

Water Quality and the Elkhorn Slough
A Tour for the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

August 28, 2014
9:30 - 3:30

Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
1700 Elkhorn Road
Watsonville

Goal

Increase understanding of the work of partners in understanding and addressing water quality concerns around the Elkhorn Slough.

Objectives

- Improve our relationships
- Increase our understanding of:
 - Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Elkhorn Slough Foundation, and Central Coast Wetlands Group programs
 - Hydrology of the Elkhorn Slough
 - Water quality trends in the Slough
 - Actions to reduce water quality impairments
 - Regional Board vision for Elkhorn Slough

Agenda

9:30 ***Program begins – coffee and short walk to an overlook on the Elkhorn Slough***

Welcome

Dave Feliz, Manager, Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

Introductions

**Overview of Elkhorn Slough Foundation and Elkhorn Slough Reserve:
A history of water quality**

Mark Silberstein, Executive Director, Elkhorn Slough Foundation

10:40 ***Caravan – Moss Landing Wildlife Refuge***

Elkhorn Slough, a postcard for beneficial uses in Monterey Bay

*John Haskins and Kerstin Wasson – researchers associated with
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Agenda, continued

Caravan – Moro Cojo Slough, behind Whole Enchilada

Moro Cojo Slough, water quality concerns and links to impacts on the Elkhorn Slough

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Caravan – Moss Landing Marine Labs

12:10 ***Lunch - a “working lunch”***

Watershed approach to water quality solutions

Sierra Ryan, Project Manager, Central Coast Wetlands Group

Informal discussion

1:00 ***Caravan – Ocean Mist Farms, near Castroville***

Partnership for solutions – Agriculture’s role in improving water quality

Dale Huss, Production Manager, Ocean Mist Farms

2:00 ***Caravan – Elkhorn Slough Reserve***

Group discussion

3:30 ***Adjourn***

For more information, contact Grey Hayes grey@elkhornslough.org (831) 274-8700

This event is for Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board appointed officials and staff. It is by invitation only; please contact Grey if you have suggestions for other invitees.