

Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposia on Tuesday the 28th, Thursday the 30th and Wednesday, April 5th.

The Contra Costa Watershed Forum is offering a series of regionally focused creek and watershed symposia on March 28, 30 and April 5th, 2006. The Forum is comprised of some thirty agencies, non-profit groups and interested individuals whose mission are to protect and restore watersheds in the County. The first creek and watershed symposium in 1999 has created this group. Since then, the Forum meets every other month to collaborate existing resources and to implement watershed restoration strategies.

You and anyone who are interested in creek and watersheds are invited to this event. The main goals of the -symposia are listed below:

- to present the results of the Citizen Creek Monitoring Program (Global Positioning System creek data and Benthic Macroinvertebrate data collected between 2003 and 2005 by local volunteers); and
- to introduce the Contra Costa Watershed Forum (how a collaboration of agencies and non-profit organizations is working since 1999);
- to encourage participation in local creek and watershed activities.

A two hour program will include a poster display and presentations, as well as light refreshments. The Databook, which summarizes the Global Positioning System creek data and Benthic Macroinvertebrate data collected by volunteers will be available at these events (free). To include more regionally focused topics, each event is slightly different from one another,

March 28, 2006: Central Contra Costa Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Walnut Creek
(<http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/centralcountyagenda.pdf>), 6:30 p.m. registration begins (map: <http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/centralcountymap.pdf>)

March 30, 2006: East Contra Costa Pittsburg City Hall, Pittsburg
(<http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/eastcountyagenda.pdf>), 5:30 p.m. registration begins (map: <http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/eastcountymap.pdf>)

April 5, 2006: West Contra Costa Contra Costa College, San Pablo
(<http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/westcountyagenda.pdf>), 6:30 p.m. registration begins (map: <http://www.cocowaterweb.org/symposium2006/westcountymap.pdf>)

We hope to see you at these symposia, to show you all kinds of activities that are going on in your neighborhood to protect your creeks and watersheds. Admission is free and anyone who is interested in creek and watershed is welcome to attend.

Please visit the CCWF's website at http://www.cocowaterweb.org/miisymposium_home.htm, or contact Kae Ono at 925-335-1230 or kono@cd.cccounty.us for more information.

Contra Costa Watershed Forum's Website is <http://www.cocowaterweb.org>

Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee's Website is

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/FWC/index.htm>

Contra Costa County's Recycling Program Website is <http://www.cccrecycle.org>

Contra Costa County's Green Building Program Website is

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle/greenbuilding.htm>