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Shasta Environmental Alliance Newsletter November 2020

North State Giving Tuesday December 1

Now that SEA has been in existence for two years, we qualified for participation in North State Giving Tuesday on December 1st this year from 6 am to 8 pm -- 14 hours for the community to come together to raise as much as possible for participating organizations. This online event provides nonprofits the opportunity to gain exposure and start relationships with new donors. Since SEA is relatively new, this is a terrific opportunity for us to connect with and be introduced to many more people in the region.

Giving Tuesday is an international movement that began in 2012 to promote charitable giving during the Thanksgiving holiday season and has raised billions of dollars. Sponsored in our region by the Community Foundation of the North State, their northstategives.org website presents information on 183 regional nonprofits and has raised nearly \$4 million since inception. Throughout the day, organizations also qualify for random bonus drawings, prizes for various levels of donations and donors themselves may be chosen to have additional funds directed to the organization of their choice.

We hope you will lend your support to SEA on this day. And while you visit the North State Gives site, check out some of our supporting organizations who are also registered there.

Go to www.northstategives.org/SEA to donate.

Thank you!



The Condor and the Eagle Thursday November 19, 2020 4:30 – 7pm

North State Climate Action is thrilled to offer a very special virtual film screening and panel discussion of this award winning film:

“The Condor and The Eagle” ~ This inspiring film offers hope in these uncertain times and reminds us of our deep interconnectedness with the earth and one another.

The 70 min film will start at 4:30pm Pacific time. Immediately following the film there will be a special panel discussion (~ 6pm) featuring the film protagonists Casey Camp-Horinek and Patricia Gualinga as well as Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. who will be the panel moderator for the discussion, and Francisco Morales who is an Indigenous member of the Aymara community in Argentina and United Religions Initiative trustee. NSCA will have Jonathon Freeman, Director of Native Roots Network, a local indigenous organization, joining the discussion.

Cost: Sliding scale donation \$1 & up.

To Register: go to

<https://www.nslimateaction.org/film-screening-the-condor-and-the-eagle>

North State Climate Action is a SEA supporting organization

Drone Operator Wanted

We have a request from a hardworking environmentalist for a drone operator who could fly a drone over a forested area doing a short aerial survey. If you have a drone and could donate your time, please email David Ledger at dledger@sbcglobal.net.

Sulphur Creek Cleanup: A Success



Shasta Environmental Alliance cleaned up several hundred yards of Sulphur Creek of plastic bottles, bags, cans, old camping supplies, metal, two old tires and assorted debris. This was all the area of the creek where the rare plant, Sulphur Creek Brodiaea grows on McConnell Foundation Property. We did not cleanup a homeless camp on another branch of the creek where the rare plant does not grow. That will be a future project for the City. Penny Harris also repurposed the two tires for a garden project she is working on.

We only had five people show up, but that was enough for us to finish the planned section in about two hours. Those participating were Bob Madison, Chris Harvey, Penny Harris, Melissa Harbert and David Ledger. Everyone kept on their face masks unless working at a distance.

A special thanks to Joey Forseth of Redding Parks and Recreation for loaning us buckets, trash grabbers and trash bags. Sports LTD donated a number of prizes and gift certificates as did Sprouts Farmers Market in Redding. We will be giving these out to participants and those helping in future cleanups.

Creek cleanup on your own schedule:

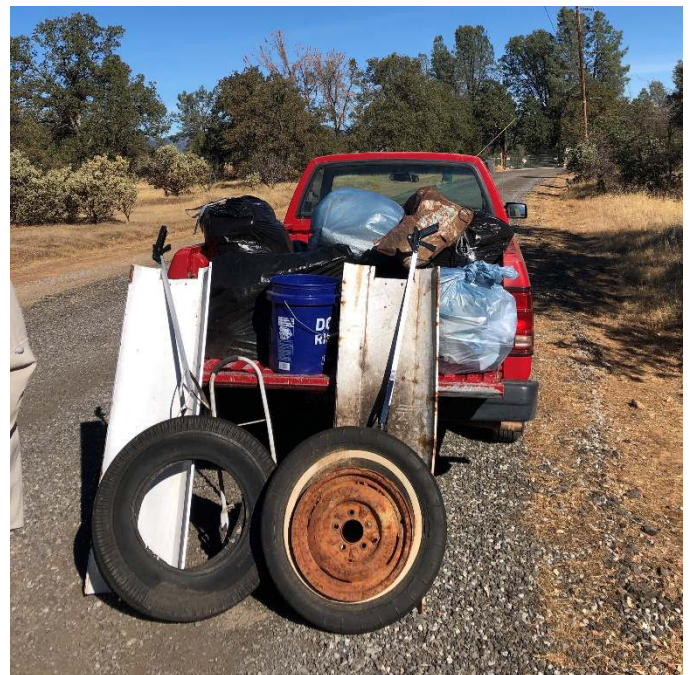
Do you want to cleanup a section of Sulphur Creek or you own favorite creek or trail? We can arrange that too and assign you to another area where you can work on your own schedule. Just contact us and we will see if we can get some supplies to you, or you can use your own. This is the type of cleanup various environmental groups are conducting throughout California, allowing people to be clean up our environment while being COVID safe.

