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North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative Releases Climate Change Fact Sheets for Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties

Four fact sheets that answer questions about the local impacts of climate change for residents, landowners and decision makers in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties were released today by the North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative (NBCAI).

“The fact sheets were developed to raise awareness that climate change is underway and measurable,” said Dr. Lisa Micheli, co-chair of NBCAI’s Science Working Group and Executive Director of Pepperwood in Santa Rosa. “As we make presentations in the community and engage local decision makers in small group interactions, the fact sheets will serve as take-home resources for interested citizens.”

The four fact sheets cover:

- *Climate Change in the North Bay* explaining the basics of potential impacts for all residents;
- *Healthy Forests in a Changing Climate* for landowners, managers, and stewards of forests;
- *Rivers, Creeks and Climate Change* for those who live near waterways; and
- *Policy Issues in a Changing Climate* for voters, elected officials, planners and policy makers.

NBCAI is focusing on county-scale climate adaptation because land and water management, infrastructure investments, open space protection, and emergency response to extreme weather events in our region all lie in the hands of county or municipal decision makers and private landholders. For example, 85% of Sonoma County’s land area is privately owned.

Formed in 2009 and supported by Community Foundation Sonoma County, NBCAI is a coalition of natural resource managers, policy makers, and scientists committed to working together to create positive solutions to the challenge of climate adaptation. Members of NBCAI contributing to the fact sheets are the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, Sonoma Ecology Center, Pepperwood, Community Foundation Sonoma County, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District, Sonoma Land Trust, and PRBO Conservation Science.

The fact sheets are available for download or printable from the NBCAI (northbayclimate.org) and California Climate Commons (climate.calcommons.org) websites.

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