

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

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Redwood Bikeshare

Redwood Bikeshare is here! Bikes are available to pick up and drop off at three locations in Cotati: the Cotati SMART Station, at La Plaza Park downtown, and at the corner of East Cotati Avenue and La Salle Avenue by the Rancho Cotati Shopping Center. These bikes are also available throughout Sonoma and Marin Counties.

For more information, visit: [Redwoodbikeshare.com](https://redwoodbikeshare.com). Use the coupon code: **RideRedwood** for three free rides!

Active Transportation Plan

The City of Cotati is excited to release its final version of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)! The ATP (formally, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan), which involved the participation of many Cotati residents and neighbors, identifies and prioritizes infrastructure, education, and encouragement efforts needed to make biking, walking, and rolling safe, accessible, and stress-free for people of all ages and abilities throughout Cotati. You can check out Cotati’s ATP here: [Active Transportation Plan](#).

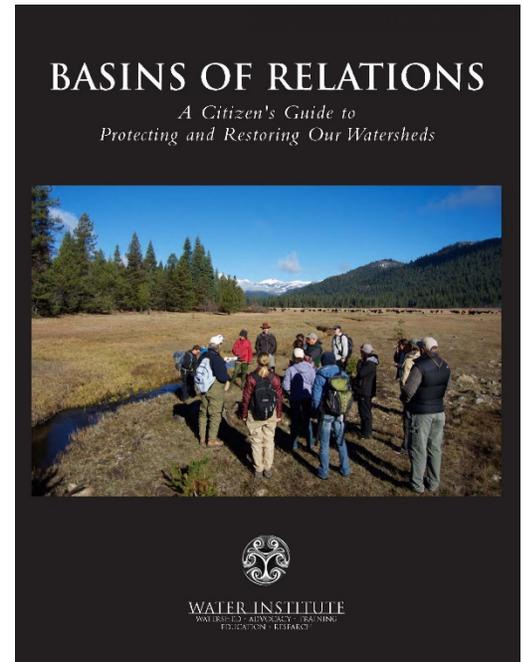


Conservation Sonoma

The City of Cotati is partnering with Sonoma County and other jurisdictions to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). The HCP and NCCP are frameworks to balance environmental conservation and endangered species protections with land development. Together, these frameworks are known as Conservation Sonoma. Conservation Sonoma aims to help landowners by offering a clear set of guidelines to protect species, such as the endangered California Tiger Salamander, while moving forward with development projects. Instead of dealing with multiple permitting agencies for each new development – often a costly and time-consuming process – the plan will provide a roadmap to mitigate impacts and build a sustainable future. Learn more about Conservation Sonoma here: [Conservation Sonoma](#).

Occidental Arts & Ecology Center’s “Basins of Relations”

A critical aspect of environmental conservation is maintaining our watersheds to ensure an adequate water supply for future generations and protect the health of our natural ecosystems. The Occidental Arts & Ecology Center WATER Institute’s “BASINS OF RELATIONS: A Citizen's Guide to Protecting and Restoring Our Watersheds” publication explains the importance of carefully preserving our water supplies and presents solutions to a myriad of issues communities face when balancing the health of watersheds with human development. This publication is intended for anyone interested in water conservation, including those wanting to create change in their own lives or on a regional scale to benefit our water. The 24-page document is available for free download as a PDF or purchase as a paper copy at the [Occidental Arts & Ecology Center’s website](#).



Clean Cars for All Program

Considering swapping out your worn-out, gas-guzzling vehicle for an electric alternative? The Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s (BAAQMD) Clean Cars for All program can help turn this dream into a reality for income-qualified residents. If you have a car model year 2007 or older, BAAQMD will provide you with up to \$12,000 in grant funding toward an electric vehicle purchase/loan or other mode of “clean” transportation for dismantling your old vehicle. Eligible residents must live within the Air District’s jurisdiction and must fall within specified income brackets to apply. Find out more about the program by visiting the [Clean Cars for All](#) webpage.