



Water Day 2014 Agenda

9 AM Doors Open – Coffee, Bagels, Fresh Fruit – Mingle, Posters, Vendors

10 AM – Opening Remarks by Alli Freedland, Moderator

10:05- 10:10 AM - Welcome by Humboldt County Supervisor Estelle Fennell

10:10 – 10:30 - Erick Burren (State Water Resources Control Board Volunteer Coordinator) -
Keynote – *Working Together to Keep the Eel River Fishable, Swimmable, and Drinkable*

10:30-Noon *Pulse of the Eel*

10:30-10:45: Keith Bouma-Gregson (UC Berkeley Researcher) – *Blue Green Algae*

10:45 – 11:00: Pat Higgins (ERRP Coordinator) – *The Fish and the Effect of Low Flows*

11:00 – 11:20: Dr. Andrew Stubblefield (HSU Associate Professor) – *The Forests*

11:20-11:40 Tom Leroy (Pacific Watershed Associates) – *The Watershed*

11:40-Noon *Panel Discussion*

Noon-1 PM - Lunch (Humboldt Grass-fed Beef Chili & Vegetarian Option)

1:00-1:15 PM: Ernie Merrifield – Native American Perspective: *Can People of the Eel River
Become a Harmony-Based Culture?*

1:15 - 5:00 PM: *Elements of Watershed Harmony*

1:15 - 2:45 PM – Tom Grover (Chair, Educator) – *How Too - Using Water Smarter:
Conservation & Pollution Prevention*

- Larry Desmond (Mendocino Water Works): *Planning Your Water System to Meet Your Needs with Maximum Efficiency*
- Anna Birkas (Ecosystem Villages): *Ecologically Sound Living – Rainwater Capture and Grey-Water Systems*
- Kyle Keegan (Permaculture Expert): *Permaculture – Better Yield and No Pollution*
- Daniel Mar (Hightide Permaculture): *Getting Communities Aware of Permaculture*
- Bill Arthur (Sanctuary Forest): *Planning Water Use at the Community Level – Upper Mattole Case Study*
- (Coast Central Credit Union): *Financing Water Storage or Other Infrastructure Improvements*

2:15-2:45 PM - *Panel* (30 minutes)

2:45-3:15 PM BREAK: (COOKIES UPSTAIRS)

3:15-4:30 Jeff Hedin (Chair) – *Restoring Forests & Watershed Health*

- Daniel Stein (Southern Humboldt Fire Safe Council): *Can Reducing Fire Risk Improve Water Supply?*
- Hezikiah Allan (Institute for Sustainable Forestry): *Getting Our Culture Forest-Health Oriented*
- Matt Cocking (Natural Resources Conservation Service): *NRCS Programs That Can Assist Land Owners with Improving Forest Health*
- Tom LeRoy (Pacific Watershed Associates) – *Designing and Building Roads to Protect Clean Water and So You Can Get Home on a Stormy Night*
- Joe Scriven (Mendocino County Resource Conservation District) – *Funding Opportunities for Partnerships with the RCD*
- Mark Welther (Redwood Forest Foundation) – *How Community Forests Can Restore Forest and Watershed Health*
- Jeff Hedin (ERRP Wilderness Committee): *Protecting Intact Watershed Areas to Guard Our Water Supply and Preserve Biodiversity*

4:00 PM-4:30 PM - *Panel Discussion*

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM Sal Steinberg (ERRP Education Committee Chair) – *Healthy Children – Getting Students Involved in Eel River Watershed Studies – Can we Make It Happen Everywhere?*

- Panel: Sal Steinberg, Diane Higgins, Paul Trichilo, Barbara Domanchuk, Cat McAdams, Dan Levinson

5:00-6:00 PM *Poster Session* (Organic Beer & Wine & BBQ Oysters)

6:00 – 7:30 PM *Dinner*: Lingcod or Rockfish Dinner & Entertainment from Human Nature Theater Company: Queen Bud vs. Coho Jr