

Celebrate the River with SYRCL at the State of the Yuba on April 21st

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April 14, 2016 - Get inspired, activated and involved this Earth Day season. Come celebrate one day early with the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), Thursday, April 21. Bring your appetite and a friend to the Peace Lutheran Church for a fun evening at State of the Yuba. Mix and mingle with fellow river lovers while hearing about a variety of ways you can get involved. SYRCL's "Open House" will take place from 5-6pm where you can meet staff, learn about current projects, and upcoming summer volunteer opportunities.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of SYRCL. Whether it is removing seven tons of garbage from the river in a day, monitoring for greenhouse gasses in meadows, or taking kids on Salmon Tours during the spawning season, SYRCL's volunteers pack the power in our work. They make our efforts to protect the Yuba possible." said Jenn Tamo, River People Manager.

The program will begin at 6pm with an awards ceremony in which Kathy Davidson, SYRCL's Volunteer of the Year, Delphine Griffith, SYRCL's Youth Environmentalist of the Year, and The Sierra Fund, SYRCL's Partner of the Year, will be honored for their service to the community and the Yuba River.

SYRCL's Executive Director, Caleb Dardick, will speak about what is being done to restore wild salmon; NID's Centennial Dam proposal on the Bear River; and efforts to educate the public about water conservation and environmentally responsible cannabis cultivation. In addition, guests will learn about SYRCL's year-round work to support the global environmental movement with the Wild & Scenic Film Festival's On Tour program, as well as hear from SYRCL's River Scientist, Rachel Hutchinson. Hutchinson will report on SYRCL's current greenhouse gas emissions mitigation research in the Tahoe National Forest, and projects currently underway to restore Lower Yuba River habitat. SYRCL will hold a Question and Answer session at the end of the program.

SYRCL's partners will also be available to provide information about their work. The Foothills Water Network will have a table about NID's Centennial Dam proposal; The Sierra Fund will have updates on a number of local and regional projects; and if you are not yet registered to vote, you may do so with the League of Women Voters.

Celebrate Earth Day one day early with SYRCL at the State of the Yuba, and find out how you can get involved to protect the watershed this summer season.

WHAT: SYRCL's "State of the Yuba"

WHEN: Thursday, April 21, 2016. Doors open at 5:00pm, program from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church, 828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley

COST: This event is FREE and open to the public.

FOOD & DRINK: Tacos from Fatbelly Taqueria will be available for purchase in addition to assorted desserts and refreshments, including Three Forks Bakery and Brewing Co. beer.

