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::: *4<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium*  
::: **Changing Landscapes, Evolving Perspectives**  
::: November 17, 2011 - Antioch Community Center

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August 25, 2011

**Subject: Invitation to Sponsor or Co-sponsor the Fourth Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium**

A group of local government, regulatory agencies, and non-governmental organizations is in the process of planning a one-day symposium to be held November 17, 2011 at the Antioch Community Center on the subject of planning and managing creeks and watersheds in Contra Costa County. The preliminary title for the event is ***Changing Landscapes, Evolving Perspectives***. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the forthcoming symposium and to invite your participation in and/or financial support for hosting what we hope will be a constructive and valuable event.

More than 300 people attended each of the first three symposia in 1999, 2003 and 2007. The 1999 event was the catalyst for the formation of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum (CCWF), a partnership organization of government agencies and non-profit organizations working to identify common ground on multi-objective enhancements to the health of creeks and watersheds in the county. The 2003 event was coordinated by the CCWF and was the venue for release of the Contra Costa County Watershed Atlas. In 2001 and 2005, the CCWF hosted a series of smaller evening symposia in different areas of the county to provide an opportunity for local residents who may not be able to come to an all day conference to learn about watersheds in the county. The 2007 symposium focused on the past, present and future of creeks and watersheds in the county, and included a panel discussion on the Delta.

To continue the tradition of public involvement in creek and watershed issues, the 2011 symposium is intended to accomplish the following:

- a) Improve outreach on creek and watershed issues and seek to involve individuals and groups that have not been involved before;
- b) Identify what the Forum and others (i.e. individual Forum participants) accomplished in the past four years and lessons learned;
- c) Recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to watersheds in the County;
- d) Identify functions and responsibilities of creek-related organizations (Flood Control, Contra Costa Clean Water Program, watershed organizations, environmental education organizations, etc.)

Potential speakers and topics for the symposium include:

- the release of a historical ecology report on Contra Costa County and a presentation on the report
- speakers on the history of the Delta as it relates to current issues
- a speaker on innovative bioengineering methods and developing regional partnerships in the South Yuba River (part of the San Francisco Bay watershed)
- engaging young people in creek and watershed activities
- a presentation on incorporating urban creeks into city planning
- 60-second presentations from groups actively restoring creeks in the County, awards program and new techniques for audience feedback

Your involvement in helping to conduct this event and achieve these objectives would be most welcome. Please consider joining this effort as a recognized Sponsor or Co-Sponsor. By participating in the following ways, you can help ensure that the event enjoys broad participation and that the event is free to attend (though there would be a charge for the provided lunch).

Symposium Sponsors provide one or more of the following:

- a) contribute \$1000 or more to the symposium and/or related activities; or
- b) make an in-kind contribution of equivalent value by playing a substantial role in, and contributing significant time to, planning and hosting the creek and watershed symposium.

Symposium Co-Sponsors provide one or more of the following:

- a) contribute \$100 or more to the symposium and/or related activities; or
- b) make an in-kind contribution of equivalent value by assisting with planning or hosting the creek and watershed symposium.

Assistance with the planning and hosting of the symposium could include:

- participation in planning committee meetings
- managing an aspect of the planning process (poster session, materials, 60-second agenda item, food)
- help with set-up and clean-up on the day of the event
- help staffing registration on the day of the event

All Sponsors and Co-sponsors will be recognized from the podium and in the program on the day of the event. Additionally, Sponsors and Co-Sponsors identified by September 28, 2011 will be listed in the formal announcement and invitation to the Symposium. If you would like to register your interest in sponsoring or co-sponsoring this event, wish to provide comments on the information in this letter, or wish to discuss the options for "in-kind" sponsorship or co-sponsorship, please contact Emma Maack at [emma@urbancreeks.org](mailto:emma@urbancreeks.org) or Abby Fateman at [abigail.fateman@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:abigail.fateman@dcd.cccounty.us). Checks can be mailed to: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, c/o Creek and Watershed Symposium, 651 Pine Street, North Wing, Fourth Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. Please make your check payable to Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, and include "Abigail Fateman, Creek and Watershed Symposium" on the check.

We hope this information on the upcoming Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium is helpful and that you will consider becoming involved. Please join in making this event a positive step towards improving our creeks and watersheds.

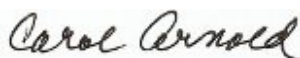
Sincerely,



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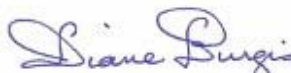
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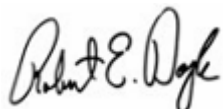
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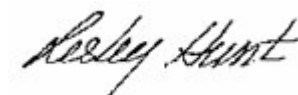
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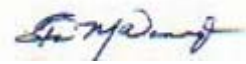
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