

A scenic landscape photograph of a valley with rolling hills, dense forests, and a misty atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Anderson Valley Resilient Lands Symposium

Think Like a Watershed 2022!

Anderson Valley Grange
Saturday, October 15, 2022
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

MORNING

8:30-9:00 Coffee and Pastries

9:00-9:15 Welcome

- Yoriko Kishimoto, President, Anderson Valley Land Trust
- Sarah Wuethrich, President, Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association
- Linda MacElwee, Navarro River Resource Center / Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

9:15-9:25 Invocation

- Ronald W. Lincoln, Sr. Round Valley Pomo

9:25-9:55 Keynote Speakers

- Obi Kaufmann, Conservationist, Author, and Artist
- Brock Dolman, Senior Biologist at Occidental Arts and Ecology Center

9:55-10:00 A Young Voice and Perspective

- Ananda Mayne

10:00-10:10 State of Anderson Valley

Patrick Miller: A “Flyover Watershed Perspective” of Anderson Valley its soils, water, carbon, forests, vineyards, orchards, and housing. Included will be an overview of general plan and zoning designations.

10:10– 10:15 Short Break

10:15- 11:15 Panel Session #1: State of the Valley - Our Watershed: Valley Hydrology, Salmon, Biodiversity

Chair and Presenter: Linda MacElwee

Panelists and topics:

- Mike Jones, Ph.D, UCCE Forest advisor: Healthy and resilient forests
- Adina Merenlender, Ph.D, Professor of Cooperative Extension in Conservation Science at UC Berkeley: Biodiversity and wildlife corridors
- Monty Schmitt, Senior Project Director with The Nature Conservancy: Salmon recovery and collaborative water management
- Christopher Woltemade, Ph.D, Prunuske Chatham, Inc: State of the Navarro River and hydrology

11:15 – 11:20 Short Break

11:20 – 12:30 Panel Session #2: Anderson Valley 2035 - Strategies for Sustainability (including strategies for sustainable water demand and supply)

Chair: Barbara Goodell

Panelists and topics:

- Kyle Farmer, Magruder Ranch: Climate resilient ranching
- Mary Mayeda, North Coast Forester for NCRS: Climate resilient forests
- Emily Winfield, North Coast Regional Soil Hub Coordinator: Climate beneficial/regenerative farming
- Steve Wood, Architect, AIA: Sustainable community

12:30 – 1:10 LUNCH provided by Burt Cohen of Boon Berry Farm Store

AFTERNOON

1:10 – 2:00 A Facilitated Discussion - What can we do, individually and together?

Facilitator: Patrick Miller

With support from all speakers, panelists, and community members

Topics

- Reactions to morning sessions.
- What is resiliency to you?
- What are your top questions about resiliency?
- What resilience projects are you working on?
- What do we (you?) need the most help on?
- What's keeping you up at night about the future of Anderson Valley?
- What help (grants? networking?) is needed to assure a resilient future?

2:00 – 2:05 Short Break

2:05 – 3:15 Panel #3 Session: Stories from Anderson Valley and Nearby: Coming Home to Place - Taking steps individually and as an Anderson Valley community

Chair: Nancy Hornor

Panelists and topics:

- Norman Kobler: Vineyard Manager/Owner, Philo Vineyard Solutions - evolving practices and adaptations for vineyards
- Tim Bates, Owner/Manager, The Apple Farm, Philo: evolving practices and adaptations on a three-generation family-run organic apple farm
- Corine Pearce, Native California basketweaver - Traditional cultural knowledge and practices; Keeping native habitats healthy and keeping cultural traditions alive
- Andres Avila, Chief, Anderson Valley Volunteer Fire Department: Trends in local fire conditions and preparations/good fire and prescribed burn associations

3:15 - 3:45 Closing and Next Steps

Closing Speaker: Brock Dolman, Senior Biologist at Occidental Arts and Ecology Center

3:45 - 4:30 Informal Discussions and Refreshments

Note: Speakers biographies, slide presentations, and other information about the Symposium may be found and downloaded at: <https://www.andersonvalleylandtrust.org/resilient-lands-symposium>