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**Building Local Collaboration and Stewardship
of the Tomales Bay Watershed—Science, Policy and Practice**



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Friday, September 23rd, 2016,

8:30 a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Inverness Yacht Club, Inverness, CA

7th State of Tomales Bay Conference 2016
Building Local Collaboration and Stewardship of the
Tomales Bay Watershed:
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Friday, September 23, 2016, 8:30am to 5 pm
Inverness Yacht Club

- 8:30 AM Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00 AM Welcome Tom Gaman, TBWC Chair**
- 9:15 AM Keynote – Climate Change: Nature-Based Solutions for a Healthy Future.** Ellie Cohen, President and CEO, Point Blue Conservation Science
- Science**
- 9:45 AM Change in the Upper Watershed: Challenges in Managing Rangelands, Forests, Fire and Invasive Plants**
Sally Gale, Rancher, Marin RCD & Mike Swezy, Forester MMWD
- 10:15 AM Long-Term Trends in Water Quality Monitoring of the Tomales Bay Watershed**
Rob Carson, Tomales Bay Watershed Council and David Lewis, UC Cooperative Extension
- 10:30 AM Break**
- 10:45 AM State of Tomales Bay’s Anadromous Fisheries**
Eric Ettliger - MMWD Fisheries Biologist, and Mike Reichmuth – NPS Fisheries Biologist
- 11:15 AM The Need to Know: Research projects ongoing at Point Reyes National Seashore**
Ben Becker, Biologist, Point Reyes National Seashore
- 11:30 AM Wildlife Update: Ospreys and Eagles**
Jules Evens, naturalist, principal at Avocet Research Associates

11:45 AM Open time for Watershed vignettes including Dominique Richard (NOAA), Richard James (Coastodian)

12:00 PM Lunch provided

Policy

1:00 PM Running the National Park
Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore

1:30 PM Inside the Coastal Commission and Local Governance
Steve Kinsey, Marin County Supervisor and California Coastal Commission

2:00 PM C-SMART: Planning for Sea Level Rise in Tomales Bay
Jack Liebster Marin County C-Smart Program

2:30 PM Break

Practice

2:45 PM Defending Beef Nicolette Niman, Rancher and Attorney

3:10 PM Shellfish Aquaculture in Tomales Bay -
Terry Sawyer, Co-Founder Hog Island Oyster Company

3:35 PM River Otters in the Watershed –
Megan Isadore, the River Otter Ecology Project

4:00 PM Funding Future Restoration in the Watershed. Jerry Meral

4:10 PM Observations of a Fisherman. Richard Plant

4:25 PM Local Groups Update—PRNSA/MALT/RCD & other updates

4:50 PM Conference Wrap-Up Rob Carson

5:00 PM Social Hour and Refreshments