

# Shasta Environmental Alliance Newsletter October 16, 2019

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## SEA First Annual Environmental Champion Awards

Friday, November 22, 6:30 pm

First United Methodist Church - Social Hall

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This awards event also will be a social mixer with refreshments. We hope you will join us, mill around and socialize, then sit down for a ceremony when we'll recognize the work of local environmentalists. The First United Methodist Church is located at 1825 East Street and the Social Hall is on the ground floor, with the entrance on South Street. Children, students and low income persons are free, a suggested \$10 donation for others is requested to defer expenses.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you can help on November 22 for setup and closing, about 45 minutes to an hour, contact David Ledger at [dledger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dledger@sbcglobal.net).

**New SEA Tree Committee:** Shasta Environmental Alliance has formed a new Tree Committee of experts in the field of horticulture, landscaping and native plants. This will help SEA to send comments and advice to the various cities of Shasta County: Redding, Anderson and Shasta Lake as well as Shasta County on various issues that affect our important urban forests, natural woodlands and forests primarily related to trees. SEA is very fortunate that these individuals have volunteered to help. Combined, they have well over 100 years of experience. We hope to be working cooperatively with the various governmental agencies. The Tree Committee and their expertise will be on our website in a few days. Members include: Rico Montenegro, Leimone Waite, Kirkwood Hale, Doug Mandel, John Alderson and Don Owen.

**SEA Website Upgrade:** We have upgraded our website recently and it has more content on it. Mauro Oliviera has changed the design and Gary Lauben has helped out as well. If you go to EcoNetwork you can see your organization logo, a short description and a link to your website and Facebook page. [www.ecoshasta.org](http://www.ecoshasta.org).

## **Redding Recycling Center Field Trip and Tour**

**Shasta Environmental Alliance**

**Wednesday October 16, 10 am**

Shasta Environmental Alliance will be taking a tour of the City of Redding Recycling Center to learn firsthand issues now faced by recyclers nationwide with China no longer accepting contaminated recycled products from the United States. We will watch the recycling plant while the sorting process is going on and all of the contaminated products people put in their recycling bins. A city employee will explain the process and how Redding is still able to sell its recycled products. This will be about a 90 minute tour and talk. Following the tour, we will have lunch at a local restaurant after the tour for those wishing to attend. Meet at the City of Redding Solid Waste Division at 2255 Abernathy Road, Redding off of Old Oregon Trail. If going, please contact David Ledger so we can give a count to the city. For more information, email or phone David Ledger at [dledger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dledger@sbcglobal.net) or 530-355-8542. *See article at end of newsletter.*

## **Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Management Agency Meeting**

**First United Methodist Church**

**Wednesday, October 16 5:30 to 7:30.**

Learn about the new Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Management Agency and provide your input. The EAGSA consulting team will share information on the planning process and current information on the status of groundwater in the Redding Area. After these presentations, participants will be asked to give their input on their interests and concerns with regards to the planning process and issues. The EAGSA will consider the public's input when developing its groundwater plan. Representatives from the EAGSA will be available to speak at the public meeting. from 5:30-7:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church of Redding at 1825 East St, Redding, CA 96001.

## **California Native Plant Society Meeting**

**Downtown Shasta College Health Science Campus**

**Thursday, October 17, 7pm**

Join the Shasta Chapter of CNPS where. **Len Lindstrand III**, terrestrial and aquatic biologist and botany program manager at Sierra Pacific Industries will present a talk entitled, *Establishing and Digitizing "Small" Herbaria*. This will be at Shasta College Health Science & University Programs building in downtown Redding, 1400 Market Street, Community Room 8220 (clock tower building at the north end of the Market Street Promenade; enter on south side of building). Doors open at 6:45 pm for pre-meeting botany, books, and plant ID!

## **Sierra Club Fall Colors Field Trip along Battle Creek**

**Friday October 18, 2019, 9 am**

4 mile round walk round trip to greet endangered fall run salmon and learn facts about efforts by PG&E to restore creek for salmon. No wheelchair facilities; no dogs permitted, portable toilet @ Hatchery only. Meet @ 9:00 a.m. @ U.S.Fish&Wildlife Service Coleman National Fish Hatchery, 2441 Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd., Anderson Ca 96007  
Contact leader @ [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com), Land (530) 474.4300 (no text) to reserve a spot on outing. Rain or fire alternate date: Sat. Nov. 9, 2019

**Friends of Mary Lake Cleanup and Tree Planting**  
**Saturday, October 19 9 am to 1pm**

Friends of Mary Lake will be leading cleanup and tree planting day at Mary Lake on Lakeside Dr. Most tools will be provided, but if you have loppers or handsaws, those are welcome. Come dressed for work and bring rubber boots if you have them as some work is near the water. For more information, call 220-2203.

**Return of the Salmon Festival**  
**Coleman Fish Hatchery**  
**Saturday, October 19, 9 am to 4 pm**

Annual Return of the Salmon Festival at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery on Battle Creek. Observe the migrating salmon and watch the fish hatchery in action as workers collect and fertilize salmon eggs. All aspects of the hatchery are on display. Many organizations will have booths setup around the hatchery. For more information, go to [www.fws.gov/coleman](http://www.fws.gov/coleman).

**CNPS Fall Native Plant Sale**  
**Shasta College Farm**  
**Saturday, October 19, 9 am**

37th Annual Fall Native Plant Sale for the Shasta Chapter of California Native Plant Society. This sale, open to the general public, will be from 9 am to 3 pm at the Shasta College farm and greenhouses, located at the northeast end of the Shasta College campus, near the livestock barns. Gates open at 9 am. Please contact us at [ShastaCNPSPropagation@gmail.com](mailto:ShastaCNPSPropagation@gmail.com) or call or text Margaret Widdowson (916/752- 0941) or Susan Libonati-Barnes (530/515-9247) for more information or to volunteer on the day of the sale. Proceeds from this annual plant sale helps provide scholarships for local area students.

**Water Coalition Stakeholders Forum**  
**Mount Shasta City Park Meeting Hall**  
**Sunday, October 20, 3 to 6pm.**

The Water Protector Tour invites you to a water forum to discuss some of the issues that you and your community face regarding water issues, corporate threats, and more.

This Water Protector Tour is comprised of individuals, organizations, indigenous communities, non-governmental and governmental organizations dedicated to:

1. Preserving the safety and security of water
2. Educating communities about water related issues, including environmental toxins, mismanagement and privatization
3. Advocating solutions and alternatives like pollinator gardens, etc.
4. Regenerating the local environment and water table through practices like bio remediation, and water filtration

Please R.S.V.P. and let us know if you can participate. [Waterprotectortour.org](http://Waterprotectortour.org). 530-362-8264.

**Enterprise Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency Meeting**  
**Anderson City Council Chambers, 1887 Howard Street**  
**Thursday, Oct. 24, 2pm**

The primary purpose of the Special Meeting is to discuss and potentially authorize a grant application to secure additional funding for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and an additional monitoring well. For more information, the Agenda is available online for this public meeting at: <https://www.cityofredding.org/departments/public-works/eagsa>

**California Energy Commission (CEC) Workshop  
Redding City Council Chambers  
Friday, October 25 10 am to 1 pm**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will jointly conduct a workshop with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to solicit input from stakeholders to inform the scope of the joint agency report required by Senate Bill (SB) 100, the “100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018”

CPUC President Marybel Batjer, CPUC Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, and CEC Commissioner J. Andrew McAllister will conduct this workshop with representatives from the CEC, CPUC and CARB. A quorum of commissioners may be in attendance, but no votes will be taken. The public is invited. For more information: Stay up to date on the Joint-Agency Report – SB 100 progress by subscribing to the “100 Clean Energy” list serve. For more information go to <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/joint-agency-report-sb-100> or contact the Public Advisor’s Office for further questions at 916-654-4489 or [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov) .

**CNPS East Weaver Creek Field Trip  
Shasta Trinity National Forest, Weaverville  
Saturday, October 26**

Join the Shasta Chapter of California Native Plant Society on East Weaver Creek, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Weaverville. We will enjoy fall colors on this 4-mile roundtrip walk along East Weaver Creek. Dogwood, big-leaf maple, and California hazelnut will provide some of the color. We should also see various fruits of the season in this Douglas-fir–ponderosa pine– incense-cedar forest. Dogs welcome on this walk! Bring water and a snack; we’ll finish before lunch. Meet at Redding’s Placer Street Holiday Market parking lot near CVS at 8 am for carpooling, or at Holiday Market in Weaverville at 9 am. Call John Springer at 530/917-0567 for more information

**SEARCH FOR THE SPAWNING SALMON  
Gold Dredge Trailhead on Clear Creek Road  
Saturday, October 26, 10 am**

The salmon run is good this year! Join Department of Fish & Wildlife biologist Matt Johnson for a walk along Clear Creek to observe spawning salmon – up close! Get up-to-date information about restoration projects on Clear Creek designed to help the salmon and the status of salmon runs in Clear Creek. Don’t miss this chance for a personal guided tour. This moderate walk should have it all – exercise, natural beauty, salmon, and intriguing information. Bring polarized sunglasses for better visibility into the water and wear walking shoes. Meet at the Gold Dredge Trailhead on Clear Creek Road about 2 miles west of highway 273, just west of Sunrise Excavating. Presented by Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve.

