

This year is no different. BEC remains committed to protecting water for future generations, promoting the use of alternative energy, and championing sustainable growth and development.



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

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### **New Year's Reflections**

The New Year is a time not only for looking ahead, but for reflection on the past year. Here at BEC, it's a chance for us to evaluate our work and plan to make an even greater impact in the coming year. Here are a few of our success stories from 2016...

- 120 BEC volunteers spent 495 hours cleaning local waterways.
- BEC taught 2,697 students in 94 Butte County classrooms about the "4 R's": Recycle, Reduce, Reuse and Rot.

- BEC reached more than 1000 community members this year to teach them about saving energy.
- BEC planted 122 oak trees.
- 176 community gardeners tended 82 plots this year at BEC's two community gardens: Humboldt and Oak Way.
- BEC introduced Carriers of the New Story, a program designed to cultivate and support the next generation of environmental leaders.

***These are simply a few of the truly amazing achievements made possible by the support of community members like you.***

***BEC Members elect our Board of Directors, directing the future of the organization and defining our values. Annual membership dues have sustained BEC for more than 40 years. Among our members are more than 100 BEC Angels, whose monthly gifts of \$10 or more strengthen BEC's voice as an influential environmental advocate in the community.***

***If you haven't already....***

***Please consider becoming a BEC Angel today.***

### **Come Block Party with BEC**



By coming together, we can keep our creeks healthier and looking nicer.

Let's not let them get too far out of hand!

***Let's clean our local creeks!***

When: **Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ 9:00 AM**

Location: **TBA** (check our [website](#) for updates)

Coffee/tea will be provided by Beatniks Coffeehouse!

There will be Sandwiches from Beach Hut Deli at the end of the party!

Visit [www.becnet.org/events](http://www.becnet.org/events) or call **(530) 891-6424** for more details.

--Participants must wear closed-toed shoes.--

Made possible by: The City of Chico, Butte County Public Works, Waste Management, Beatniks Coffeehouse and Beach Hut Deli, and you!

**Inauguration  
Demonstration**

Join BEC for the Inauguration Demonstration on **Friday, January 20th at the Raley's Plaza on Skyway.**



Several local groups have organized this demonstration as a commitment to our communities values.

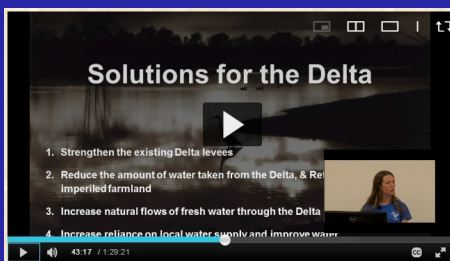
Butte Environmental Council will be participating in the demonstration to remind the community that **we are here as a voice for the environment. We are committed to protecting water for future generations, promoting the use of alternative energy, and championing sustainable growth and development.**

**7:15 to 8:30 AM** and **4:15 to 6:00 PM**

at two locations:

- **Raley's Plaza on Skyway at Notre Dame**
- Esplanade and East Ave

Community members are encouraged to bring a sign or banner.



## Community Water Forum

Recordings of the monthly community water forums are now [online!](#) Catch up on what you missed, and get ready for our next forum.

Forums Will be Held on the Second Wednesday of Every Month in **ARTS Room 111** On the CSU Chico Campus From **6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Please join us on [February 8th](#). We will be revisiting "**H2O Origins: Where our warter comes from, and where it goes.**"

## Curious about

**kilowatts?** Try checking out one of our Kill-A-Watt Meters using our Kill-A-Watt Meter Check Out Program! Using a kill-a-watt meter will

give you the ability to discover just how much energy your appliances are using and how much that energy is costing you. This is a FREE program and kill-a-watt meters can be checked out for two week increments.

For more information about the Kill-A-Watt Meter Check Out Program [click here](#).



### **Action Alert: BLM Resource Management Plans Update**

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Arcata and Redding Field Offices are Updating the Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for about 400,000 acres of federal public land in Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta, Butte, and Tehama counties

If you care about how the BLM's land in this region is managed, this is your opportunity to make your voice heard!

Attend the public meeting and share your input

**Wednesday, January 18 - 5:00-7:00PM**

at Oxford Suites, 2035 Business Ln.

and voice your opinion about how BLM manages these areas.

Help ensure that the plans:

- Protect all "Land with Wilderness Characteristics";
- Protect all streams eligible for "wild and scenic river" status; and
- Restore all special habitats, including old-growth conifer forests, oak woodlands, grasslands, salmon streams and rare plant populations.

### **Internship Recruitment Month!**



Each semester BEC relies on the invaluable work of interns to help plan and execute successful events, build more robust and impactful programs, and



so much more.

If you know anyone who may be interested in working with us this Spring we currently have the following positions available:

**Environmental Art & Education Coordinator Intern**

Ideal for someone with artistic or craft skills, or someone who wants to teach or work with kids.

**Events Coordinator Intern**

Work on event planning, either as a team or independently.

