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CONSERVATION CATCH-UP



Recap: Celebrating Earth Day

On Tuesday April 22, Conservation joined the California Natural Resources Agency at our Sacramento HQ to celebrate Earth Day alongside 20 other departments, organizations and nature conservancies. The California Geological Survey shook things up (literally!) with their Make-A-Quake simulator, while the Division of Mine Reclamation showcased a display about everyday minerals, bat habitats, and mine safety. We thought the event rocked, pun intended, and we hope you did too! [Check out the video recap](#)

Meet Conservation's New Tribal Liaison, Crystal Blue



In January, Crystal Blue was sworn in at the official Tribal Liaison for the Department of Conservation. As our first ever Tribal Liaison, Crystal brings invaluable expertise and vision to lead the Department in building meaningful relationships with tribal communities. Learn more about her background and experience on our blog.

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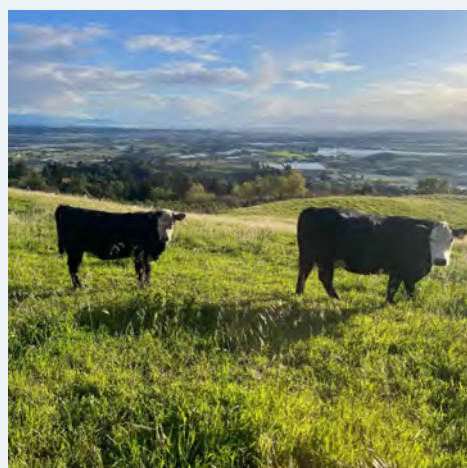


In the News: Mapping Tsunami Flood Risks

The California Geological Survey has completed many mapping projects to help coastal cities understand their flood risks in the event of a tsunami and prepare accordingly. The Los Angeles Times highlighted this work in an article last month, noting areas of interest across the California coastline. [Read More](#)

Estrada Ranch Receives SALC Grant

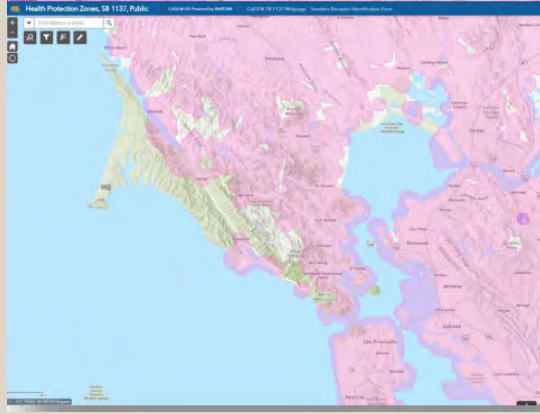
Estrada Ranch, located in the Pajaro Hills of Santa Cruz County, received a \$3 million grant from Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) program in partnership with the California Strategic Growth Council. Through this partnership, the Estrada family's land will be able to remain a corridor for local wildlife and a home for sustainable ranching in perpetuity.



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Recap: Senate Bill 1137 Public Meetings

Last month, Conservation, the California Air Resources Board, and the Department of Water Resources received public questions and



comments in a series of virtual public meetings on proposed permanent language for the already-in-place emergency regulations for Health Protection Zones as laid out in Senate Bill 1137. The presentation and video recordings from these meetings

can be found on our website. [Check it Out](#)

California Geology Magazine Returns



After a 23-year hiatus, the California Geological Survey is thrilled to announce the return of California Geology Magazine. This digital issue is designed to be printable on a home printer and is available now on our website. [Read Here](#)



Creating a Framework for Cultural Burning

Northern California's Karuk Tribe recently became the first federally recognized tribe in California to reach an agreement with the California Natural Resources agency Agency and local authorities to allow for cultural burning: the setting of intentional fires for both ceremonial and practical purposes, such as reducing brush to limit the risk of wildfires. Learn more from the Los Angeles Times.

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San Diego Elephants React to Earthquake

These California residents were prepared! Learn more about how elephants at the San Diego Safari Park implemented their own earthquake safety measures in the area's recent 5.2-magnitude quake. [Read the Article](#)



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