We will have a sheet for you to keep a count of what types, amounts, and weights of trash you have collected and we can compare over the years. Gift certificates from **Sports LTD** and **Sprouts Farmers Market** will be given for: 1. the best photo; 2. the most trash collected; 3. the most unusual item; and 4. the largest item. Everything eventually ends up in the ocean, so this is a part of the Coastal Cleanup. Please participate and do your part!

Email dledger@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Sulphur Creek Cleanup crew with masks, Melissa Harbert, Bob Madison, David Ledger, Penny Harris. Photo by Chris Harvey.



Trash from Sulphur Creek Cleanup

City of Redding Street Tree List Approved SEA Tree Committee provided input

Using substantial input from SEA's Tree Committee the City of Redding has updated its Street Tree List. The Tree Committee met a number of times before coming up with a list of trees we recommended to be added to the tree list and a few recommended for removal. Most, but not all of our recommendations were accepted. The committee consisted of Rico Montenegro, Lemoine Waite, John Alderson, Kirkwood Hale, Michael Lander, Doug Mandel, Susan Gallagher, Aleta Carpenter and David Ledger.

In the future we hope to come up with a recommended list of trees for new subdivisions. Too many new homes are ending up with the required shade trees being crepe myrtles, redwoods and/or palm trees. We plan on a list of 20 to 30 trees that can adapt to Redding's climate.

North State Climate Plea presented to Redding City Council

The North State Climate Plea on climate change was presented to the Redding City Council on October 17 by Dan Greaney of North State Climate Action (NSCA). About 800 signatures have been collected by NSCA and SEA and about 40 people on the SEA and NSCA email lists sent in letters of support of our petition. Forty emails is a lot for the City Council to receive on an issue and most people who sent one received an email from Erin Resner and Julie Winter.

Climate Change was a question on SEA's Redding City Council Candidate's Questionnaire and Winter stated she accepted the science of climate change and the need to increase Redding's tree canopy. In conjunction with Greaney presenting the petition to the City Council, SEA President David Ledger gave a short presentation on the heat island effect and the need for Redding to increase its tree canopy to counteract the heat island effect.

Sometimes it is hard to think of what to say to express yourselves in a short email to the City Council, but all were well written, whether 25 words or several pages. Keep this in mind as SEA should be presenting our petition for a new Tree Ordinance petition to the Redding City Council in January and we hope to have even more emails in support of saving Redding's trees.

Once again, thank you for your support and the time you took to send in your emails!

Groups Doing Riparian Cleanup

Shasta County Citizens Advocating Respect (SCCAR) has been cleaning up the north Sacramento River Trail for a few years. Pictured below are those collecting from the Elks Club to Harlan Drive in early November. They collected assorted trash and some construction material along the trail.

Penny Harris who organizes the cleanup also reported she worked with the **Shasta County Green Party** and cleaned up about 25 pounds of trash just in the South Sacramento River Trail parking lot. The Green Party has been cleaning up the south Sacramento River Trail for many years. Yeah Green Party!



SCCAR Cleanup Crew on the River Trail

Got Buckeyes?

Randy Smith, our local invasive plant eradication superman and restoration specialist is looking people to help him collect the large buckeye seeds you see hanging from trees in the fall to help in planting areas burned during the Carr Fire. If you can collect a dozen or 100, you would be helping in his restoration of our local woodlands. He can be reached at randall_smith@charter.net Also, thanks to Randy for submitting comments to the Redding City Council supporting the North State Climate Plea on climate change.