December 2014

Dear Robyn,

Over the recent holiday I had time to reflect on how thankful I am: for the good health and abundance my family enjoys, for the conscientious and delightful children I have the honor to raise, for the beauty of trees decked in rainbow colors. I'm grateful for all the people working to make the world a better place. And I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to do that work on behalf of our local environment.

I know BEC's work is having an impact. And I know it wouldn't be possible without some 700 BEC members who support us.

Without you, BEC wouldn't be possible. In this season of GRATITUDE, I'm grateful that BEC is on the case and that you're standing with us to make it all possible. THANK YOU.

Robyn DiFalco, Executive Director

Give Back on Giving Tuesday: December 2
You've heard of Black Friday. Yesterday was "Cyber Monday" when American consumers take advantage of deals online to buy even more stuff.

So let's make today "Giving Tuesday" and counterbalance all that by making a different kind of impact.

Now that the holiday season is here, consider the impact your gift can make. At BEC, we're thinking globally and acting locally every day. Your gift could allow us to send more kids on a field trip to the landfill, plant more trees, or respond to major water transfer project that threatens our valley's water supply. You can help BEC continue to have a positive impact in the face of all the impacts that threaten our natural resources.

It's Tuesday! What better reason to Give Back?
Gift Memberships
Do you have a friend or family member who cares about the environment? This holiday season, give the gift of a BEC membership.

**Instead of giving more stuff, give a gift of values and impact.** When you purchase a gift membership, the recipient will get a one-year BEC membership. We will send a card and sticker to the recipient letting him or her know of your generous gift. We will send you a receipt of your tax-deductible donation for your records.

Stop fretting about what type of material item to buy for that special someone. Give a BEC membership and give a gift of positive impact for the environment.

Purchase a Gift Membership on the BEC website at [http://www.becnet.org/join](http://www.becnet.org/join)

**Upcoming BEC Events**

**Thursday, December 4th 6:00-7:30pm**
California's New Groundwater Laws (and how these bills can lead to sustainable water use)
The Chico Grange, 2775 Nord Ave., Chico

**Friday, December 12th 5:30 - 7:30pm**
**BEC Holiday Party** at 379 E 10th Ave, Chico

**Thursday, January 15 5:30 - 7:30pm**
**BEC Angel Social**, at the home of Sharon Wallace, 2805 Oak Way

**Come Celebrate The Season With Us!**

Join us **Friday, December 12th**, to celebrate the achievements of the past year, catch up with old friends, and make new ones!

**BEC's Holiday party will take place at the home of BEC members Nani Teves and Jonas Herzog 379 E 10th Ave in Chico from 5:30 - 7:30pm.**

If you're so inclined, bring a dish or drinks to share, or just show up for the fun --
there will be plenty to go around!
As we've done the past few years, there will be a few gifts items for sale as part of your holiday shopping, and the artists will be donating a portion of the proceeds to BEC. Artists interested in participating should call 891-6424.

For more details, visit http://www.becnet.org/events/bec-holiday-party

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Environmental Events in the Community

**Thurs, Dec 4  BEC Water Forum: California's New Groundwater Laws, and how these bills can lead to sustainable water use**

at the Chico Grange 6-7:30 pm

http://www.becnet.org/events/californias-new-groundwater-laws-forum

**Thurs, Dec 11  Public Hearing on Ordinance to Ban Fracking in Butte County** at the Butte County Planning Commission in Oroville

9:00 am, at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville

http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/Planning/NotableProjects/Fracking.aspx

**Fri, Dec 12  BEC Holiday Party**, at 379 E 10th Ave, Chico

5:30 - 7:30pm pm http://www.becnet.org/events/bec-holiday-party

**Thurs, Jan 15, 2015 - BEC's Angel Social**

www.becnet.org/events (details coming soon)

**Wed-Sun, Jan 21 - 25, 2015 Snow Goose Festival**,  
Chico Masonic Community Center, Chico, CA

http://www.snowgoosefestival.org/

**Thurs/Fri, March 27-28: This Way to Sustainability Conference at CSUC**  
http://www.csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/conference/)