



## City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

### November 2025

#### Get Involved with Cotati Friends of the Laguna!

Cotati Friends of the Laguna (CFL), a recently-formed group of Cotati residents, is collaborating with the City of Cotati to promote the long-term health of the section of the Laguna de Santa Rosa that runs through Cotati. The Laguna is a significant regional waterway that originates near Cotati and eventually drains to the Russian River. Cotati's portion of the Laguna is an important natural and recreational corridor through town. On September 20, over 40 volunteers joined CFL and City staff to participate in [Creek Week](#), an annual event to clean up streams and creeks all over the Russian River watershed. In Cotati, where CFL is focusing on habitat restoration, volunteers removed invasive privet and Himalayan blackberry, as well as trash.

If you're ready to get outside and get your hands in the soil to help restore the Laguna's natural habitat in Cotati, put the upcoming Saturday, November 22 workday on your calendar! CFL will be planting appropriate native plants as well as removing invasive species. The workday will take place 9:30 am-12:30 pm, along the east side of the Laguna de Santa Rosa starting at Lincoln Ave/Loretto Ave (across the pedestrian bridge from McGinnis Circle – link to a map of the location:

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=10mW2EKT6hIHM\\_lkyFksDhYRJ3yOXqIE&usp=sharing](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=10mW2EKT6hIHM_lkyFksDhYRJ3yOXqIE&usp=sharing)). For more information, contact Jenny Blaker at 707-792-4422.

#### Join the Re-economy

Sell an item you don't need, fix a broke item so you can use it again, repurpose an item to new users, and download the repair resources guide to find great local spots for repair and reuse! Want to learn more? Visit [www.Jointhereconomy.org](http://www.Jointhereconomy.org), an amazing resource for anyone interested in re-economy, with amazing events and repair resources. Become a part of the movement for a more sustainable world.

#### Eco-wise series

The City of Cotati, in partnership with the City of Rohnert Park, is proud to introduce the Eco-Wise Series, a new set of sustainability workshops designed to educate, inspire, and

connect with our community. Each session will highlight the valuable environmental resources and programs available in our cities and throughout Sonoma County.

Our goal is to help residents learn practical ways to live more sustainably while enjoying an engaging and family-friendly experience. Everyone is welcome—bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Free snacks and goodies will be provided, along with opportunities to learn simple steps that make a meaningful environmental impact.

The series kicks off on February 7, 2026, with our first workshop focused on waste reduction. Participants will learn how to reduce waste at home and in the community, explore local recycling and composting programs, and discover creative ways to reuse and reduce waste.

For more information (coming soon!), visit <https://www.cotaticity.gov/1690/Eco-Wise-Workshop-Series>

### **Redwood Region Ornithological Society**

Ornithology is the scientific study of birds and focuses on all aspects of birds, from physical characteristics to conservation efforts. If you are interested in the birds native to Sonoma County, consider joining the Redwood Region Ornithological Society. This organization was founded in 1962 and has “[encouraged] the study and conservation of birds, other wildlife” since its inception. Visit their website to discover field trip opportunities for adults and youth: <https://www.rros.org/>