

Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network News



Earth Month is upon us! We wanted to send a special edition of MBCAAN'ections to help promote some of our partners' events that celebrate our planet and help protect it.

PARTNER NEWS AND EVENTS

EARTH MONTH PLAZA VIGIL OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate 10 years of community climate solutions with Regeneración and other small local green businesses!

Wednesday, April 15 4-6PM

Watsonville - 23 East Beach St. Plaza Vigil Courtyard



Activities Include:

- Raffles
- Refreshments
- Art Activity for Kids
- Community Resources
- E-Bike Display



Meet the Regeneración team, connect with small local green business owners, and learn simple ways YOU can make a difference, one small step at a time.
Let's celebrate community, climate action, and 10 years of impact!

Questions? Info@regenerationpajarovalley.org
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Earth Month Plaza Vigil Open House is part of California Climate Investments, which uses billions of Cap-and-Invest dollars to fund projects that reduce harmful emissions, protect public health, strengthen local economies, and support natural environments. With a strong focus on communities most impacted by pollution and limited access to resources, California Climate Investments helps build a more equitable and sustainable future.



TODAY:

Regeneración
Celebrate 10 years of community climate solutions with Regeneración and other small local green businesses!

Show some love for Mother Earth and join in to a week of activities in Watsonville!

On April 15, 4-6 pm at Plaza Vigil: come and enjoy refreshments, meet our team and learn about current projects, get all your questions about e-bikes answered from our partners at Ecology Action, and enter our free drawing featuring gift certificates to local businesses!

Learn how small business owners at Plaza Vigil became certified Green Businesses and support the local economy.

We'd love to see you!

Watsonville's Earth Week celebration is accessible [online here](#).

City of Watsonville

Earth Week of Action: Food Cube Making Party

Thursday, April 16, 2026 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Make a food cube and learn about coastal threats and the Make Polluters Pay campaign with the Santa Cruz Climate Action Network during our Earth Week of Action.

Location: Somos Watsonville

Address: 112 East Beach Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Contact: (831) 428-2080

Cost: Free

Regeneración - Pájaro Valley Climate Action

Popup: Protecting Our Planet & Community with Regeneración - Pájaro Valley Climate Action

Friday, April 17, 2026 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Come learn about Pájaro Valley Climate Action during their popup: Protecting Our Planet and Community during our 2026 Earth Week of Action.

Location: Plaza Vigíl

Address: 23 East Beach Street Watsonville, CA 95076

Contact: (831) 288-7755

Cost: Free

Big Sur Land Trust

Monthly Park Clean-up

Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:30 AM

Join Big Sur Land Trust and Friends of Ensen Community Park Volunteers for our Monthly Park Clean-up at Ensen Community Park on Saturday, April 18!

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, get some fresh air, and hear updates on the restoration project. Help clean up our local park and make our community a better place for everyone!

[Register](#)

City of Santa Cruz

2026 Santa Cruz Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Cooper St, Pacific Ave, & Abbott Square Market in Downtown Santa Cruz!
Join us in Downtown Santa Cruz on April 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a fun, free celebration of our planet and community. Enjoy live music, face painting, photo booth fun, flower crown making, hands-on activities, and eco-friendly vendors. Learn more at earthdaysc.org

MILPA

[Cyanotype Printing Workshop with MILPA](#)

Sunday, April 19, 2026 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join the MILPA team on a cyanotype-printing workshop on paper and fabric materials during our Earth Week of Climate Action.

Location: MILPA office

Address: 315 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Contact: (831) 331-8446

Cost: Free

City of Watsonville

[Future Careers Expo: Tech & Sustainability with Digital NEST](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join the Digital NEST to learn about Tech and Sustainability careers during our Earth Week of Action.

Location: Digital NEST

Address: 349 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076

Contact: (831) 722-6378 x898

Cost: Free

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
5:00 TO 7:00 PM**

Tanimura & Antle
Family Memorial
Library,
Room 1180

**DR. H EL ENE
BENVENISTE**

Assistant Professor,
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Saturday, May 9 9am - 1:30pm
Please join us for a day of improving salmon habitat to support our local watersheds!

ACT FOR ANTONELLI
English Ivy Removal & Trash Clean-up Event

Where?:
Antonelli Pond,
Delaware Ave, Santa Cruz, CA

Entrance is located on Delaware Ave between Natural Bridges Dr and Shafer Rd. Park anywhere on Delaware Ave between Swanton Blvd and Shafer Rd. Follow the signs posted at the Antonelli Pond trailhead to find us!

Bring:
Closed-toed shoes, water bottle, long pants, sun/rain protection

Free coffee & snacks!

RSVP Here:



Questions? Contact
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The Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) is dedicated to improving watershed health by actively engaging in restoration science, civic service, and community education while empowering the next generation of environmental stewards. A program of the California Conservation Corps, WSP is one of the most productive programs for future employment in the environmental field. WSP is administered by California's Office of the Governor and sponsored by AmeriCorps and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Land Trust of Santa Cruz County

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Conferences:

California Coastal Conditions Symposium

The California Shore and Beach Preservation Association's invites you to attend the symposium on May 11-12, 2026.



SAVE THE DATE

California Shore and Beach
Preservation Association's

California Coastal Conditions Symposium

May 11-12, 2026

Seymour Marine Discovery Center
Santa Cruz, California

Come learn from invited speakers, participate in
pop-up and poster sessions, and join a field trip!

More information coming soon on the CSBPA
website (<https://asbpa.org/california/>)



[4C Regional Conference 12/9/26, Santa Cruz](#)

We're reaching out to kindly ask all to complete the [planning survey](#) by EOD January 16th (still open) and to help us spread the word and encourage others to complete the survey.

- LinkedIn: We invite you to repost one of our LinkedIn posts ([#1](#) / [#2](#)) or to create your own post that we can uplift.
- Direct Outreach: We hope you can reach out to your key contacts to encourage them to complete the survey. Here are links to the 2 email blasts we've sent so far that you can forward or pull language from: [#1](#) / [#2](#).

Have a good read you would like to share? Send suggestions and a brief review for inclusion in a future edition of *MBCAAN'ections* to emily@californiamsf.org

Drop me a line!

I am delighted to return to my favorite coast and learn more about the amazing work happening around the region.

Emily Franc, MBCAAN Coordinator

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The Monterey Bay Climate Adaptation Action Network is committed to building adaptive capacity in the Monterey Bay region, including coordination and planning for future adaptation and resilience actions in the Monterey Bay region.

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