

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

## E-Sentinel - April 2018

Get your tickets now for BEC's Earth Day Brunch
2018 Endangered Species Faire
Become a Friend of the Faire

PUBLIC MEETING: Groundwater representatives need your input!
Block Party and March for Science this Saturday
Upcoming Community Events & TIRE AMNESTY



## **Earth Day Brunch**

Celebrate Earth Day with Brunch and Butte Environmental Council

Join us in the Humboldt Community Gardens on Earth Day, Sunday April 22nd, for a garden inspired brunch, prepared by Chico Natural Foods, featuring food donated from local farms

A morning of good food, good folks, music, mimosas, and a silent auction!
10:30am-1:30pm at the corner of Humboldt and El Monte

<u>Tickets are available online at becnet.org</u>

Proceeds wills support the Endangered Species Faire

## Speaking of the Faire...if you haven't heard...

The 39th annual Endangered Species Faire is Saturday, May 5th, 2018

This years theme is "Finned Migrations: connecting warming oceans to inland streams"

We going back to Cedar Grove, and we are expanding to the Chico Creek Nature Center!



#### You can look forward to:

- The Procession of the Species (Puppet Parade)
- A NEW second performance area, featuring local poets and story tellers.
- FREE admission to The Chico Creek Nature Center during the Faire!
- Wild Animal Show
- LIVE music
- Local food vendors
- TONS of local organizations sharing info and resources to protect our environment

## Be a Friend of the Faire and get a FREE t-shirt

Each year for the past 38 years the Endangered Species Faire has educated and entertained thousands of children, parents and community members about the importance of saving our planet's endangered species. This is a FREE public event for all ages, with environmental education being offered alongside music, eco-entertainment, and a rescued animal show!



This amazing event that brings together kids, young and old, costs over \$5,000 to organize and execute.

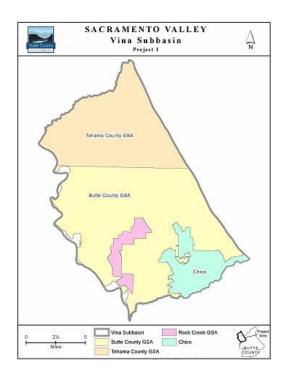
BEC needs your help more than ever to continue the tradition and values of the faire. It is critical for us to protect and defend our endangered species, wildlife and land for future generations.

We need YOUR help in making this possible.

<u>Click here to make a digital contribution to the 39th Annual Endangered</u>
<u>Species Faire</u> OR <u>click here</u> to become a BEC Angel and support BEC's work year-round with a monthly donation of as little as \$10 per month.

## Attend the PUBLIC MEETING on Thursday, April 26th -- 6-8pm at the Chico Masonic Center 1110 W East Ave

to learn more, and share your perspective and priories with representatives from the City of Chico, Rock Creek Reclamation District, Tehama County, and Butte County.





The shallow groundwater aquifer needs a dedicated voice to represent those who are impacted first by unsustainable use of our groundwater.

Shallow domestic wells, urban forests, and native habitats are dependent on high groundwater levels. In Spring 2017 DWR reported that groundwater levels had dropped 7.2 feet since 2004 for wells in the shallow-intermediate zone (between 100 and 400 feet deep).

Tell your representatives that you want the shallow aquifer to have a vote!

Local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA's) are in the process of creating a decision making body that will be responsible for the FUTURE OF GROUNDWATER in Northern Butte County.

Each GSA will have a vote in deciding the Vina subbasins Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Two additional voting seats are being considered in the proposed decision making structures, an Agricultural Groundwater User and a Domestic/Environmental User.

GSA representatives need your input to ensure that BOTH stakeholder seats are established!

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## Block Party with a Purpose and March for Science this Saturday!



Stop by Saturday
April 14th to help
us clean Big Chico
Creek and
promote a
healthy river
ecosystem for
our community!

Meet at Bidwell Avenue and Nord Avenue (next to Thai Express) at or before 9:00 am.

For more info and to register visit <a href="http://www.becnet.org/watershed/blockparty">http://www.becnet.org/watershed/blockparty</a> Snacks and coffee will be provided to vulunteers.



# MARCH FOR SCIENCE



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In 2017, more than one million people around the world gathered to defend science for the common good and its role in policy and society.

Science will not be silenced - and it's time to unite again.

Community members from Chico and surrounding areas will take to the streets in support of science

Saturday, April 14th 10am-2pm

There will be booths, activities, speeches, and music at Trinity Commons

Lawn on the Chico State Campus and a march through downtown Chico.

#### STOP BY THE BEC BOOTH AND SAY HI!

The peaceful and non-partisan local event is meant to highlight the important role that scientific research plays in our daily lives in the North State community, and sound a call to support scientific research and evidence-based policies.

## **Upcoming Community Events**



AS Sustainability invites you to take part in the

2018 Earth Day Festival at Chico State

Trinity Commons Thursday, April 19th 10am-2pm

## **Got Tires?**

The Neal Road Recycling & Waste Facility will be hosting a **Tire Amnesty** by Appointment on April 20th & 21st from 9:00 to 2:00. Individuals can call 897-2352, Monday through Friday to make and appointment. You can bring in up to 9 tires per trip. Passenger car and light truck tires, on or off the rim will be accepted for no charge. No tires over 36" in diameter will be accepted.

The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) OPEN HOUSE! Saturday, April 21, 2018 1pm-3pm

Join us for a family-friendly day of activities and displays celebrating the natural wonders and educational achievements of the BCCER.



Want to share your environmental community event? Email: <a href="mailto:staff@becnet.org">staff@becnet.org</a>

### STAY CONNECTED:







