

The Chuck Haugen Conservation Fund (CHCF) is excited to offer small grants to volunteers and non-profit organizations in order to achieve our mission.

Projects can be small, large, volunteer, or professional. Grants can be used to begin, complete or continue environmental conservation projects within the Monterey Bay Area.

The grant dollar amounts can range from \$100 to \$2,500. Go to www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org for instructions and to download the grant application.

EARTH DAY 2010




There are lots of events happening this year. We hope to see you at some:

April 17, 9am till 1pm, join Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District & Return of the Natives for an Earth Day community service event and celebration at Locke-Paddon Park! Follow the signs to behind the library; water, snacks, and tools are provided. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups are all welcome to join us in helping to beautify the park and commemorate Earth Day in Marina! Register on <http://www.mprpd.org> under the Community ALIVE! events.

April 24 10am till 1pm, join Return of the Natives for an Earth Day community service event: Pick up trash and debris and help us weed at Natividad Creek Park in Salinas. Follow the signs to the picnic tables by the playground; water, snacks, and tools are provided. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups are all welcome to join us in helping to beautify the park and commemorate Earth Day in Salinas!



Calendar of Monterey Bay Area Conservation Events – April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>View the most recent detailed event information and add your own events at our website and WebCalendar: www.ChuckHaugenConservationFund.org</p>		01 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	02	03 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours VWA Trail Crew Trip 9am - SCRAP - San Lorenzo River Cleanup 1pm - CNPS Pt. Lobos Weed Bash
				04 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm - Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk 	05	06 Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab Free First Tuesday 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days! 6:30pm - Sustainable Seaside - Film & Discussion: Creating Food Gardens
11 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm - Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	12	13 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days! 7pm - Audubon Society Monthly Lecture	14 9am - Elkhorn Slough Greenhouse Day	15 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	16	17 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 9am - MPRPD Earth Day at Locke-Paddon
18 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 11am - CNPS Weed Bash - Soberanes Creek 1:30pm - Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	19	20 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	21 Have a volunteer-filled 	22 Monterey Green Action Film Café 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days! 7pm - American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay	23	24 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 9am - Watsonville Wetlands Watch - Restoration Days! 10am - RON - Earth Day at Natividad Creek Park
25 Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm - Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	26	27 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	28	29 10am - Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	30	Turn your conservation ideas into action with our ***Special Grant Opportunity*** See: www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org/ For more info.

American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay

4/22, The Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society normally meets at 7:30 pm (7pm refreshments) on the last Thursday of the month at Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, California (across from the American Tin Cannery Outlet Stores). Free and open to the public. ACS meetings and activities feature cetacea and various aspects of the marine environment. www.starrsites.com/acsmmb.

Audubon Society Monthly Lectures

4/13, 7pm. April program – Audubon at Home with Rana Creek. Monthly meetings of the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society are free. Members and non-members are welcome! Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, at the corner of Forest and Central in Pacific Grove. Refreshments precede the meeting with a social "1/2 hour" at 7 PM. Meeting and program begin at 7:30. Bring a Friend! <http://www.montereyaudubon.org>

(CNPS) California Native Plant Society Weed Bashes

4/3 1pm-4pm * 4/9 9am-2:30pm * 4/18 9am-2:30pm
Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado61@gmail.com (831) 277-7690. EVERY First Saturday, 1-4pm since January 2003 we've returned to the East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve to restore a 15-acre area formerly dominated by French Broom. You will love it if you love hard work for the environment!
ONE Friday of every month since January 2003 we have volunteered for this exhilarating time in beautiful and wild Soberanes Creek watershed to remove the invasive weed Cape Ivy. Join us If you love exertion and exercise in support of the environment.
EVERY 3rd Sunday, 9a-2:30pm help restore coastal habitats at Sobranes Point by removing invasive plants such as Cape ivy from one of Monterey County's most beautiful coastal locations.
jp_hubbard@hotmail.com or bdelgado61@gmail.com 831-726-1737 or 277-7690 6.5 miles south of Carmel River but RSVP for details.

Elkhorn Slough Greenhouse Day

4/14, 9am-1pm. Meet at the greenhouse. Wear layered work clothes including closed-toed shoes. Contact Bree at 831-402-4421 or [bree\(at\)elkhornslough.org](mailto:bree(at)elkhornslough.org).

Elkhorn Slough Reserve tours

Docent-led tours of the Reserve are held every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is also an early birding walk the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. To walk the trails there is a \$2.50 day-use fee (cash or check, no credit cards) for adults 16 and older; children are free; entry is also free with a California hunting or fishing license. A one-year pass is available for \$19.25. 831-728-2822

Fort Ord Volunteer Days!

10am-4pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Join other experienced volunteers and staff to explore and sustain the natural systems on Fort Ord Public Lands. You'll have access to 8,000 acres of beautiful vistas and natural habitats while you help improve their health and the health of your body and soul by removing invasive weeds, collection native seeds, planting native plants, helping with plant inventories and learning to use new tools to map and restore wild lands. You'll be glad you volunteered!!! [Bdelgado\(at\)blm.gov](mailto:Bdelgado(at)blm.gov) 394-8314

Monterey Green Action Film Cafe

3/25, Every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at East Village Coffee Lounge. The best environmental films and interviews with local experts are brought to you for a free night out. MGA is a community volunteer organization in the City of Monterey that embraces a multi-disciplinary approach to sustainability in our community, from policy to gardens, from energy to transportation, from safe cosmetics to bike parking at special events, we undertake projects to help the City of Monterey become more self-reliant and sustainable.
[MontereyGreenAction\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:MontereyGreenAction(at)yahoo.com)

Visit our WebCalendar to add your events and see complete details for each of the events listed on our calendar:

<http://www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org/calendar>

(MPRPD) Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

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(SCRAP) Santa Cruz Rivers and Parks

4/3, 9am-11am San Lorenzo River Clean-up. This grassroots organization works to revive urban rivers and parkways. The current focus of SCRAP is the San Lorenzo River from Highway 1 to the ocean. Bring: Hat, water, snack and layers. We'll provide the gloves, trash buckets, and hand sanitizer. Meet at the new pedestrian bridge adjacent to San Lorenzo Park. Visit <http://tiny.cc/SCRAP-April-2010> for directions & <http://cleantheriver.blogspot.com/> for more info. [santacruzriversandparks\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:santacruzriversandparks(at)gmail.com) (831) 515-8211

Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Laboratory

Free First Tuesday. Visit the aquarium, exhibit hall, and touch tanks. Take a tour or explore on your own. <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/> 831-459-3800

Sustainable Seaside

4/6, 6:30pm – 8:30pm Peace Resource Center, 1364 Fremont Blvd, Seaside. Film & Discussion: Creating Food Gardens. A short inspiring film on urban homesteading, followed by an exchange of ideas and experiences, led by Cathy Rivera and Tom Hughes. For information about Sustainable Seaside or this event, contact Kay Kline at 899-7934 or visit <http://groups.google.com/group/sustainable-seaside>

(VWA) Ventana Wilderness Alliance

4/3, Turner Creek Trail Work Trip –
Contact daveknapp@ventanawild.org for details.

Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk

Every Sunday at 1:30 pm. Meet at the Nature Center for a guided walk in nearby wetlands. All ages are welcome. Binoculars will be provided. 30 Harkins Slough Rd Watsonville, CA 95076. 831-728-1156

Watsonville Wetlands Watch – Restoration Days

9am-12pm the fourth Saturday of every month (except Thanksgiving and Christmas), then an hour for walking, talking and observing wildlife. Come join our team of dedicated wildlife champions in rejuvenating the rich habitats of the Watsonville Sloughs. Contact Mary at 831-566-4938 or [mary\(at\)watsonvillewetlandswatch.org](mailto:mary(at)watsonvillewetlandswatch.org).

Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training Program

The Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 docent trainees will be treated to an inside look at the Pajaro Valley and its wide network of wetlands. Local experts will share the ecology, history and restoration of the wetlands during this 7-week program, which includes Wednesday evening presentations and Saturday morning field trips. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Fieberling, at 831-345-1226 or email [kathyfieb\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:kathyfieb(at)yahoo.com). Meet at Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center