

**SONOMA
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**CENTER FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL
INQUIRY**



2020



Environmentally Ready



Our well-being is intimately tied to the health of our planet. The last few years have shown us the consequences of placing too much pressure on the natural world.

To build the healthy future we want, we need rapid transformational change.

This report shows how the Center is turning education into concrete action. We envision a North Bay working together to find sustainable solutions.

Get environmentally ready with us!

Claudia Kula



Taking Action

Climate change is top of mind for all of us.

We need to take action. Universities play a unique role in sparking innovation and change through open discourse, research and workforce training. The Center focuses academic resources on North Bay environmental challenges. We:

- Engage and activate the community.
- Partner with agencies and businesses to find practical solutions.
- Build a diverse workforce to champion the environment.
- Collaborate on a global scale to share expertise.



33K

Americans dying from
excessive heat 2012-2050

1M

Animal and plant
species threatened with
extinction worldwide

35K

Structures damaged or destroyed
in CA wildfires 2017-2019

7M

Californians at risk
of flooding today

6M

Californians affected
by power shutdowns
2017-2019



Active Leaders

Elias Lopez entered our Naturalist Training program as a timid student and emerged as a highly competent leader.

In 2018, he co-founded “Crecer ConCiencia,” a non-profit that teaches Spanish-speaking families the value of getting involved in environmental projects.

We need leaders like Elias. Historically, Latinx - 39% of California’s population - have not been fully engaged in climate planning. Elias is leading the way.



“The Center inspired
me to **mobilize my
community** to action.”
- Elias Lopez





Practical Solutions

The Center connects public and private sectors with academic expertise to find practical solutions to real-world problems.

Working with Nick Bennett, Rohnert Park's Environmental Coordinator, we forged a partnership to identify key challenges facing the city and how the university can help.

Faculty and students are now working on a range of sustainability issues such as water pollution, alternative transportation and native plant restoration.



“Partnering with the
university helped
us **address our
environmental
challenges** in
creative new ways.”
- Nick Bennett