In spring, BEC intens focus on the Environmental Coalition Gathering, Earth Day Movie Night, and Endangered Species Faire.

**Community Garden Program Assistant**

BEC hosts two community gardens in Chico, at Oak Way and Humboldt Rd. This intern will primarily handle administrative and communication tasks.

**Website and Social Media Editor**

Using Drupal for back-end developer updates and front-end content management and design. Social Media editor will collaborate with PR intern to keep Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram accounts updated and active.

**Graphics Design Intern**

Ideal for a Graphics design student, but can also be a great fit for Marketing or Communications majors.

**Photography/ Videography Intern**

Ideal for an arts student but can also be a great fit for Marketing or Communications majors with experience and reliable access to photograph and/or video-editing software.

**Watershed Intern**

Participate in a variety of activities such as writing press releases, creating educational materials, and conducting research on behalf of the local watersheds. Must be available the first Saturday of each month.

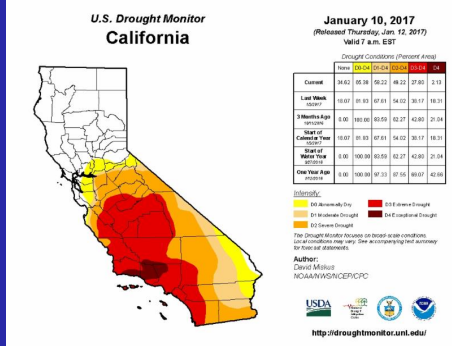
**PR Intern**

A PR intern would have the opportunity to be assigned to projects, such as a monthly newsletters; website publicity and updates; event promotion; and/or publicity of BEC's advocacy work on local issues depending on skills, interests, and future career aspirations.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to Katie Beeson at [katieb@becnet.org](mailto:katieb@becnet.org) who will arrange for a placement interview where you can meet with staff to learn more about the internship or consider multiple positions at BEC. <http://www.becnet.org/volunteer/#Interns>

**New Year, Same Drought**


Don't be fooled by the flooding, much of California is still suffering from the drought!



Our groundwater supplies are depleted from years of drought, and will take years more to recover.

**Do your part to conserve water EVERY DAY to ensure our region has clean water and healthy wild spaces!**

Stay up to date with weekly drought updates from the [United States Drought Monitor](#).



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Now Accepting E-Waste for Recycling!

**keep reading....this is interesting**

### Tire Amnesty

Butte County will conduct another two-day Tire Amnesty in January. This year will be different than years past.



**Anyone who wants to bring in their tires must make an appointment** for a time slot during the two-day period. The first set of appointments, for up to 140 customers, are scheduled from 9 am to 2 pm on Friday January 20th and Saturday January 21st. This process is more convenient for customers than trying to participate in a single-day event.

Up to nine tires can be scheduled to be brought to the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, for no charge, when an appointment is made in advance. State transportation regulations prohibit hauling more than nine waste tires without a special permit. Tires can be on or off the rim, but tires over 36" in diameter are not eligible for the free drop-off. **Appointments will be taken starting January 10th from 8:00 to 4:00 by calling (530) 879-2352.**

## **Register for the This Way to Sustainability Conference today!**

An opportunity to connect and collaborate with your fellow sustainability focused community members. Presentations topics include: Water Resources, Climate Impacts on Food & Agriculture, Energy and the Environment, Community Partnerships & Action, and many more!

*Two full conference days with over 100 sustainability professionals, from across the country, daily continental breakfast, lunch made from local ingredients, raffles, competitions, a featured film, keynote presentations, awards, and more all at the Bell Memorial Union on the Chico State campus!*

[See the schedule online now](#)

*Admission: \$50 for two days, \$35 per day  
Student attendance is FREE with valid student ID!*

*Volunteers are always needed, if you are interested please check out the [website](#) to register as a volunteer.*

## **Upcoming Community Events**

- [Inauguration Demonstration](#) - January 20 - 7:15 AM & 4:15 PM
- [Women's March on Chico](#) - January 21 - 10:00 AM - Chico City Plaza
- [Snow Goose Festival](#) - January 25-29
- [8th Annual Seed Swap](#) - January 28 - 12:00-3:00 PM
- [Open House Garden Festival](#) - February 19
- [This Way To Sustainability](#) - March 23-24
- [Environmental Coalition Gathering](#) - March 24

## **New Year's Resolutions**

It seems like 2016 went by so fast, and so much happened.

Ready or not, it's 2017...While I am not planning to go to the gym more, I am starting the new year with a few resolutions. I am going to follow my passions and stay true to my values. I am going to make my community stronger and connect with my neighbors. I am going to stand up for what I believe in and I am going to have the honor of speaking out on behalf of BEC's more than 800 members to protect and defend the land, air and water!

Make your impact in 2017! Attend public meetings and community events, write letters, [donate](#), and volunteer! Let's make a difference!

Natalie Carter  
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[Butte Environmental Council](#)

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