## **Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve: ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP**

**Saturday, October 27, 9 am**

Horsetown Clear Creek preserve annual Adopt a Highway Cleanup. Volunteers will clean up a stretch of Clear Creek Road around the Preserve for 2 – 3 hours. We provide vests for visibility, tools to pick up small items and garbage bags. Please bring gloves. Lunch/snacks on us afterwards location to be determined.

## **Sierra Club Clear Creek Salmon Walk.**

**Saturday, November 2**

Join fellow day hikers for a hike in the Clear Creek Canyon southwest of Redding. This trail walk will explore the history of Clear Creek and its restoration as a major salmon spawning stream. Duration 2-3 hours. Meet at Clear Creek Gorge trailhead parking area approximately 5.2 miles west of Highway 273 at 10:00 am. Bring lunch, water, sun hat and appropriate clothes. Contact Leader John at 530.356.8847 or [livingstonjohn@att.net](mailto:livingstonjohn@att.net) for questions.

## **ACORNS: A NATIVE AMERICAN STAPLE**

**Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve**

**Sunday, November 3, 1 p.m.**

Native Wintu herbalist Ted Dawson will discuss the acorn, from harvest to food items. You'll be invited to join in grinding acorns with mortar and pestle and be rewarded with the best acorn dishes in Shasta County. You're probably aware that acorns were a staple food of the Native Americans of California, but there's more. Bring the family. Meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, about 7 miles west of highway 273, west of the Clear Creek Bridge.

## **Sierra Club Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike.**

**Twin Bridges PCT Crossing to Highway 299**

**November 9, Saturday**

We will walk on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) north from Road 32N12, Twin Bridges Road, north to Highway 44 just east of Old Station, a distance of about 7 miles. There is several hundred feet of elevation gain and loss. Bring a lunch, water and clothing appropriate for the weather. No animals please. Meet at the west side of Outback Steakhouse on the Mount Shasta Mall at 8 am. We will then caravan up Highway 44 to Twin Bridges Road which is 8 miles past the entrance to Lassen Park on Highway 44. Please wait at the turnoff before going down the road about 1 mile to the PCT trail junction. Contact Outings Leader John 530.356.8847 or [Livingstonjohn@att.net](mailto:Livingstonjohn@att.net) to ask questions.

## **Citizens Climate Lobby**

**Shasta Public Library, Foundation Room**

**Saturday November 9, 2:30 to 4**

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. Our consistently respectful, nonpartisan approach to climate education is designed to create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political perspectives. Please visit [citizensclimatelobby.org](http://citizensclimatelobby.org) for more information. Local contact is Tamra Plaga 530 229-3660 or 530 338-8981. Email is [tplaga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tplaga@sbcglobal.net).

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### **Sierra Club Shingletown Stroll in Shasta County Foothills**

**Joint outing with Bear Creek Watershed Group.**

**Sat. Nov. 23, 2019**

4 mile out & back walk in crisp autumn air the week before Thanksgiving. Well behaved dogs welcome. Mostly on dirt 2-track through a mixed oak woodland in Bear Creek Watershed with towering cedar snag burned more than 100 years ago yet stills standing, fir, ponderosa and sugar pine, colorful mushrooms (if rain). Not good fit if balance an issue as part of walk will be over uneven, branch-littered soil. Fire behavior, climate change, hydrology, geology, local history discussed. Ancestral home of Central Yana. Recommended: trekking poles, snacks, food, dress in layers. Rain or fire alternate date Sat. Nov. 30. Meet @ 10 a.m. at Black Butte Elementary School, 7752 Ponderosa Way. Limit 10: Please contact leader [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com). or phone call at 530.474.4300 (no text)

### **Sierra Club Iron Canyon Walk**

**Sacramento River Bend National Recreation Area**

**Sunday. Dec. 29, 2019**

1700 acres of riverfront public land; 3.6 mile round trip loop walk over rocky uneven trail, no shade, to glorious river overlook down on to the Sacramento River where it bends; 8 miles from Red Bluff, California Artists /photographers, well behaved dogs, horses ok. Special emphasis on one hour stop at the overlook for painting, picture taking and relaxing. Bring cameras, paints, water/lunch. Limit 10, leader [martiweidert@gmail.com](mailto:martiweidert@gmail.com)., or phone 530.474.4300 (no text) for place on outing. Inclement weather date: Sat. Jan. 25, 2020.

## **Recycling Basics: Don't be a "Wish-cycler"**

By Christina Piles

Go to the SEA website: [ecoshasta.org](http://ecoshasta.org) to read this great article and see a picture of recyclable and non-recyclable items. A report on our great field trip to the Redding Solid Waste Field Trip next newsletter. This article is also on [Anewscafe.com](http://Anewscafe.com).