

Symposium Agenda

8:30 – 9:30 Poster session / registration

9:30 – 9:55 Welcome and Introductions

- ❖ Don Freitas, Master of Ceremonies and Program Manager, Contra Costa Clean Water Program
- ❖ Gwen Regalia, Mayor, City of Walnut Creek
- ❖ Supervisor Federal Glover, Vice-Chair, Contra County Board of Supervisors

I. Where Are We Now and How Did We Get Here? Understanding the Physical, Political, and Regulatory History of Our Watersheds:

9:55 – 10:15 The Fundamentals: Contra Costa County HydroGeoPaleoPolitical-Morphology
Mitch Avalon (Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District)

10:15 – 10:30 How New Stormwater Regulations May Shape the Future
Larry Kolb (SF Regional Water Quality Control Board)

10:30 – 10:40 Presentation: The 2003 Contra Costa County Watershed Atlas
John Kopchik (Contra Costa County Community Development Department)

10:40 – 10:50 Presentation: Unknown No Longer: Signs for Contra Costa Creeks Are on the Way
Carol Arnold (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District)
Junko Bryant (Urban Creeks Council of California and East Bay Watershed Center)
Leslie Engler (Mountain View Sanitary District)
Nancy Stein (Contra Costa County Clean Water Program)

10:50 – 11:00 Break

II. The Creek and Watershed Community:

11:00 – 11:45 Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Creek and Watershed Protection Efforts in Contra Costa County

Moderator:

Supervisor John Gioia (Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, District I)

Panelists:

Ann Riley (SF Regional Water Quality Control Board)

Herman Welm (land use consultant)

Seth Adams (Save Mount Diablo)

Tom Bloomfield (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District)

Tom Butt (Richmond City Council)

11:45 – 12:30 Contra Costa County's Watersheds Through the Eyes of Active Organizations: A Watersheds Tour in 20, Ninety-Second Acts

Introduction: Kae Ono and John Kopchik (Contra Costa County Community Development Department)

Carla Koop (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District)

Jim Hale (Friends of the Creeks)

Igor Skaredoff (Friends of Alhambra Creek)

Jeff Gilman (Lafayette Creek Committee)

Susan Schwartz(Friends of Five Creeks)
Joe Mariotti (Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed)
Elizabeth O'Shea (San Pablo Watershed Neighbors Education and Restoration Society)
Apple Szostak (Friends of Baxter Creek)
Carol Arnold (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District)
Beth Pardieck(Muir Heritage Land Trust)
Josh Bradt (Contra Costa Clean Water Program)
Tonya Refield (Contra Costa County Watershed Program)
Greg Connaughton (Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District)
Marianne Hook (Contra Costa Water District)
Sharon Farrell (Aquatic Outreach Institute)
Mandi Billinge (KIDS for the BAY)
Steve Cochran (Watershed Assessment Resource Center – Friends of the SF Estuary)
Steve Fiala (East Bay Regional Park District)
Robin Freeman (East Bay Watershed Center -- Merritt College)
Ron Brown (Save Mount Diablo)
Elizabeth Hill (East Bay Municipal Utility District)
Mike Vukman(Urban Creeks Council of California)

12:30 – 1:15

Lunch – Provided; charge is \$5.00

Vegan, Vegetarian and Meat choices available

III. Inspirational and Provocative Ideas and Deeds

1:15 – 1:45 Watershed Management: A Global Perspective

Dr. Michael Lee (Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, California State University, Hayward)

1:45 – 2:35 Panel Presentations: Contra Costa Case Studies and Proposals

Moderator:

Beth Huning (San Francisco Bay Joint Venture)

Panelists:

Igor Skaredoff (Friends of Alhambra Creek) -- Working in the Alhambra Creek Watershed

John Cain (Natural Heritage Institute) -- Big Plans for Big Break

Steve Barbata (Delta Science Center at Big Creek) -- Big Plans for Big Break

BC Capps (Bay Area Open Space Council) -- Need For a Creek Land Trust

2:35 – 3:20 The Adobe Creek Restoration Project in Petaluma, California

Tom Furrer (Casa Grande High School and United Anglers of Casa Grande) Mr. Furrer is joined by the following students and key members of the United Anglers of Casa Grande:

Kyle Kidder-President

Carli Conover-Vice-President

Lizzy Timbers -Secretary

Chris Bonilla-Member

Pam Hubacker-Parent

Dan Hubacker-Alumni

3:20 - 3:30 Concluding Remarks

Don Freitas (Contra Costa Clean Water Program)