



SOTOYOME AND GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ANNOUNCE

2004-05 Fall & Winter EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP SERIES

The series will provide landowners with practical knowledge
and solutions about complex natural resource issues.

*Weather, location, and calendar-factors may impact the schedule below.
A \$10 donation is requested per workshop, or \$35 for the series.
Proceeds will directly benefit the sustainability of the RCD workshop series.
The donation is requested but not required.*

PLEASE RSVP
(contact information provided below)

Refreshments will be provided. Participants will receive printed materials.

Tuesday September 14th (2nd Tuesday) 6:30pm-9:00pm. Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Building

Topic: Alien Invaders In Our Watershed

Throughout our watersheds, introduced exotic plants have taken hold, and other species of birds, fish, insects and other wildlife, agricultural operations, and use of fertilizers. The problem usually starts from our own backyards through our own actions. Every land user has a role to play in the struggle to control exotic species and preserve native habitat. Learn how to manage your property against the invasion of exotic plants while being the natural environment, reducing fire risk, erosion, and disease transmission. This workshop is presented in coordination with the 7th annual Russian River Watershed Celebration. *Speakers: Karen Gaffney- Circuit Rider Productions; Dave Kaplow- Pacific Open Space Nursery; Lily Verdone- PostGraduate Studies, SSU, Ludwigia; Bruce McArthur- Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioners Office.*

October 13th (2nd Wednesday) Sonoma County Farm Bureau Meeting Room

Topic: Watershed Monitoring 101

This is an overview of the concept and role of watershed monitoring. The workshop will overview the scientific basis of data collection and how that information helps to understand how the watershed works, leads to an understanding of trends and changes in the environment, and quantifies the impact of ecological restoration. Local examples will showcase how monitoring can serve as a landowner tool for non-regulatory purposes, and the steps that enable them to achieve and quantify their stewardship and restoration practices. *Speakers: David Lewis- University of California Cooperative Extension; Kathleen Morgan- Gualala River Watershed Council; Don McEnhill- Russian RiverKeeper*

November 10th (2nd Wednesday) (Location TBA)

Topic: Is your Ground Covered?

Prep your landscape and Home for fall and winter. Identifying sediment and erosion sources in your own backyard, and determining immediate and long-term solutions such as ground cover checks, runoff dissipaters, seeding, matting, road and gutter tricks, culvert replacements, and road maintenance.

(Speakers TBA)

December 7th (2nd Tuesday) (Location TBA)

Topic: How to Fund a stewardship, restoration, or conservation project on your property

An overview will be provided of governmental and private foundation funds available for projects on private property. This is a presentation designed for both the savvy individual and newcomer. Contact Rick Kaye at the Sotoyome RCD to receive the a pre-meeting written survey about your potential projects, and to find out more about the funding opportunities that match your needs. **(Speakers TBA)**

To RSVP, or for more information about these workshops, please contact Rick Kaye at the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District at (707) 569-1448. Or visit www.sonomarinrcds.org for updates. You can also email at rickk@sonic.net. Workshop locations are wheelchair accessible. If you need special accommodations, please let us know in advance so that we can make any necessary arrangements. The Sotoyome and Gold Ridge RCDs do not discriminate against any person or persons, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, citizenship, or sexual orientation. Partial funding for this series has been provided through the State Water Resources Control Board and Sonoma County Water Agency grants and contract sources.



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