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My name is Audrey Taub and I am a part of the SLO Beaver Brigade, a local group dedicated to educating folks in our County about the benefits of beavers to our watersheds and how to manage beaver issues that may arise from living in close proximity to them. Beaver benefits are particularly important in our arid environment; benefits such as

1. fire protection,
2. groundwater recharge,
3. drought protection,
4. reduction of flood intensity, and
5. enhancement of water quality

Because of these benefits, the City of Paso Robles is currently encouraging more beaver activity in the Salinas River by installing BDA's, human-built beaver dams, to make it easier for beavers to create the conditions they need to survive in this area. **We would like you to consider beaver management techniques to deal with the undesired effects of beavers in Oceano while still allowing our communities to reap the benefits of the beavers to our watersheds.**

Cooper Lienhart of the SLO Beaver Brigade is currently training with [The Beaver Institute](#) to gain skills in managing problems that arise from sharing urban habitat with beavers. Things such as tree damage, flooding, blocked culverts and drains can all be prevented by these management techniques.

For more information, please contact us at slobeaverbrigade@gmail.com. We host monthly Educational Walks on the Salinas River with Dr. Emily Fairfax and would welcome you to join us. The SLO Beaver Brigade is working with Dr. Emily Fairfax of CSU Channel Islands, who just finished a four-year study showing that beavers slow the progression of wildfires. Here's a short video of a recent KEYT news channel about Emily and her study:

https://youtu.be/aZRjbD_5lLw

Thank you.
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