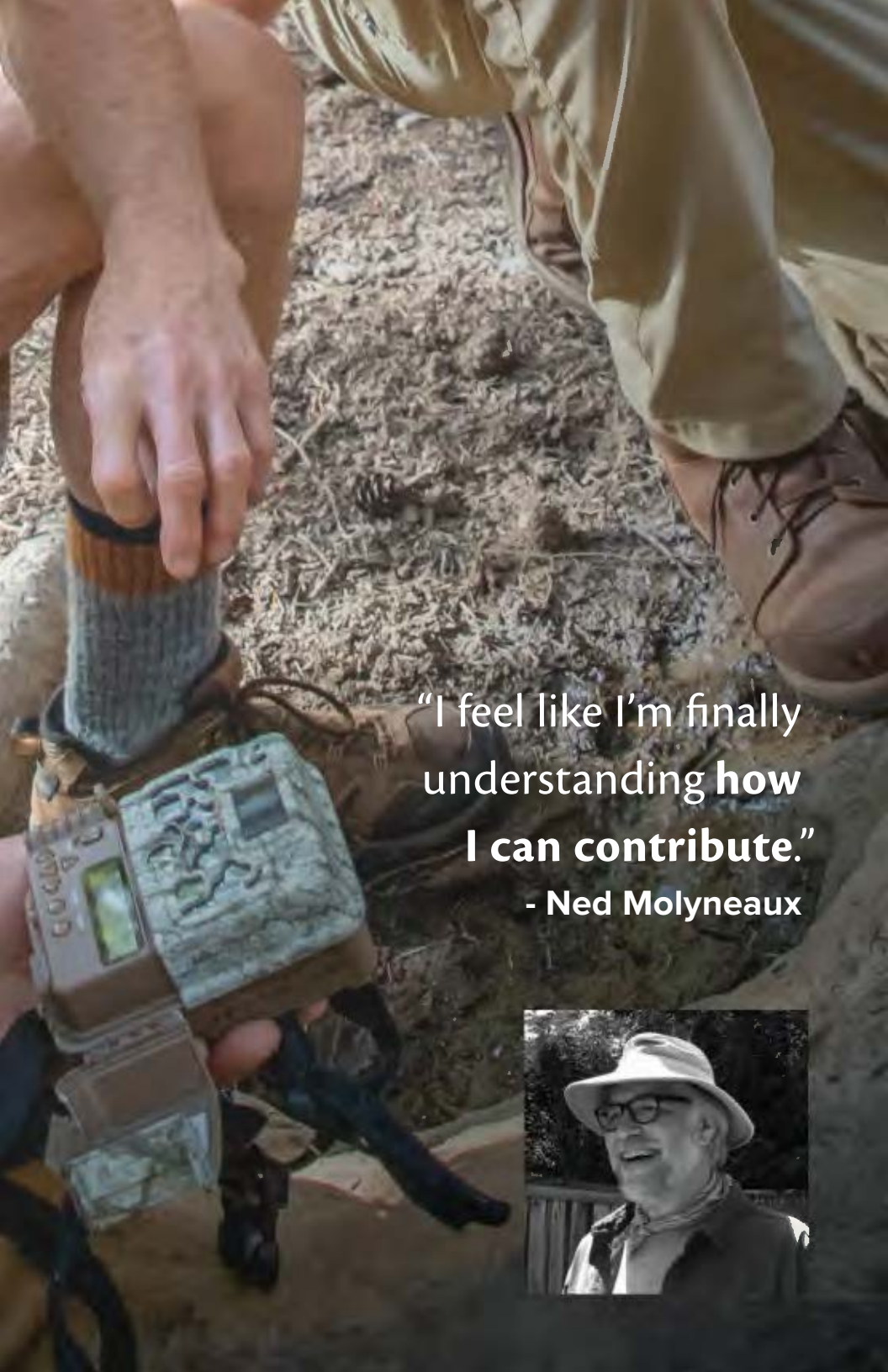
Active Community



Ned Molyneaux “got the bug” in a Center workshop monitoring local plants and animals using iNaturalist.

He was so inspired, he went back through 20 years of personal hiking photos and uploaded valuable species observations into the shared database.

With one million species threatened with extinction in the next decade, Ned is playing a key role by tracking our local environments.

A close-up photograph of a person's legs and feet in a field of dry grass. The person is wearing tan pants and brown leather boots. They are adjusting a GoPro camera, which is mounted on a grey sock, onto their foot. The camera is a rugged, brown GoPro with a black strap.

**"I feel like I'm finally
understanding **how**
I can contribute."**

- Ned Molyneaux




Global Reach

When the pandemic hit, university students lost access to the natural world. No field research. No collaborative problem solving. No first-hand studies of global environmental issues.

The Center brought together 50 international field stations to secure a \$200K National Science Foundation grant to develop virtual field trips.

Global ecosystems are now accessible to students sheltering-in-place and to those who wouldn't normally be able to travel to the field.

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the Americas and surrounding oceans. The image is dark with a black background, and the Earth's surface is visible in shades of blue, green, and brown. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“I am pleased to see CARES
Act investments resulting
in novel solutions that
sustain **critical field
learning opportunities**”

- **Peter McCartney**

*National Science Foundation
Program Director*

Projects

Faculty, students and partners work together to solve complex environmental challenges. The pandemic hit these efforts hard, challenging us to find news ways to support their work. As a result, **we broadened our reach to include those who wouldn't normally participate.**

Participation

Students

1,024

Faculty

40

Partnering
Organizations

141

Community
Members

3264

Departments

17

Fire

4 projects

Understanding and reducing fire risk in natural systems.

Researchers: Bentley, Goman, Halle, Hernandez, Jackson, Tom, Wojcik, Loffland

Water

19 projects

Improving water quality, conservation and storage.

