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Broadening Our Partnerships in Conservation

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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**Meet & Greet
Our Conservation
Partners**

When
Mon., April 24, 2017
Noon - 4 p.m.



Learn about local and regional programs that are available to assist with your land management projects, our rural roads network, and potential funding opportunities to support these activities.

Topics

- [Rural Roads Initiative](#)
- [Planning tools for land management practices](#)
- [Technical and financial assistance for landowners](#)
- [Local solutions for water scarcity](#)
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- [CFIP project site visit and roads tour](#)

Just added: Jill Butler of Cal Fire will be joining us for those who are interested in discussing forest management plans and CFIP funding.

Rural Roads Initiative

The North Coast Regional Water Board has initiated an ongoing program to work with landowners, watershed groups, governmental and non-governmental groups, and other stakeholders to help implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control sediment discharges from rural roads to promote improved watershed health throughout the North Coast Region.

Grant Funding: Many existing grant programs are available to provide financial assistance for planning, training, and implementing road BMPs. The Regional Water Board is working with sister agencies to better align our priority watersheds to better leverage resources for long-term watershed-wide improvement projects.

Meet & Greet
Noon- 1:30 p.m.

Optional
Field & Road Tour
2-4 p.m.

Where
Padmasambhava Peace
Institute (PPI)
[Directions](#)

23125 Fort Ross Rd.
Cazadero

Field Tour:
Gualala Ranch CFIP
Implementation Project
& Sea View Ranch Roads
Survey

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Planning Tools

LandSmart Plans

LandSmart Plans are a valuable tool that landowners and land managers can use to identify and prioritize management practices according to their individual needs, goals and timelines.

Technical and Financial Assistance

LandSmart On-the-Ground

Experienced RCD staff can provide technical and financial assistance to rural and agricultural landowners implementing best management practices to achieve resource and land management goals, from erosion control to fish habitat enhancement projects.

Water Scarcity

LandSmart Water Resources

The RCD offers local solutions for water security to rural landowners and agriculturalists. Water management options include alternative water source development, irrigation efficiency, stormwater management, and groundwater and surface water monitoring.



Sonoma RCD Services for Forestlands

Conservation Easements

Sonoma Land Trust develops long-term land protection strategies for different regions of the County, including working with landowners who may want to sell or donate their land or a conservation easement over their land. One of the most powerful, effective tools available for the permanent protection of private lands in Sonoma County is a conservation easement, which is a voluntary legal agreement between a landowner and Sonoma Land Trust which restricts the use of a particular property in order to protect its

Conservation

Conference:

*Growing Resilience in
Our Forests and
Woodlands*

June 7-9, 2017

Santa Rosa Junior College
1501 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa Junior College

Learn about the state of our North Coast forests and woodlands and how we can ensure the long-term health of our forests, share diverse perspectives and innovations in forest conservation, and identify opportunities for action and collaboration.

[More Information](#)

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conservation values.

Site Tour

We will visit two sites on Gualala Ranch: a reforestation site on Niestrath Rd., and the fern field forest on common ranch land. At each of these stops we will examine the growth and health of the project area and consider the effectiveness of the restoration activities.

Along the way, we will look at ranch roads and conclude by observing road conditions at an erosion site on Sea View Ranch.

We will carpool from PPI to the mailboxes on Niestrath Rd. The first two stops are along Niestrath Rd. From there we will take the back roads to Sea View Ranch.

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