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MORRO BAY
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Morro Bay Science Explorations Bay Health Update - Thursday, March 5

Free admission! San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden
Doors at 6:00 p.m. Starts at 6:15 p.m.



Ann Kitajima

Assistant Director, Morro Bay National Estuary Program

Shares bay health data and the results of a bay floor mapping survey

Prior to her role as Assistant Director, Ann served as the Morro Bay National Estuary Program's Monitoring Program Manager for 15 years, overseeing data collection by staff and volunteers in the estuary and watershed. She will share a summary of bay related data, including oxygen, bacteria, and sediment, as well as the results of a recent survey to create a map of the bay floor.



Regena Orr

Environmental Scientist, California State Parks

Discusses the health of local snowy plover populations

Regena manages the Western Snowy Plover program for the San Luis Obispo Coast District, which has the largest breeding population of snowy plovers in the State Park System. Regena began working for California State Parks in 1995, after earning a BS in Natural Resources Management from Cal Poly. She is also involved with bird banding, and monitoring monarch butterflies, Black Oystercatchers, and bats.



Juliette Finzi Hart

Oceanographer, USGS Pacific and Coastal Marine Science Center

Presents the Coastal Storm Modeling System for the Central Coast

Juliette helps coastal communities understand and utilize the best available science in coastal planning. She focuses on developing innovative stakeholder engagement strategies such as working with citizen scientists and developing virtual and augmented reality applications to help translate complex scientific information. Juliette received her doctorate in Ocean Sciences and a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Cities from USC. She received her B.A. from Columbia University.

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