



# Butte Environmental Council

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Dear Robyn,

Please join us for some of these upcoming opportunities to connect with the BEC family...

### Save the Date: BEC Holiday Party

Join us Thursday, December 13th, 5-8 PM for a holiday gathering, nosh, sip, and sale!

**Butte Environmental Council**  
**Holiday Party, Pottery and Jewelry Sale!**  
**Thursday, December 13 • 5-8 pm**

- \* Enjoy home-made goodies, hors d'oeuvres, wine and other refreshments.
- \* Bring a friend, or two or three! Connect with other BEC members and friends.
- \* Purchase handmade pottery by local ceramic artist David Yager and jewelry designs by Tempra Board to benefit BEC!

At the home of BEC member Tempra Board in Chico.  
Call 530-891-6424 for information, directions, or to help out. (wine and hors d'oeuvres welcome!).

**Support BEC while finding beautiful and affordable handmade gifts!**

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This event is hosted at the home of BEC member Tempra Board. Check your Membergram for the address or call the BEC office.

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In addition to hors d'oeuvres and bevvies, you can pick up handmade pottery by local ceramic artist David Yager and jewelry designs by Tempa Board.

Make your party time into a multi-task by picking up beautiful, locally made gifts; a portion of those proceeds will be donated to BEC. Bring a friend or two...we love new people!

## "Over Troubled Waters" Well-Attended



Thanks to co-sponsors Citizens Water Watch (CWW), Friends of Butte Creek (FBC), Sacramento River Preservation Trust (SRPT), and the Sierra Club--and most of all to **you**, community members--our presentation of "Over Troubled Waters" was well-attended and well-received.

Panelists included Marty Dunlap (CWW); Allen Harthorn (FBC); John Merz (SRPT); Dave Garcia from the Sierra Club and Carol Perkins (BEC);. The panel was moderated by Robyn DiFalco, BEC Executive Director. Audience questions showed that our community wants to know more about water issues, and is willing to make a commitment to following these complex problems.

That's good. Because these issues weren't created in a day, and won't be solved in a day, either. Water advocacy and activism requires long-term involvement, as well as a willingness to hang tough through presentations from water-selling agencies that are designed to discourage questions rather than address them. The complexity of these issues forms a barrier that many who control water are just as happy to keep in place; but **we can and must get involved--the stakes are just too high.**

BEC is committed to advocating for the protection of our hydrologic region, and helping to clarify the issues of conjunctive use, water transfers, and ongoing North Sacramento Valley water policies. **Copies of the DVD "Over Troubled Waters" are available for checkout at the Chico branch of the Butte County Library.** Stay tuned for more BEC public events in the late winter/early spring.

## Procession of the Species



The Procession is an annual parade of puppets, costumes, musicians and dancers who unite in a call for protection and recognition of endangered species worldwide. The parade is part of the Endangered Species Faire, BEC's 33-year spring tradition which happens the **first Saturday of May** every year. (May 4, 2013)

Months before the Procession takes place, the process of creation begins. Workshops are held to teach adults and kids how to make the puppets; dance and drum teams are formed, and costumes are designed. The Procession genies also help people create work groups and teams.

You can participate by requesting an in-school workshop, or by pre-registering for the workshops in the spring. We would love to recruit business and organization teams that want to create giant puppets--a creative, fun, and empowering team-building exercise!

The Wish List for supplies is as follows:

- **PVC pipe**
- **Cardboard**
- **Wire**
- **Wooden sticks (bamboo, dowel rods)**
- **Wood glue**
- **Construction paper**
- **Fabric**
- **Paints-acrylic and poster paint**
- **Old bicycle tires and parts to build floats**
- **Wood**
- **Recycled newspaper**

If you can donate any of these items, mail Susan Tchudi, Procession Mastermind, at [susan@turkeytailfarm.net](mailto:susan@turkeytailfarm.net) and "like" the Procession's [Facebook](#) page for more pictures and updates.

## "Water for Seven Generations"

AquAlliance, a Butte County organization dedicated to the protection of the northern Sacramento River's watershed and its groundwater basins, is hosting a **two-day conference November 29 and 30, 2012 from 8-5 at the Sierra Nevada Big Room**. To register for the conference, click [here](#).

*The conference "is tailored to reach policy makers, activists, academics, and agencies by providing valuable historical, scientific, legal, political, and visionary information regarding current and planned threats to the Sacramento River and the Delta's ecosystems, aquatic and terrestrial species, economies, and communities. It will also provide specific*



*scenarios in which these vital waters can be sustained into the future."*



*Oroville Reservoir, 2009.*

**Day 1** of the conference is devoted to **surface water**, with speakers from Friends of the River, California Water Impact Network, US Bureau of Reclamation, and more. **Day 2** will cover **groundwater**; speakers will include representatives from US Geologic Survey, Owens Valley activists and tribal staff, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.

BEC representatives are looking forward to attending this important conference and would like to thank AquAlliance for their hard work and time putting together this event, which is a much-needed response to outreach conducted by water-selling agencies which primarily represents their point of view.



## NEd Talks on Tuesdays

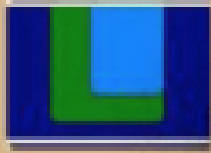
There are still two more Tuesday evenings of fun and informative **Nature Education (NEd) Talks** at the **Chico Creek Nature Center**; registration is a sweet deal at \$8. Talks begin at **7PM Tuesday the 20th** and **27th**, at the Nature Center HQ, **1968 E.8th St. in Chico**. Speakers on the 20th are Dawn Garcia, John Burge, and Susan Mason; on the 27th, Roger Lederer, Kurt Geiger and Maija Glasier-Lawson. Treat yourself and your family to some stick-to-your-mind nature education, served up by some of our community's finest connoisseurs of top-notch nature experience. For more information, click [here](#).

*Thank you again for your continued support of BEC's efforts. Your*

*input or participation is always welcome. Simply reply to this email to tell me what's on your mind.*

**Robyn DiFalco**

Executive Director  
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