

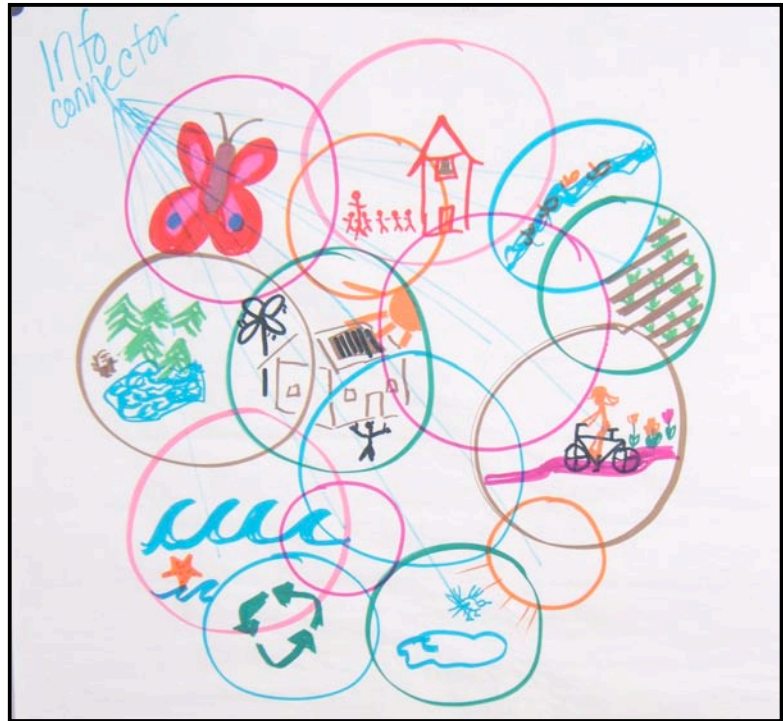
Forum for Environmental Collaboration

Our Vision

Forum for environmental collaboration

Descriptive Highlights

- Forum for exchange of information among environmental nonprofits in person and online.
- Regular (monthly-quarterly) drop-in meetings with rotating sponsors
- Annual Forum, facilitated to ensure valuable outcomes
- On-line website and/or list serve communications



Key Benefits

- Share resources
- Gain advice, feedback and support from other local organizations
- Increase knowledge and awareness to increase partnerships and collaboration

First Steps

- Quantify our needs / develop "ask list" and budget
- Poll community to meet needs and refine plan based on identified interests
- Establish and interim coordinator
- Seek in-kind donations from outside the sector
- Fundraise for any additional needs after developing fundraising marketing package

Available Resources

- Santa Cruz County Environmental Website (as proposed at this Summit)
- Meeting spaces for drop-in meetings
- Technical speaker experts
- Attendees
- Existing list serves / email addresses
- Models of successful quarterly information exchange forums such as the Blue Circle which has a technical speaker then a social potluck for networking

Other Things We Need

- Coordinator to organize meetings and forum
- Webmaster / person / coordinator for on-line support
- Computer to host website and list serve if not donated
- Funding for all the above if not donated
- Food and drinks
- Meeting space and facilitation for Forum

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