Association  
**2014** Conference

# Water Resources Management: What, Where and How

## Conference Objective

The conference will bring together key participants from around the North Bay to focus on how we can work together to manage our water resources.

## Who Will Attend?

Public officials and leaders in environmental organizations, science and business

## Keynote Speakers

**Mark Cowin**, Director, CA Department of Water Resources  
**Jared Huffman**, U.S. Congressman, California 2nd District  
**Felicia Marcus**, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board

## How to Register

Early Bird rate: \$85 per person through January 31, 2014  
\$95 as of February 1, 2014

Register online now: [bitly.com/2014nbwa](http://bitly.com/2014nbwa)

**Sponsor Opportunities** are available!

## Contact

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**Friday, April 11, 2014**

## StoneTree Golf Club

9 StoneTree Lane  
Novato, CA 94945

**8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

8:00AM Registration  
9:00AM Opening Presentation  
12:20PM Lunch  
3:30PM Wine Tasting



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[nbwatershed.org](http://nbwatershed.org)

# EarthDay

*Building Awareness & Inspiring Change*

**Saturday, April 19, 2014  
11:00 to 4:00**

**Downtown Napa**

Presented by:

The Environmental Education Coalition of Napa County



### Event Highlights

Free games for all ages will be conducted throughout the day.  
Enjoy live entertainment for the whole family.  
Lunch, snacks, beer and wine will be sold by local providers.  
Green Services & Products.

Please bring a refillable water bottle. You can refill at our water station.  
(Water in plastic bottles will not be available.)

There will be valet bike parking on Main St. near 1st St.



In order for us to offer food,  
the City requires that dogs  
not be allowed at this event.

If your organization is interested in participating in the 2014 Earth Day  
event, please contact event coordinator, Bonnie Buss at  
[bonniebussevents@aol.com](mailto:bonniebussevents@aol.com)

Click [▶ here](#) for participant booth registration form.

Click [here](#) for a list of Earth Day Participants, Food & Beer vendors

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# Bay-Friendly Garden Tour

Sunday, April 27  
10 am – 4 pm  
\$ 5 per Adult / Free for Kids



*Showcasing Natural Gardening Techniques*

Napa's fourth Bay-Friendly Garden Tour features 12 gardens in the Napa Valley that provide inspiration for all kinds of home landscapes. Highlights:

- Drought-tolerant gardens with habitat, heritage oaks, and spectacular views
- Chickens, honeybees, composting, orchards, and vegetable beds
- Lawn-free outdoor entertaining spaces
- Gardens with rain barrels and features that absorb runoff from the hardscape



Purchase tour guide brochure at [www.BayFriendlyGardenTour.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.BayFriendlyGardenTour.brownpapertickets.com)

*Tour guide brochures may be purchased in-person at Napa Co RCD, 1303 Jefferson St, Suite 500B, Napa thru April 25  
and at Yountville Community Center on April 27*



## Explore Napa County's Watersheds!

[www.napawatersheds.org](http://www.napawatersheds.org)

Your **WICC WebCenter** has a new look!  
Visit today and learn about the latest events and news related to living in Napa County's watersheds

### Did You Know?

- A **watershed** is an area of land that captures water, rain, snow, or dew, and drains it to a particular stream, river, or lake.
- Napa County has **three major watersheds**: Napa River, Putah Creek, and Suisun Creek.  
*Which watershed do you live in?*
- **What we do** on the land affects the watershed.  
*How can you care for your watershed?*
- Citizens, local organizations, and agencies in Napa County are **working together** to maintain and improve the health of our watersheds.  
*How can you get involved?*

Find answers and learn more at  
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Watershed Information Center  
& Conservancy

