



Actions you can take:

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As we move into spring, we can see 2023 is indeed shaping up to be one of what climate activist Bill McKibben calls 'the crucial years': That period of history - right now - when we humans have to take action to avert a climate disaster or will soon suffer the hard-to-avoid consequences. So, there is a lot going on this month as the world awakens into spring that you, as a 350Marin member, can pay attention to and help out with a few minutes of your time as you're able. As you see from the list below, to counter the negative trends, we need to take mutually reinforcing positive actions across the board that conserve our energy, water, and other resources while protecting and nurturing the global ecology.

[April 23rd: Join Us For This Year's Earth Day Festival!](#)



From the [Green Change Eventbrite page](#) "Come join the fun at [Earth Day Marin](#), our environmental festival on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 1 to 5pm, at the Mill Valley Community Center in Marin County. Earth Day Marin is a free, family-friendly event featuring fun activities, art, music, youth and exhibits about climate action in a beautiful outdoor setting. We expect this to be Marin's largest Earth Day event! More than 50 environmental booths hosted by green businesses and community groups will help participants build a more just and sustainable world. Visitors of all ages and

backgrounds will learn about climate actions such as: using clean energy, riding electric vehicles, eating well, living lightly, and building healthy communities."

[Register on Eventbrite](#) to get your free tickets!

Say Hello To Our New Intern: Sophie Barrowman!

Hello! My name is Sophie and I am thrilled to be interning at 350Marin. At 17 years old, I am a junior at Tamalpais High School. I have a strong passion for environmental science and climate action. Thanks to my time at 350Marin, I am able to explore and dive deeper into my interests in global warming and climate change, while learning how to become an advocate for climate action. During my free time, I enjoy creating art through pottery. I enjoy both hand-building and throwing. I create everything from cups and bowls to intricate figurines and statues. The beauty of ceramics is seeing the transformation from raw, muddy material to a colorful and expressive work of art!



[Stop Plastic Pollution in Marin: Reusable Foodware Ordinance Outreach](#)



The proposed ordinance would require restaurants to use reusable cups, plates, and cutlery for on-site dining and compostable disposables for takeout as well as discouraging the use of disposable cups by charging customers \$0.25. This would eliminate harmful chemicals often found in take-out containers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save water, and eliminate plastic pollution.

Additionally, it would help restaurants save money, with an average annual savings of \$4300, while eliminating over 108 million packaging items and 1.3 million pounds of waste each year. If you live in one of the cities that is considering this ordinance please call, write, or attend a city council meeting to voice your support. [Here's](#) a video detailing the ordinance, and [here's](#) a template for your letter.

[April 13th: Marin Water's Roadmap to Water Supply Resiliency](#)

In February 2022, Marin Water started a Strategic Water Supply Assessment to drought-proof its supply. The Assessment evaluated the District's current water supply and identified potential water management alternatives to improve long-term resiliency. The Assessment led to a new Roadmap that includes near- and long-term actions to increase water supply availability. The first four years of implementation will be funded by a rate



increase. To discuss the Roadmap, timeline, and rate increase Marin Water is hosting a webinar. Speakers will include Monte Schmitt, president of Marin Water's board, Jed Smith, the director of the board, and Paul Sellier the water resources director. RSVP for the webinar [here](#).

[Spring has Sprung! How About Growing Your Own Food?](#)



Spring is here! How about growing your own food? You can even let veggies and herbs grow in very small spaces. Not only is it a great way to save money on groceries, but it also ensures that you have access to fresh, healthy, and pesticide-free produce. It's a fun and rewarding activity that connects you with nature and provides a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. And it helps the environment! Learn more about growing your own food [here](#).

[On-Going: Ask Your City Council to Meet or Exceed Marin County's "Reach" Electrification Goals!](#)

Marin County's Sustainability Team spent months crafting model 'reach codes', strong, clear, pre-vetted local ordinances on building electrification and EV infrastructure that will let us rapidly electrify the county and move away from fossil fuels. They collaborated with Planning and Building officials of all 11 Marin towns and cities as well as developers, environmental groups and other stakeholders. And now five of Marin's twelve jurisdictions have adopted "All-Electric for New Construction" reach code. **Please continue to ask your local city or town council to adopt these reach codes** to speed action on climate and not wait for state or national action! You can edit [this draft letter](#), and email it, or use it as a guide for comments at your local council meeting. Find a list of contact info and emails for local jurisdictions [here](#). Let's let them know we're ready for change!



[SB 252: The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act](#)



The Fossil Fuel Divestment Act is a piece of legislation that aims to promote the transition away from fossil fuels, which are a major contributor to climate change, by requiring institutions such as universities, pension funds, and religious organizations to divest their holdings in fossil fuel companies. The specific provisions of the act vary, but the overarching goal is to reduce the financial and political power of the fossil fuel industry and encourage investment in clean energy and sustainable technologies instead. Please sign [this petition](#) in support of the bill.

[May 2nd: Join a Meeting of 350Marin's Steering Committee!](#)

On May 2nd at 5:30 PM, come sit in on our next 350Marin Steering Committee zoom meeting and see if you might be interested in helping one of Marin's oldest and largest climate activist groups fight for a fossil-free future. We need your help to



address the crisis we're facing. RSVP [here](#) to join our meeting and find out more.

Thanks for all you do!

-Your 350Marin Neighbors

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