



We are a group of public and private landowners who are taking a community-based approach to managing our natural resources effectively.



**Drought, Fire, Flood:
Managing Our Land in Uncertain Times**

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Valley Fire as seen from Creighton Ridge

Join us for an informational workshop to learn about the impact of drought and heavy rains on the forest landscape.

Topics include:

- What we we can learn from the Valley Fire
- Where have we been and where do we go from here
- The impact of drought and heavy rains on the forest landscape
- Extreme weather and its effect on forest insect and disease conditions
- The power of mob grazing
- Optional Brown Bag Field Trip: Learning from past projects to improve future success

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CRCF Welcomes New Board Members

The Coast Ridge Community Forest is pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Directors. Joining the board are Christopher Fohner, Wanda Swenson, and Charles Williams. [Read More](#)



Charles Williams



Wanda Swenson



Christopher Fohner

Workshop

Valley Fire

The Valley Fire destroyed almost 2000 structures as it burned across 76,000 acres in Southern Lake County. Marshall Turberville, Cal Fire Battalion Chief, will speak to the circumstances surrounding the fire including the extreme fire behavior experienced, operational considerations, and

What

Community Workshop

Drought, Fire, Flood:

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When

Sat., June 4, 2016

Indoor Classroom

10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Optional Brown Bag Field Trip,

1 - 3 p.m.

Where

Padmasambhava Peace

Institute (PPI)

23125 Fort Ross Rd.

Cazadero

Field Trip: Gualala Ranch

Presenters

Fred Euphrat, PhD, RPF

Professor of Forestry

Santa Rosa Junior College

Steven Swain

Environmental Horticulture

Advisor, UC Cooperative

Extension

Marshall Turberville

Battalion Chief, Cal Fire

Charles Williams

Manager, Golden Rabbit

Ranch, Board Chair, Coast

Ridge Community Forest

Talk of the Forest

News and Events

Redwood Science Symposium

September 12-16, 2016

Sequoia Conference Center

Eureka

CRCF will present a talk on the connections between the Creighton Ridge Fire and the community forest. More information to follow.

CRCF Website Coming Soon!

The CRCF website will launch in June. Thank you to

[WIMPgives](#) for designing and constructing the website for

residential evacuation. He will also discuss the lessons learned from the fire that could help prevent such devastation during future fire events.

Where we have been...

Generation after generation of those who have lived on this land has sculpted the landscape in which we live. Fire, logging, and other factors have had a drastic impact on forest ecosystems. It is now our responsibility to manage the land for health and productivity for both present and future generations. Charles Williams and Fred Euphrat will talk about how we got to where we are today and the need for collaboration and collective strategies in building resilient landscapes and communities.

Drought and heavy rains...

With climate and vegetation change over time in the western Sonoma Hills, even historically wet areas may become subject to greater heat and more intense storms. What are the anticipated outcomes of these changes on ecosystems, soils and the streams of the area? What changes can land managers make to reduce negative consequences? Fred Euphrat will lead a discussion and consider some of the potential changes and responses.

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Grazing

Charles Williams will take a look at the effect of drought and fire on our lands and discuss mitigation strategies to reduce their impact. He will focus on the use of mob grazing and livestock management on a neighborhood/regional scale to improve land health, water retention, and resilience. He will also explore the role of stock in the maintenance of fire resistance landscapes.



Pests and diseases...

As climate variables continue to change, new pests and diseases may become able to invade previously uninhabitable areas. Steve will talk about the ecological relationships between trees and pests, and how these relationships change with drought, rainfall, and disturbance processes like fire and development. Examples will include pines and their relationships with drought and beetles, redwoods and their relationships with fog and fungi, sudden oak death and tanoaks, and oaks and their relationships with laurels, fungi, and fire.

Field Trip

We will visit three sites on Gualala Ranch: a reforestation site on Niestrath Rd., a stream restoration project, and the fern field forest on common ranch land. At each of these stops we will observe the growth and health of the project area and consider the effectiveness of the restoration activities. We will conclude by discussing possible next steps and how you might apply these management strategies to your property. We will eat lunch along the way. [Back to Top](#)

Board

"Each new member brings land management experience and a unique perspective to the board," said Judy Rosales, Executive Director. "As active members of the community, Charles, Wanda, and Christopher offer the

FREE!

A Day on the River, June 25

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gualala

Mark your calendar for a day of fun, good food, and music! Take Old State Hwy. and follow the Yellow Ducks to the Green Bridge and then follow the river to the festivities.

Hosted by the [Gualala River Watershed Council](#).

Coast Ridge Community Forest

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Join the Coast Ridge Community Forest

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kind of energy and commitment that CRCF needs to build on what we have accomplished over the last seven years.

Charles Williams will serve as board president, Wanda Swenson, secretary, and Christopher Fohner, treasurer. Michael Fels is leaving the board. We would like to thank him for his commitment to a vision of landowners working together to achieve a common goal. Michael served as treasurer from 2012 to 2016. [Back to Top](#)

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