

Issue Area/ Top Priorities	Santa Cruz Environmental Breakfast	Monterey	Morgan Hill
Agriculture/Pesticides			
	<p>Methyl iodide Increase search for soil-based pest control alternatives incentives for farmers to abandon pesticides</p> <p>Dept. of Pesticide Regulation Enforcement of California Toxic Contaminant Act</p> <p>Increase incentives to go organic</p> <p>Link CDFA Fees to enforcement Organic farmers need more testing at their inputs, more technology (support legislation that certifies compost and other inputs as organic)</p> <p>Farmland conservation Wildland conservation: Don't cut all brush in fear of food safety issues Need funding to protect habitat and working lands, stewardship of protected lands (parks) Open Space District to preserve ag land SB 211- Pass it/ Include: Creative input: Improve Run- off protection for waterways Invest in innovative technologies and approaches to farming</p>	<p>Alternatives to toxics/toxins</p> <p>Adverse effects on... - workforce</p> <p>- Rural residents</p> <p>- Environment/habitat</p> <p>Economics of crop rotation</p> <p>Shifting burden of proof (instead of having to prove that pesticides are harmful, they should have prove that they are safe) "pilot" program to demonstrate efficacy and economic viability? Different food certification between conventional and organic?</p> <p>Regional water board agricultural waiver process</p>	<p>Encourage Organic Farming/Local Farms → regulation needed for vineyard development education</p> <p>Invasive Species Get local representatives on California invasive species council</p> <p>Prevention or management control? Research Fermentation of Biomass→ fuel and fertilizers; other bio-fuels, local production of energy, fertilizer</p>
Watersheds/Water			
	<p><u>Water</u> Long term: Prop 218 Exemptions to allow local funding</p> <p>Money/Either give \$ from state or allow locals to tax themselves</p> <p>Land use planning/ water</p> <p>Support for state -wide h2o conservation, but legislation needs to deal w/ climate change Support projects that reduce Seawater intrusion in Pajaro Valley , fund prop. 218</p> <p><u>Watersheds-</u></p> <p>Manage watershed holistically (Ex. Pajaro Flood Control) Make labor requirements flexible for small, bond- funded water projects (Legislation to differentiate between large scale water projects and small scale community projects) Make sure legislation recognizes the connections between surface and groundwater Create Incentives for individual efforts to increase recharge, decrease runoff Support incentives to do recharge locally on homes</p> <p>State support of programmatic permitting for restoration and conservation</p>	<p>Concerned about quantity, quality, and conservation to sustain regional quality of life</p> <p>Change policies that frustrate efficient transfer/ conservation of resources Support environmental conscious water resource programs that encourage conservation and use of non-portable resources State should support funding to reduce capital costs to end users: both new systems and repair for reducing loss Acknowledge 70 gpd (gallons per day) is a very low rate-exceeding others and close to public health limitations</p> <p>"Incentivize" recycled water use Encourage partnerships to generate environmentally-effective water management and discourage confrontation in developing new resources Develop policies that encourage effective use of multiple water sources (desal, recycled, portable)</p>	<p>Quality: reliable water</p> <p>Quantity: Cost goes up</p> <p>Balance of the issues</p> <p>Conservation:</p> <p>Policy to implement conservation</p> <p>Increase storage capacity</p> <p>Roof top Water Capture</p> <p>Conservation: Reuse</p> <p>Perchlorate</p> <p>Drinking water standard 6 parts per billion</p> <p>What is going on in the community</p> <p>Possible health goal is lowered</p>
Waste			
	<p>Extended Producer Responsibility – EPR (AB 283)</p>	<p>Reduce→ Reuse→ then Recycle! (In that order!)</p>	<p>Electronic Waste- local recycling and monitoring waste stream and end products</p>

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Comprehensive waste policy
 Pharma waste
 Excess packaging
 Styrofoam
Re-use:
 Local – grease – biofuel
 State-wide leadership- role and risk
 Set up structure/ implementation/ funding mechanisms

Reduce: Education/Re-Training, Incentives
Reuse- Incentives to promote reusable products
Recycle: Creat Local Markets for recycled goods/Green Jobs
 Recycle Locally/Don't ship to China
 Create Incentives to use recycled materials
Create More Sustainable Waste Management System
 Reduce carbon footprint (fewer garbage truck trips)
 Is "0" waste achievable? Good goal, hard to achieve
 Create energy from waste (use to make fuels, heat, etc)

Research Fermentation of Biomass → fuel and fertilizers; other bio-fuels, local production of energy, fertilizer
Streamline process for Renewables
Ban Plastic Bags/Styrofoam
 → Regional

Oceans

Comprehensive ban for Plastics/ Styrofoam, Extended Producer Responsibility
Plan for Adaptation to sea level rise/planning \$\$\$ and Mandates using: General Plans
 County Local coastal plans
Funding for Marine Protected Areas for Department of Fish and Game and California Coastal Commission for implementation and enforcement
Marine/ ecosystem management planning
 Resp alternative energy, fish farming, spatial planning, conservation
Anti-poaching bill (support)
Stable funding for the Cal. Coastal Commission
Regional Sediment Management Plans
Beach Water Quality Monitoring/ Improvements (\$\$)
Support for Clean Beaches (project grants)
Aquaculture/Fish farming/SB 201 implementation
 Boating transfers

