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State Water Board's Clean Water Team Offers Free Online Calendar

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Feb. 2 is World Wetlands Day – better mark your calendars. But wait, you don't have to - the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Team has done it for you!

The Clean Water Team's free, online calendar will also let you know when Creek Week happens, when California's free fishing days come around, and even the date of National Squirrel Appreciation Day. If all this sounds a little wonky, well, Embrace Your Geekness Day is July 13, according to the calendar.

The calendar is an eclectic mix of fun and useful information, with active links to many of the events and commemorations listed. So you not only know when World Wetlands Day is scheduled, but why wetlands are important, and what you can do to help preserve them.

Photographs of Clean Water Team members are featured on each calendar month, doing what they do: volunteering to help monitor the health of the streams and rivers of California.

Did we mention that the calendar is free? Here's where you can access it:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/cal_2015.pdf

The Clean Water Team is the citizen monitoring program of the State Water Board. The team's Citizen Monitoring Coordinators work statewide to provide technical assistance and guidance, training, and loans of equipment to volunteers in citizen monitoring programs and watershed stewardship organizations.

Citizen volunteers work through a variety of organizations to monitor water quality in streams and rivers throughout the state. Activities include collecting water quality data, evaluating fish habitat, counting birds, or making visual observations of stream health. Community and resource managers use monitoring information to better protect California's waters.

For more information or to volunteer for a community-based monitoring program, visit the Clean Water Team's web page at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.shtml

