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FREE EVENT: THE DELTA AND THE TWIN TUNNELS; ACTION WORKSHOP

When: Thursday September 19th from 6:00-7:00pm

Where: 450 W. East Ave. at the Blue Oak School Community Room in Chico

Hosted by: Butte Environmental Council

For more information: <http://www.becnet.org/code-blue-2013-water-outreach-campaign>

Background:

Following a successful spring of **Code Blue** water education and events, Butte Environmental Council is implementing phase two of the Code Blue water engagement campaign; Action. This includes greywater and rainwater catchment installation workshops, and actions related to statewide strategies to solving some of the more controversial and political water issues. The third Thursday of each month, BEC in collaboration with Citizen Action Network will host timely and important projects to inform and engage the community. One topic, one hour, many ways to take action.

The series kicks off in September with an action workshop focused on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and the Twin Tunnels Project. The evening will consist of BDCP project details, responsible alternatives, lively discussion, strategies for stopping the Twin Tunnels project, and specific actions individuals can take. If the BDCP moves forward as planned, the Twin Tunnels have the capacity of rerouting 9,000 cfs of the Sacramento River around the delta to meet the demand from the San Joaquin farms and southern interests. One of the more important problems this causes for us in the North State is that it increases the demand for surface water transfers, which then increase groundwater substitution and result in an increased drawdown of the Tuscan Aquifer. The good news is there are multiple plans that provide an alternative focused on a responsible export plan, increases in water conservation funding, levee repair, and science based habitat restoration.

About the Presenters:

Carol Perkins is the Water Policy Advocate for Butte Environmental Council. Carol earned a Master's degree in Environmental Science with a focus on watersheds and surface and ground water geochemistry. Carol has been working closely with Citizens Water Watch and the Environmental Water Caucus, studying the Twin Tunnels Project and developing a responsible alternative. **Nani Teves** is the Water Outreach Coordinator for Butte Environmental Council. Nani earned a Master's degree in Watershed Science, and worked for six years protecting and restoring local creeks.

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Photos of the Delta taken by Nani Teves in 2013