Marine Debris

plastics & Styrofoam (ban? Tax?)
 youth-to-youth/ viral solution (education)
 green jobs/ regional recycling & support for new technologies

Environmental Literacy

K-12
 City-by-city
 Sustain species to sustain humans
 Labor & environmental coalitions
 MHS students as outreach

Protect Oceans & Increase Awareness

Air Quality/Climate Change/Transportation

All decisions made with climate change in mind
 Increase gas tax , regionally, if not state-wide
Oct 24th International Day of Climate Action, Sign onto CA-> 350ppm/ carbon (goal)
 California to prioritize public transit, bike & walk infrastructure
 Restore transit district funding
 Stop piecemeal widening of Highway 1
 Fund education and enforcement to improve bike use and safety

Climate Change Mitigation

Taxing Externalities, ex: Carbon Tax

Motivate local government to take it seriously: **Need guidance from State, and "carrots & sticks"- SB 375 not enough teeth**
Conservation: energy, water, land, resources-gray water
Goal should be 100% renewable energy: (institute feed-in-tariff, PG&E, solar finance districts)
State Funding for Electric Vehicle charging stations

Adaptations

Prepare for changes and educate citizens so they take it seriously
Land use that considers sea rise

Indoor air quality in workplace(toxic in work space)→ standards storage policies, building codes
 . Renewable Energy vs. Fossil Fuel vs. Nuclear Power

→ Solar: Consolidate REG process permits
 → Green Jobs: Stimulus, Education K-12, Research

Charcoal into Soil Biochar
 Monitoring area around Metcalfe(prevaling wind)

Alternative Energy/Green Jobs/Green Tech

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Stimulating Demand

“Pathways to a stewardship workforce”
Ensuring DEMAND for local workforce

incentives i.e., affordable solar, tax breaks, net metering equity, solar finance dists.

Special Financing mechanisms for selected projects

Incentives fro Solar panels for home water heaters-low hanging fruits
Economy: Jobs, Agriculture, Manufacturing
New jobs from alternative Energy Production

Actual green jobs
 Career pathways such as design linked to demand

Bond measures that support job creation
 Infrastructure projects conservation outcomes

Green jobs education/ info

Local Jobs
local employment and local procurement policies,ensuring supply of trained workers

Union apprenticeships
 Life careers in design and contracting
 Strengthen connection between Cabrillo and green trades

Apprenticeships

Changing state building code
 Make sure the legislature at state level doesn't water down local efforts
 Ready the state infrastructure for electric/hybrid cars
 Skills building/ training

Jr. College/CSUMB
education

conservation

energy efficiency
water conservation
carbon issues and reduction
Facilitated by government representatives

Local Investment
 For local projects

Environmental Education

Funding/AB 1330 study legislation to connect state educational goals to environmental education practices and values
Recognition of Env. Ed. as viable academic subject supportive of science standards
Standards: Incorporate and align environmental education to state science standards
Leadership- Training of environmental educators
Institutionalizing Sustainability as a concept
Outdoor/Experiential learning models/ Service Learning as a way to expand Env. Ed.

Environmental Literacy

Education for energy conservation

K-12

City-by-city

Sustain species to sustain humans

Labor & environmental coalitions

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Land Use/Conservation

Pass an Open Space District (SB 211) as a tool to:
 o Protect habitat/water quality and water supplies

 o protect working lands-ag, ranch, timber

 o stewardship of existing protected lands
 o funding urban parks and maintenance
 o funding for environmental education and adaptation for climate change
Not more legislation, but better enforcement of existing laws
Funding Existing Legislation- example NPDES funding AB32 Land Stewardship adaptation.

State Parks: Balance conservation and access

Comprehensive Habitat/Resource Planning

Support Voluntary Park Access Fee
More “teeth” in legislation or statute to reduce “impacts” from development-I.E. SB375
 Link Transportation and development planning
 Water & parks as well

Support Legislation that acknowledges the Cumulative impacts of land use decisions (ie: Timber harvest plans are now done piecemeal, as are development projects)
Develop funding mechanism to get people to pay for use of parks

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 Make legislation that is less reactive, and
 more proactive and precautionary. ie;
 environmental groups mostly responding to
 EIR's and Negative Declarations
 Reduce 2/3 threshold

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Forests

**Money for public forests and Dept. of Fish
 and Game for enforcement of existing laws
 (fund vacant positions, lift travel ban)
 Funding for state parks: staff and
 maintenance
 Implement policies that recognize the
 importance of forests for drinking water,
 air quality, carbon sinks, protection of
 endangered species
 Board of Forestry
 Change the appt. process to be in line with
 coastal commission
 Change in definition of "take" in C.E.S.A.
 Pass law prohibiting cutting of old growth
 redwood trees**