## A Choice of Earth Day Events in West County

We're lucky in West Contra Costa to have a number of ways to celebrate Earth Day, which is officially on April 23, with events throughout the week. Whether you're interested in checking out local "green" business practices or cleaning local creeks, there's something for everyone on this list.

\* Creeks Challenge – Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Watershed Project is organizing a number of work parties to clean West County Creeks. Meet at any of the following locations:

- 23rd St. Plaza Corner of 23rd St. and San Pablo Ave., San Pablo
- Boys and Girls Club of El Sobrante 4660 Appian Way, El Sobrante
- Verde Elementary School 2000 Giaramita Street, Richmond
- Wildcat Creek Staging Area An East Bay Regional Park located off the Richmond Parkway between Gertrude Ave. and Pittsburg Ave., Richmond

Contact <u>juliana@thewatershedproject.org</u> or 510-224-4085 for more information.

\* City of El Cerrito – Saturday, April 16, events all day long

The city hosts a variety of events including cleanups, invasive species removal, educational talks and a "reuse" art activity. For more information check the city's website at <a href="https://www.el-cerrito.org/esd/earthday.html">www.el-cerrito.org/esd/earthday.html</a> or call City Hall at 510-215-4350.

\* Groundwork Richmond's Greenway Cleanup—Saturday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Clean, weed, mulch and plant natives on the Richmond Greenway. Meet at Carlson Blvd. and the Greenway. For more information contact Will Osuna at 510-847-5031

\*Earth Day Business Expo – Thursday, April 28, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

RecycleMore facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave., Richmond.

Exhibits, live music, food, no-host bar, hazardous waste drop-off, recycling plant tours paper shredding services, and seminars in green business practice, gardening and more. Sponsored by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and RecyleMore.

For more information check out RecycleMore's website at <a href="www.recyclemore.org">www.recyclemore.org</a> or call the Richmond Chamber of Commerce at 510-234-3512

Green Enjoy your Earth Day!

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