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Laguna activism

EDITOR: The board, staff and volunteers of the Laguna Foundation wish to thank The Press Democrat for its extensive coverage of the State of the Laguna Conference, which brought together community organizations, scientists, regulatory agencies and public officials to discuss the future of the Laguna de Santa Rosa.

We are excited by the strong support we heard in these four days for our vision of a restored and thriving Laguna. The opportunities presented by the Laguna far outweigh the challenges facing it. As described in "Enhancing and Caring for the Laguna," the restoration plan we recently published, the Laguna can be a treasured community amenity, providing water quality, flood control, abundant wildlife habitat, sustainable agriculture and unique recreational and learning experiences.

We invite the public to join with us in our efforts to create the Laguna Learning Center, restore the Laguna's wildlife habitat, improve its waters and hydrological functioning, and develop opportunities for students young and old to benefit from the presence of this remarkable wetland complex in the middle of our county. To find out how you can become involved or see a copy of the restoration plan, visit our Web site at www.lagunafoundation.org.

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