

# Green Campus Newsletter



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By: Brietta Linney

## World Water Day

*Rescheduled for* **April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Location:** UC Quad or South Lounge  
if it rains.

Spend the afternoon learning about water through informative and interactive activities. Numerous organizations will be at the event including Humboldt Baykeeper, Surfrider Foundation, the Northcoast Environmental Center and CCAT.

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# Water Awareness Speaker Panel

By: Jenna Bader

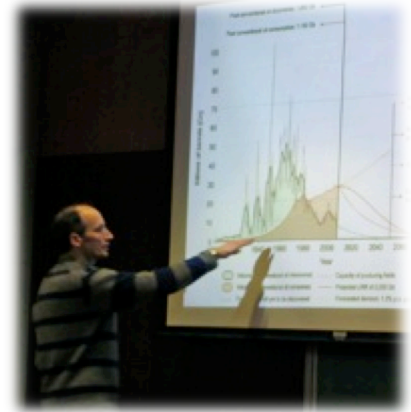
*Contributing writer: Brietta Linney*

On March 22, Green Campus hosted a Water Awareness Speaker Panel that brought together local water experts to discuss local, national, and global water issues. The speakers included: Beth Werner from Humboldt Baykeeper, Jacob Pounds from the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe, Jennifer Savage from the Ocean Conservancy and Andrew Stubblefield a HSU Professor. Each of the speakers discussed different topics, but all presentations were interrelated.

Beth Werner spoke about the Clean Water Act's history and its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Her presentation inspired the audience to advocate our rights to drinkable, swimmable, and fishable water this year by signing petitions and contacting Congress. Next, Andrew Stubblefield spoke about the Clean Water Act and gave information about non-point source pollution. His presentation was very informative and included various topics relating to water quality, habitat restoration, and global climate change.

Jennifer Savage's presentation, "Beneath the Surface", was about the Marine Life Protection Act proposed by the Ocean Conservancy. She has worked with numerous stakeholders to create Marine Protected Areas along California's North Coast. These protected areas are determined by scientists and locals to determine areas that are threatened by pollution and marine disturbance. They will expand down the California coast and are the first Marine Protected Areas in the country.

More information can be found on the [Humboldt Baykeeper website](http://www.humboldt-baykeeper.org/marine-life-protection-act.html):  
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Andrew Stubblefield presenting at the Water Awareness Speaker Panel.



Jacob Pounds from Blue Lake Rancheria presenting at the Water Awareness Speaker Panel.

# Facts About Water

By: Max Tanti

In today's world, many of us exist separately from the environment from which our ancestors came. The modern convenience of homes, roads, and classrooms detaches us from the resources that sustain our lives. This past March, Water Awareness Month, was a chance for many to acknowledge and learn about water as one of these vital resources.

Water is an incredible substance. It is the most common molecule on Earth making up about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Earth's surface as well as about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our body weight. Despite being so ubiquitous, most of the planet's water is unusable to humans, as saltwater or frozen in glaciers and many millions of people struggle daily to have enough. Here in Humboldt County, the Ruth Lake and Mad River watershed more than meets our water demands. However, reducing excess water consumption is an important step towards sustainability especially as climate change may reduce water's availability.

Here are a few tips to reduce water consumption in your home.

1. **Use a shower timer:** We all love a hot shower, but aiming for five minutes and not exceeding ten minutes is an exercise in sensibility.
2. **Turn off the water when not in use:** Many people have stopped the wasteful practice of letting the water run while shaving or brushing their teeth. Take it a step further and turn off the flow while you scrub the dishes or while soaping up in the shower.
3. When using dish or clothes washers, **wash full loads:** these appliances use the same amount of water no matter the capacity.
4. Set up a **rainwater catchment system** for your home: This can be as simple as a few large tanks with a hose attached to the bottom, which is great for watering plants.
5. **Only flush the toilet when necessary:** On an average day in the United States, the toilet uses more water than the shower.

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# This Way to Sustainability Conference VII

By: Adrienne Spitzer

On March 1-3, Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney both attended and presented at This Way to Sustainability Conference VII at CSU Chico in Chico, CA. This student-run annual event brings students and stakeholders from all over California together to share how they are making a difference and working toward sustainability at their colleges and universities. Most of the attendees were from CSU Chico and the surrounding area but there were three Green Campus teams present at the conference- CSU Chico, UCSC, and Humboldt. Humboldt State was also well represented with ten members of the Natural Resources Club, a couple of students from the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund, and a Campus Center for Appropriate Technology Co-director.

Brietta collaborated with Brittany Brenneke from the Chico team to enlighten attendees how to have a successful Green Career Fair in a Saturday morning session. Both Brietta and Brittany worked with their career centers on campus to “green” the career fair for the last couple years. They shared lessons learned, insight on how to work with the career center and employers, and answered many questions from the audience. Brietta and Adrienne also led a session about collaboration with on- and off-campus stakeholders. The session was very well attended with a nearly full classroom. The audience was engaged and asked a lot of questions about how to form good stakeholder relationships. It was also great to have the support of some Alliance folks, Candis Mary-Dauphin and Meghan Kearns, at both sessions!

Overall, this trip was a great learning experience and chance to connect with other students and stakeholders who are leading the sustainability movement! Anyone can attend this conference and the GC team encourages you all to look into it! Go to <http://www.csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/conference/> and check out the program from this year’s conference. There is also information to stay up to date with the sustainability initiatives led by CSU Chico.



Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney present at This Way to Sustainability 2012



**Results are in!**  
 HSU ranked  
**4<sup>th</sup> place** out of all  
 Green Campus teams  
 in Campus  
 Conservation Nationals







## Metrics for March

**19 Students** attended ice cream reception for CCN Winners

**15 people** attended Water Awareness Speaker Panel

**64 people** are now a part of our Facebook group



## Meet the Project Coordinators!

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