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# Livestock and Land Presents

## MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITES FOR LIVESTOCK OWNERS IN SAN BENITO COUNTY AND SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY

SAN BENITO & SOUTH SANTA CLARA CO, CA, JANUARY 2, 2012: The San Benito Resource Conservation District, in partnership with Ecology Action, presents a new 'Livestock and Land' workshop. Building off the success of the first three series of workshops, which drew over hundreds of interested livestock owners from Santa Clara and San Benito Counties in 2005, 2007 & 2011; this program will focus on **Pasture & Paddocks: Managing your facility for healthy livestock and a healthy environment**. Presentations and interactive hands-on topics include: **managing property during the rainy season, composting, rain catchment, drainage control, hydroponic feeding systems, and grazing management**.

Workshop speakers include:

- **Peter Moon, O<sub>2</sub> Compost** – specialist in forced air manure bunkers for equestrian facilities
- **Carol Verbeeck & Bruce Hottor, Building the Equestrian Dream** – specialists in drainage control and managing horse properties
- **“Cowboy Conservationist” Kent Reeves** – specialist in native grasslands and will also entertain us with **cowboy poetry** during lunch
- **Bruce Hillinan, Aussie Rain Tanks** – specialist in rainwater catchment systems

The workshop will be held on **Saturday, January 28th** at Machado School in Morgan Hill from 9 am to 4 pm, it includes snacks, lunch and all workshop materials for \$15 per person.

<b>Pasture &amp; Paddocks</b>
<b>WHEN:</b> Saturday, January 28th 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
<b>WHERE:</b> Machado School Morgan Hill
<b>TOPICS:</b> Composting, rain catchment, drainage control, hydroponic feeding and grazing management

This workshop, funded in part by the State Water Resources Control Board, offers livestock owners an opportunity to understand the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that can be applied on their properties. While all the practices focus on improving potential water quality issues associated with livestock facilities, the benefits are farther reaching.

By applying practices that decrease erosion, reduce sediment, and lessen manure runoff to local water supplies, property owners will enjoy enhanced land esthetics, decreased maintenance costs, a safer environment for workers, land owners, visitors and animals, increased profitability and property value, and better community relationships.

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