Researchers: Bennett, Glas, Goman, Guilford, Mookerjee, Olney, Rank, Shaw, St. John

Air & Climate

3 projects

Monitoring local climate change with new technologies.

Researchers: Fernandez, Halle, Leal, Shott

Biodiversity

41 projects

Preserving ecosystem health and biodiversity with new techniques.

Researchers: Bravo, Clark, Farahmand, Frangioso, Fritz, Goshgarian, Guilford, Gill, Halle, Kozanitas, Meentemeyer, Olsen, Serpa, St. John, Wininger

Environmental Awareness

12 projects

Building environmental connections in innovative ways.

Researchers: Goman, Hongisto, Leal, Luke, Kassis, Myers, Peterson, Wininger

Impact 2021

Healthy planet. Healthy you. It's urgent that we each contribute to the challenges before us.

By working together, we can create a healthy future for planet and people.

The background is a deep blue with a subtle pattern of white binary code (0s and 1s) and wavy lines. A faint, detailed illustration of a fish, possibly a salmon, is visible in the upper right quadrant, facing left.

Targeting




**The key issues facing
the North Bay**

Transforming



**Education into
concrete action**

Mobilizing



People to work **together
locally and globally**

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Thank you for investing in
environmental readiness for all.

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\$100,000 & above

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Based on gifts received between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020

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REVENUE: \$690K

56% SSU/CSU Funding
21% Corporate Partners & Agencies
18% Individual Donations
5% Endowments

EXPENDITURES: \$722K

75% Programs
12% Communications
7% Operations
6% Lands & Facilities

Partners

Faculty, organizations and staff partnered on finding sustainable solutions.

ORGANIZATIONS

AboutDisability

Alameda County

Anderson Valley USD

Archbold Biological Station

Ashland University

Audubon Canyon Ranch

Bay Nature Institute

Bradford Creek Studios

CalFlora

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

California Native Plant Society, Milo Baker Chapter

California State University Channel Islands

California State University East Bay

California State University Fullerton

California State Water Resources Control Board

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City of American Canyon

City of Hayward

City of Napa

City of Oakland

City of Rohnert Park

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Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District

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Disability Services & Legal Center

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Eldorado National Forest

Emerald Earth

Environmental Discovery Center at Spring Lake Environmental Volunteers

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

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Florida Gulf Coast University

Foothill College

Forest Ecotherapy

Georgia College & State University

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Gold Rush Nursery

Grace Hudson Museum

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Grassroots Ecology

Greenbelt Alliance

Hahn Elementary

Healdsburg Center for the Arts

HeartWork Accessible Nature Photography

Hidden Valley Elementary

Institute for Bird Populations

John Reed Elementary

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

LandPaths

Los Angeles Community College District

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

Mendocino County Resource Conservation District

Mendocino Unified School District

Michigan State University, Kellogg Biological Station

Mohonk Preserve

Murrieta Valley Unified School District

Napa County Resource Conservation District

National Resource Conservation Service

New Jersey Institute of Technology

North Bay - ALERTWildfire

North Bay Children's Center

North Bay Forward

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Occidental Arts and Ecology Center

Old Adobe Union School District

Orchard View School

Organization of Biological Field Stations

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Pacific Watershed Associates

Pepperwood Preserve

Phytosphere Research

Pollinator Partnership

Prospect Silicon Valley

Rancho Adobe Fire District

R colte Energy

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Rincon Valley Union School District

Russian River Watershed Association

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San Francisco Estuary Institute
San Mateo County Community College District
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UCCE, Sonoma County
Ukiah Unified School District
Undergraduate Field Experiences Research Network
United States Department of Agriculture
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Healthy planet.

Healthy you.

To build a healthy future
for planet and people, we
need to make some big
changes.



**Let's turn education into
action.**

Your contribution helps
build a healthy North Bay
for everyone.

Galbreath Preserve
3,670 acres

Osborn Preserve
450 acres

Los Guillicos Preserve
40 acres

Environmental readiness for all



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