

## First Annual State of The Laguna Conference

**Saturday, September 23, 1989**

**8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Sebastopol Veterans' Building**

**282 High Street**

**Sebastopol**

**Registration Fee: \$10**

**(includes box lunch)**

This day long conference has been organized to exchange information about the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Participants will include farmers, developers, environmentalists, agency personnel, professionals, and the general public involved in or concerned with the Laguna.

Guidelines to protection of the Laguna as well as policy and planning issues will be discussed in formal presentations and open forum discussions.

For a copy of the agenda and registration form, write to:

**State of the Laguna Conference  
City of Sebastopol  
7120 Bodega Avenue  
Sebastopol, CA 95472**

## Laguna Notes

Richard Nichols

The effort begun 3 years ago by Sebastopol area citizens and the City Council to protect and restore the Laguna de Santa Rosa is bearing fruit.

1. The City Council adopted a revised and refined Wetlands Ordinance for lands inside the city limits. The new ordinance bans development (filling and building) on primary wetlands and adds restrictions on lands bordering the laguna designed to protect the ecosystem.
2. In a related action, the City Council authorized expenditure of \$49,000 to begin implementation of Laguna Wetlands Park in Sebastopol. The city will also seek state grants for this important effort.
3. Congressman Bosco submitted legislation to create a 9,000 acre Laguna Wildlife Refuge. The legislation is expected to pass. \$20 million will be allocated to the effort to protect 9,000 acres of wetlands.
4. With the help of Circuit Riders, the City of Sebastopol has received a state grant of \$42,000 from the Department Water Resources. This project was one of 26 selected out of 122 projects submitted. The project includes acquiring interest in land needed to maintain flood plain areas and manage exotic vegetation in the Calder Creek Channel.

The Sebastopol City Council is to be commended for taking the lead in this effort. As the era of Laguna protection begins, citizen involvement in implementation is important to insure sensitive and thorough planning. We'll continue to publish information on how you can be involved. Meanwhile, plan to attend the State of the Laguna Conference on September 23. ♦

*Karen Eberhardt is moving out of town. Her address at her new home will be:*

*14 Freshfield Bank • Forest Row • East Sussex • RH18 5HG • England*

*Because Karen is leaving, we have a space on the Board of Sebastopol Tomorrow. Anyone interested, please contact us at 823-8744. We hope Karen will be happy in her new life. We'll miss her!*

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