



March 2017

We would like to stay in touch with Members and Graduates. Please share news of your MC projects or other environmental work. Contact: kim@marinefm.org

President's Message

For two months Donald Trump has been President of **all** of the United States. That includes every city, county, town and hamlet, including all of us living in the miracle we call Marin.

What does this mean for the environmentally minded among us? It means that we can no longer count on those at the helm to take steps to protect us from the ravages of climate change. It means that the power to address this situation must come from the ground up. From people exactly like you and me, who aren't willing to assume a wait-and- see

Lecture Series 2017

Our Lecture Series for 2017 is designed to help you do that with experts in many fields offering a closer look at today's pressing environmental issues.



...to maintain a positive attitude.

This is not the time to lose hope. It's a time when every action counts.

Environmental Forum of Marin is here—as it has been for 45 years—to show you how your actions can really matter. Our Lecture Series, continuing through March and April, brings in fascinating speakers who are local and/or national experts on many topics of interest. New this year, our speakers then chair interactive discussions about the steps you can take for meaningful action. And you decide where to go from there.

Even if you have not recently attended an EFM event, please bring along a friend and get re-engaged. Some of the people who attend our lectures have found purpose—actions they could take to add to their self-worth. Who knows what you might find?

In the four years ahead, we can be sure that our natural environment will need all the stewards it can find.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Olson



Members Events

Please Join Us For Our Annual Meeting and 45th Anniversary Celebration!

Sunday, May 21, 2017

3:00 to 5:00 pm, Corte Madera Community Center

More details to come.

Save the Dates

[Click here](#) for more info about the lectures and to register.

Yes We Can! Marin Solutions for Housing	Saturday March 18
A Trip North: Researching Climate and Working for Change in Alaska	Wednesday March 22
Wildlife and Habitat Connectivity	Wednesday April 12
Marin's Climate Goals and Where we Stand	Wednesday April 26

Master Class 43 Project

Hungry for Answers Lecture

Laurie Riley, Food Waste

Most folks have heard about the **shocking percentage of food that goes to waste (40%) in the country**. In fact food waste is emerging as one of the top environmental concerns, contributing methane to our atmosphere and costing our society millions of dollars of wasted energy, resources and produce. Yet, even in affluent Marin County many of our seniors and students are suffering from food insecurity.

So what can we do about it?



Time to Join or Renew Your 2017 Membership

The best way to support climate science is to understand and sustain your local environment (or, simply educate yourself!). For nearly 45 years, the Environmental Forum of Marin has been bringing you fact-based, action-oriented, environmental education. Attend our lectures, join the Master Class, become a member now!

[Click here](#) to join/renew now.

EFM Sponsors Project Drawdown Event with Book Passage

May 1, 2017

Paul Hawken will speak upon the release of **Project Drawdown**, a book, containing the 100 most substantive solutions to roll back climate change, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN EVER PROPOSED TO
REVERSE GLOBAL WARMING
EDITED BY PAUL HAWKEN



Five panelists weighed in on the subject. Anti food waste activist Jordan Figuereido, led the discussion, describing some of the successes of the **UglyFruitAndVeg Campaign**, which has convinced Whole Foods and Walmart to begin selling “ugly” produce at a discounted rate, rather than send them to the landfill. Nick Lapis, a lobbyist for **Californians Against Waste** spoke of landmark pieces of legislation that are now being put in place to prevent confusion about food safety labeling and sell-by dates.

Kathy Carver spoke about [ExtraFood.org](#), a non-profit harnessing volunteers who move excess food from grocers, markets and restaurants to other human service non-profits where it is badly needed. Our local activist, Jacquie Phelan, described her life in Marin County as a gleaner and harvester of dumpster-bound food. Julie Hanft co-founded the **Marin Open Garden Project** (her MC project), which allows gardeners to share produce with each other in local neighborhoods.

Outside in the lobby, Mar, of **Imperfect Produce** displayed what a box of “Imperfect” produce actually looks like, and how one can receive a box of rescued produce at your doorstep each week. The box I received this week could hardly have been called “Imperfect”. I am thrilled to be a new customer.

Here are some organizations to contact for more information:

[UglyFruitAndVeg.org](#)

[Californians Against Waste](#)

[ExtraFood.org](#)

[Imperfect Produce](#)

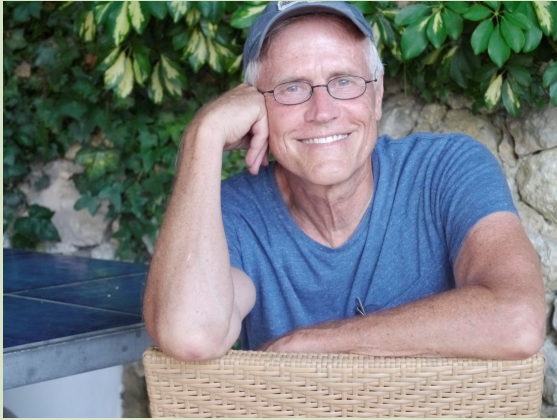
[Marin Open Garden Project](#)

[350marin.org/climate_diet_team](#)

Our Community is Environmentally Active

Saturday, April 22nd - Mt. Tam Earth Day - Celebrate Earth Day on Mt. Tam!

Join One Tam, to give back to Marin's



Join **One Tam** to give back to Marin's iconic mountain. Event information will be posted at onetam.org/calendar. For more information, or to register a group, contact volunteer@onetam.org.

One Tam Volunteer Opportunities - <http://www.onetam.org/volunteer>

Marin Conservation League is hosting The Influence of Ocean Acidification on our Coastal Ecosystems on **March 23**. Please check their [website](#) for details.

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