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## WATER-WISE AND HABITAT FRIENDLY GARDEN TOUR

Chico, Calif. (August 27, 2015)—Get inspiration for your garden, just in time for fall planting. The gardens on this tour demonstrate a variety of techniques for conserving water and creating wildlife-friendly habitat. This free event is co-hosted by The Butte Environmental Council, the Mt. Lassen Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and the Altacal Audubon Society's Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program.

The event will take place on September 27, 2015 from 10am-2pm.

This free tour of Chico-area gardens will show community members effective techniques for replacing lawns, conserving water, and creating wildlife-friendly habitats in their own gardens. Some of the techniques that will be shared include the incorporation of native and drought-tolerant plants and grasses, drip irrigation, bee and bird habitats, and more.

Those who would like to participate can register online at <http://www.becnet.org/events/water-wise-habitat-friendly-garden-tour>. Online registrants will receive an email confirmation of their registration, as well as guidelines and a tour map. Participants can also register on the day of the event at the Gateway Science Museum Pollinator Garden or the Chico Creek Nature Center. Garden maps will be provided at both of these starting locations and tour participants are free to visit as many of the gardens in whichever order they prefer.

Extended tour hours will occur at the Patrick Ranch Demonstration Gardens from 10am-3pm and the Floral Native Nursery Demonstration Garden from 9am-5pm.

For more information about this event, please contact Ann Elliott at [530-521-4402](tel:530-521-4402).

For further information, visit <http://www.becnet.org/events/water-wise-habitat-friendly-garden-tour> or contact: Nancy at 530-592-8078 or email [neighborhoodhabitat.mt@gmail.com](mailto:neighborhoodhabitat.mt@gmail.com). On the day of the event, press inquiries may call Nancy at 530-592-8078.

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About the hosting organizations:

The Butte Environmental Council is a non-profit environmental organization based in Chico, California. BEC's mission is to protect and defend the land, air, and water of Butte County and the surrounding region through action, advocacy and education. Since 1975, BEC has played a significant part in shaping the environment and policies of Butte County and surrounding areas.

The Altacal Audubon Society's Neighborhood Habitat Certification Program supports community members interested in converting unused lawns to natural, drought-tolerant California landscaping and habitat. By acting now, we can conserve and protect valuable water resources, and rebuild needed wildlife corridors within our community.

The California Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization that seeks to protect California's native flora for future generations. The mission of the CNPS is to conserve California native plants and their natural habitats, and increase understanding, appreciation, and horticultural use of native plants throughout the entire state and California Floristic Province.

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