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SLO Beaver Brigade receives California Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL® grant in support of California coast and watershed; funding for educational tours to beaver habitat, river cleanups, trail signage and beaver habitat mural at local zoo.

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The SLO Beaver Brigade dips a (beaver) toe in the water with a \$41,480 award from the California Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL® grants program in support of the California coast and its watershed

The WHALE TAIL® grant will allow the SLO Beaver Brigade to expand its free educational beaver habitat tours in San Luis Obispo County to twice monthly, including tours offered in Spanish and wheel-chair accessible tours. Additionally, signage at the De Anza trailheads in Atascadero will be funded, along with a mural of beaver habitat at the Charles Paddock Zoo and monthly river cleanups.

The SLO Beaver Brigade began in 2020 to raise awareness around beavers in San Luis Obispo County and the work beavers do to replenish our groundwater, provide fire refugia and increase the quality and quantity of water in our creeks and rivers. Additionally, the Beaver Brigade is bringing process-based restoration techniques to SLO County along with beaver management tools to allow for people and beavers to share habitat. The SLO Beaver Brigade is a local organization fiscally sponsored by Ecologistics, Inc. The SLO Beaver Brigade offers presentations and tours of beaver habitat on a donation basis to the public. To sign up for a tour, visit the SLO Beaver Brigade website at <http://www.slobeaverbrigade.com/>.

And on Saturday April 1, please join the SLO Beaver Brigade at our First Annual Beaver Festival in Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The California Coastal Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally sustainable development, rigorous use of science, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination. WHALE TAIL® grants support experiential education and stewardship of the California coast and its watersheds. The SLO Beaver Brigade's emphasis on strong public participation and education through river cleanups, citizen science surveys, tours, public art, trail signage and river cleanups will impact the health of our local human and non-human community and makes for a strong partnership with the Commission and its goals.

For more information about the SLO Beaver Brigade and its upcoming Coastal Commission WHALE TAIL® grant activities, please contact **Audrey Taub, Executive Director**, 805-464-1255, slobeaverbrigade@gmail.com.



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