

## SPEAKERS



**Michael Khus** is a member of the Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation, and is also affiliated with the Northern Chumash Tribal Council where he has joined the campaign to designate the Chumash Heritage National Sanctuary. He served on the Congressional Advisory Council on California Indian Policy, helped establish the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and earned a degree in education with a secondary teaching credential (high school). Michael is a Bear Dancer and leads ceremony as Bear Clan Elder.



**Dr. Emily Fairfax** is one of the country's leading scientists researching beavers and their effects on wildfire. She is an associate professor of hydrology at California State University Channel Islands and has authored several published papers including "Smokey the Beaver" and "Beaver: The North American Freshwater Climate Action Plan". Dr. Fairfax travels across the West, conducting research and giving interviews, and she has spent the past few years studying our very own beaver habitat in Atascadero!



**Garrett Costello**, Alumni of Cal Poly Humboldt, founded Symbiotic Restoration in 2018. Since then he has worked to implement ecological restoration projects by constructing over 800 Beaver Dam Analogs (BDAs). Garrett has designed, planned, and constructed large and small scale process-based restoration projects across California. With shovel in hand, Costello hopes that habitat restoration can bring beavers back to California watersheds and return the control of dams to nature's greatest engineers.

# SLO BEAVER BRIGADE FIRST ANNUAL SLO COUNTY

# BEAVER FESTIVAL



**HABITAT CREATORS  
FIRE PROTECTORS  
WATER BRINGERS**

## BEAVER BENEFITS

Beavers restore our creeks and turn them into lush wetlands that benefit animals and people. How do they do it?

### Beavers are dam good builders!

- Beavers are truly amazing! They:
- Build dams** that slow water down
- Establish ponds** that allow the groundwater to recharge
- Keep water** in our creeks all year
- Make habitat** for fish and animals
- Buffer fires** by spreading water out into fields
- Create wetlands** that store CO2
- Lessen the intensity of floods**
- Filter pollutants** out of the water
- Reverse erosion, catch sediment**

## MASTERFUL MUSIC MAKERS

**Brynn Albanese**  
Boston  
Philharmonic  
Violinist, playing  
with Loving Mosh



**Cuyama  
Mama  
Folk  
Rock**

**The  
Loving  
Mosh  
Folk Punk**



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# JOIN *the* BEAVER BELIEVERS!

BROAD STREET

CICERO STREET

## SCHEDULE

- 10:00am .. Audrey Taub, Founder
- 10:30-11:00 The Loving Mosh 🎵
- 11:00 .. Dr. Emily Fairfax
- 11:30-12:00 The Loving Mosh 🎵
- 12:00 .. Michael Khus,  
Chumash blessing
- 12:30 .. Garrett Costello
- 1:00-1:45.. Cuyama Mama 🎵
- 1:45 .. Beaver trivia + prizes
- 2:15-3:00.. Cuyama Mama 🎵

## BOOTHS

- 1 SLO Beaver Brigade
- 2 California Process Based Restoration
- 3 SLO Climate Coalition
- 4 Chumash Marine Sanctuary and the Sierra Club
- 5 Creek Lands Conservation and the California Conservation Corps
- 6 One Cool Earth
- 7 Earth Day SLO and The Cougar Conservancy
- 8 Resilient SLO
- 9 Resource Conservation District
- 10 Santa Barbara Permaculture Network and "Beaver Taught Salmon to Jump" Filmmakers
- 11 Baby Bear Biscuits
- 12 Whalebird Kumbucha
- 13 Tiny Café
- 14 Artists Liliana Monge and Kira Guillermo
- 15 Pacific Wildlife Care
- 16 Sea Otter Savvy

## INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS!!

- A Chalk Drawing: Beaver Pond
- B Craft Your Own Beaver Tail!
- C Build a Beaver Dam!
- D Face Painting
- E Felt Wetland Scene
- F Beaver Coexistence Station
- G Make a Beaver Puppet!

## THE MISSION SAN LUIS OBISPO DE TOLOSA

