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Butte Environmental Council
Protecting Butte County's Land, Air and Water Since 1975

E-Sentinel - March 2017

BEC at the Saturday Farmers Market - March 18
Get Your Tickets NOW - SPROUT n' SHOUT Spring Fundraiser
This Way To Sustainability XII - BEC Presentations Not to Miss
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Citizens Climate Lobby Chico Kickoff Event - March 23

BEC will be at the Farmers Market this Saturday, March 18!
Stop by the booth and learn about FREE gifts for NEW members, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events!
Don't miss BEC's Sprout n' Shout Fundraiser
Saturday April 8th, 5:00pm to 8:00pm
at the Arc Pavilion, 2040 Park Ave

Tickets are on sale now!
$30 for adults. Children will be charged on a sliding scale.

Help grow a new generation of environmental advocates! Proceeds from this event will support BEC's efforts to involve future generations in defending our land, air and water! Get your tickets online now, or stop by the BEC office open M-Th, 9am-4pm at 116 W. 2nd Street, Suite 3. in beautiful downtown Chico!
This presentation will show how the components necessary for sustaining a healthy watershed are interconnected in complex ways...

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) gives local agencies, Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), the authority to manage groundwater with limited state intervention... Many opportunities to get involved in the initial GSA formation process have already passed, but there are still decisions left to be made, it is important for the public to get informed so they can be meaningfully involved.

In this session, five environmental leaders with various perspectives will discuss how to protect and maintain wild spaces from impacts of human uses...

This presentation will create a space for participants to engage in a collective discussion about Youth Leadership Off Campus...

More information and the full schedule here.

Environmental Coalition Gathering

BEC and a coalition group of local environmental organizations will host the Environmental Community Gathering on

Friday, March 24th
Chico Women's Club
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The reception will provide an opportunity to learn more about the many amazing organizations that do environmental work throughout Butte County.

The public is invited to attend! Activities for the kids. Participating organizations will provide free appetizers. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the event.

The Environmental Coalition was formed as an effort to unite the various local environmental groups around the biggest environmental issues taking place in Chico and Butte County!

Join us!

This year at BEC we are hard at work tackling issues like oil trains running through the Feather River Canyon, renewing and expanding Chico's urban forest, combating potentially damaging development plans and so much more! It is with YOUR support that we are able to:

- Build awareness of environmental issues
- Give a voice to the environment
- Educate and empower the public

Join us in advocating for all of the natural resources that Butte County has to offer.

The future of environmental protections and progress is at risk. Take a stand for the environment, Become a BEC Angel! Angel's monthly gifts continue the fight against environmental degradation and give BEC needed support in the coming months. Help BEC now by becoming a BEC Angel! For more information call 891-6424.
We need supplies for puppet-making!

- **wire coat hangers**
- **nylon stockings** (*new or used, even with runs!*)

Have some lying around? Drop em by our downtown office as soon as you can so we can get to work on some eco-tastic puppets!

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The procession is a parade with hundreds of elementary school students and community members carrying handmade puppets and masks that represent endangered species at the **Endangered Species Faire** in lower Bidwell Park. The fun and educational Faire raises awareness for Endangered Species, and other important local environmental issues. This year the 38th annual Faire will be on **Saturday, May 6 from 11am - 4pm**.

If you are interested in making a puppet for the procession... large or small we would be thrilled to have you join us! **We are asking for more LARGE puppets** (at least 4 feet tall). Multiple people can carry the puppet if necessary. If you need assistance constructing your puppet, there are puppet making helpers and puppet making workshops available. For more information or to sign up for a workshop, please contact Katie at [katieb@becnet.org](mailto:katieb@becnet.org) or you can reach her by phone at 891-6424.
As many of you know, BEC was awarded the 2016 Top-Rated Nonprofit award by Greatnonprofits.org! **We just need 8 more reviews** to qualify as a 2017 Top-Rated Nonprofit and get a chance to win a $5,000 PR grant from Greatnonprofits.org. Please **leave us a review** by clicking "Share Your Story" and please share with your friends!

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**Common Sense Climate Strategies - CCL Chico Kickoff!**

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a non-partisan group dedicated to a stable climate. With chapters around the world and an impressive record, CCL is doing something right! [Join CCL Thursday evening at the Chico Grange](#) for a presentation on common sense climate solutions - strategies for climate action based on respectful relationship-building and personal political empowerment.

Thursday, March 23 at 7 PM - 9 PM
at the Chico Grange, 2775 Nord Ave, Chico, CA 95973

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Last month I joined the Carriers of the New Story for the first meeting of the Spring semester. The program gives local youth a place to experience mindful communication and find new opportunities to get involved. At the beginning of the meeting we went around the room and each person shared why they had come. Some shared about who had invited them, some spoke about their childhood. I did a little bit of both. One by one, each of us shared openly and without judgement. I left thankful for my community and optimistic about the future.

Now is the time to stand together and make our voices heard, for the environment, and for future generations! Carriers of the New Story is
connecting a new generation of activists with their local community and the issues that matter to them. I am so excited to welcome this new group to join us in our work protecting the land, air, and water. I hope you will join us too! Come to one of our upcoming events to learn more about BEC and how you can get involved.

Happy Friday!

Natalie Carter, Executive Director
Butte Environmental Council

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