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EVENTS

March 22-23, 2014 (San Francisco, CA)
 The California Academy of Sciences hosted the **Incredible Oceans Family Festival**. **Laura Valoppi** helped staff the South Bay Salt Pond science booth and shared WERC outreach materials.
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/Event.aspx?ID=174>

March 28-29, 2014 (Sacramento, CA)
Laura Valoppi will attend the AFS CAL-NEVA annual meeting, speaking about the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and accepting an award on behalf of the project recognizing its achievements in fish habitat restoration in SF Bay.
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/Event.aspx?ID=175>

April 3, 2014 (Whiskeytown, CA)
Phil van Mantgem will be among the scientist-hosts at the **Fire Science Field Day**, a free public science event hosted by Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/Event.aspx?ID=176>

IN THE NEWS



Al Seib/LA Times

Biologists Move 500 Red-Legged Frog Eggs to Mountain Wetlands (*Los Angeles Times*)

Reporter Louis Sahagun reports on the *Rana draytonii* range expansion effort led by **Adam Backlin**, **Liz Gallegos**, CDFW, NPS SAMO, and USFWS (including WERC alumnus Mark Mendelsohn)
<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-frog-eggs-20140313,0,2540708.story>

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Channel Islands Native Plant Restoration a Model for Los Angeles, Mexico

Reporter Sanden Totten visited Santa Cruz Island earlier this March to tag along with researchers attending the first-ever California Islands Botanical Extravaganza. The workshop brought in scientists and resource managers from the Channel Islands, mainland Southern California, and Baja California to exchange ideas on ecological monitoring, rare plant conservation, and habitat restoration. WERC ecologist **Kathryn McEachern** was a key presence, sharing her insights on endangered Santa Cruz Island bush-mallow restoration and island fog hydroecology. "Some of the things we learn out here give us at least a conceptual advantage when we go and try and manage those properties like Griffith Park," said one attendee. Read more here:

<http://www.scp.org/news/2014/03/12/42748/santa-cruz-island-s-plant-restoration-a-model-for/>
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/mceachern>

NEW JOURNAL ARTICLES

Backlin, AR, CJ Hitchcock, **EA Gallegos**, **JL Yee**, **RN Fisher**. 2013. The precarious persistence of the Endangered Sierra Madre yellow-legged frog *Rana muscosa* in southern California, USA. *Oryx*. doi: 10.1017/S003060531300029X
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/ProductDetails.aspx?ID=4999>

Borker, AL, MW McKown, **JT Ackerman**, CA Eagles-Smith, BR Tershy, DA Croll. 2014. Vocal activity as a low cost and scalable index of seabird colony size. *Conservation Biology*. doi: 10.1111/cobi.12264
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/ProductDetails.aspx?ID=5000>

McAllister, CT, DW Duszynski, CC Austin, **RN Fisher**, 2013. Three New Species of *Coccidia* (Apicomplexa: Eimeriidae) from Skinks, *Lipinia* spp. (Sauria: Scincidae), from Oceania. *Journal of Parasitology* 99(6): 1086-1088. doi: 10.1645/13-276.1
<http://www.werc.usgs.gov/ProductDetails.aspx?ID=5001>

