

State of Tomales Bay Conference 2026 Agenda
History, Health and Humans in Tomales Bay
October 30, 2026
8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Marconi Conference Center, Marshall

Welcome

8:30 AM Registration and Coffee

9:00 AM **Introduction** by Master of Ceremonies
Neysa King, Tomales Bay Watershed Council Coordinator

9:10 AM **Update/Status of TBF Projects**
Tom Gaman, Chair – [Tomales Bay Foundation](#)

9:20 AM **Keynote**
John Largier, Former Director of the [Bodega Marine Laboratory](#)

9:40:00 AM **Update on County Projects**
Dennis Rodoni, [District 4 Supervisor](#)

9:55 **Q & A**

History

10:00 AM **Indigenous history**
Matthew Johnson, [FIGR](#)

10:15 AM **19th & 20th century history**
Dewey Livingston, [author](#)

10:30 AM **Behind-the-Scenes Look At Rescue and Deadly Mistakes**
Mark Burbank, Point Reyes Fire Department

Break

Health: Current state & environmental change

11:05 AM **2010-2022 GFNMS Condition Report, focus on Tomales Bay**

Karen Reyna, [GFNMS](#)

11:20 AM **Tire Removal at Marconi Cove & Tomales Bay Mooring Program**

Max Delaney, [GFNMS](#)

11:35 AM **TBF Water Quality Monitoring**

Water Quality: Tom Gaman and Woody Elliott, [Tomales Bay Foundation](#)

11:50 AM **Salmonid in Walker Creek**

Derek Acomb, [CDFW](#)

12:05 PM **Shorebird and Waterbird Trends**

[Scott Jennings](#), All Hands Ecology

12:20 PM **Native Olympia Oysters**

[Ted Grosholz](#), UC Davis

12:35 PM **Q & A**

Lunch

1:30 PM **Giacomini Wetlands Restoration**

Lorraine Parsons, [NPS](#)

1:45 PM **TBF-sponsored student research grants**

Elisabeth Sellinger, UC Davis: Carbon benefits of seaweed-shellfish

Serina Moheed, UC Davis: Sea grass wasting disease in Tomales Bay

Keira Monuki, UC Davis Bodega: Non-native anemone in Tomales Bay

Liyu Mekonnen, UC Davis: Coastal carbon emissions and ocean acidification

Humans

2:30 PM Chicken Ranch Project update

Christopher Woltemade, [PCI Ecological](#)

2:45 PM Sea Level Rise

Nadia Seeteram, [Chief Climate Officer, Marin County](#)

Break

3:15 PM Trends in Recreation

3:15 PM Fishing: Willy Vogler, [Lawsons Landing](#)

3:30 PM Boating: Liz Wilhelm, [Point Reyes Adventure Co](#)

3:45 PM The Future of Shellfish Farming and Blue Food Economy

Gary Fleener, [Hog Island Oyster Co](#)

4:00 PM Upland Ranches Watershed Management

Lily Verdone, [Marin Agricultural Land Trust](#)

4:15 PM Q & A

Future

4:30 PM Science and Policy in Tomales Bay Watershed

[Anne Altman](#), superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore

4:45 PM Science and Policy in Tomales Bay

[Andrea Alfaro](#), new director of the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute and Bodega Marine Laboratory; Professor, Marine Ecology UC Davis

Social Hour