



### Ecologistics Mission:

Our mission is to create a resilient and healthy community for the residents of the California Central Coast that is environmentally and economically sustainable. Ecologistics develops, conducts, and sponsors programs intended to provide information, encourage collaboration, generate conversation, inspire action, and engage the community. Ecologistics is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization run by an all-volunteer Board.



### Central Coast Bioneers

found a new home in 2023 at the beautiful Octagon Barn in San Luis Obispo. National Bioneers speakers featured were Jade Begay, Leah Stokes, Kim Stanley Robinson, Danny Kennedy and John A. Powell, covering topics on indigenous leadership, ramping up electrification, climate change and belonging without othering. Afternoon workshops featured Dr. Leslie Field of Bright Ice Initiative, who is working to preserve glacial ice, Neil Havlick on the future expansion of the Carrizo Plain National Monument, Jan Dietrich and Ron Whitehurst on the California Beyond Pesticides movement and Craig Lewis on renewables-driven microgrids. A fabulous lunch was catered by Bear City Social. A highlight was the premier of a new song written by Jill Knight and John Madara called "It's a Beautiful Thing." A fundraiser to create a

music video was kicked off at the conference. The pre-conference field trip this year was an eco-paddle kayak trip around the Morro Bay Estuary.



### Salinas River Symposium

In 2023, Ecologistics brought back the **Salinas River Symposium**, which had not been held since 2016 and was postponed by the pandemic. The full-day event was held at the Atascadero Library and featured talks on fire prevention in the riverbed, water law and environmental sustainability, repurposing flood-prone farmlands, adaptive management and a report on a Salinas River Watershed Coordination project funded by Biodiversity First! that took place from 2018-2020. Senator John Laird provided the closing remarks, focusing on managing the river in a changing climate.



### The Atom: A Love Affair

Ecologistics hosted a screening of "**The Atom: A Love Affair**" as a benefit for Mothers for Peace. The documentary told the turbulent story of the West's love-hate relationship with nuclear power over the past 70 years. British filmmaker Vicki Lesley sent a video greeting from London and there was a discussion about Diablo Canyon following the screening.



### Fiscal Sponsorship

Ecologistics was excited to expand its fiscal sponsorship program in 2023 to 51 organizations. Coming on board with us in 2023 were the New York-based Climate Film Festival, Hollister Guardians, Mujeres de Acción, NatureQuant, Pneuma Melodies, San Luis Obispo Citizens Climate Education, Fresh Air Clean Water and Latino Outreach Council. With funding from the Community Foundation, Ecologistics was able to provide social media support for all of our sponsored organizations. We held our annual forum for our organizations and provided two weeks' access on Foundation Directory Online for

grant research. For the first time ever, Ecologistics and its sponsored organizations brought in over \$1 million in grants and donations during the fiscal year.