

State of the San Lorenzo River 2026 Symposium & Tour

The confluence of science, policy, and action.

April 11th, 2026

9 am – 12:30 pm, followed by a tour of the lower San Lorenzo River 1– 2 pm
London Nelson Community Center: 301 Center St. Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Agenda

- 8:30 Doors open: Opportunity to browse tables, light refreshments provided
- 9:00 **Facilitator Welcome:** Laurie Egan, Executive Director – Coastal Watershed Council
- 9:10 **KEYNOTE: State of California Environmental Protection Policies**
Senator John Laird, California District 17
- 9:30 **History of Aulintak - Thoughts on the Uypi Villages of Santa Cruz**
Martin Rizzo-Martinez, Associate Professor in Film & Digital Media – UC Santa Cruz
- 10 **The status of Foothill yellow legged frogs in the SLR watershed – a consultant’s perspective**
Bryan Mori, Wildlife Biologist – Biological Consulting Services
- 10:30 Break
- 11 **Invasive shothole borer in Santa Cruz County and implications for watershed forest health**
Brian Woodward, Regional Forest Advisor for Santa Cruz Mountains – UC Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 11:30 **Regional Conservation Investment Strategy: A tool for guiding investment and action in the San Lorenzo River Watershed**
Jodi McGraw, Principal Ecologist – Jodi McGraw Consulting and Kelli Camara, Consulting Technical Director – Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
- 12 **State of the Fishery: Monitoring the San Lorenzo River Steelhead Fishery**
Sean Cochran, Environmental Scientist – CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- 12:30 **Closing Remarks:** Laurie Egan & chance to browse tables
- 1-2 **Tour Lower San Lorenzo River Restoration and Development:** Coastal Watershed Council and City of Santa Cruz

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