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# The Mendocino Coast: An Eco-communitarian Conference

PROGRAM

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Caspar Community Center, February 18, 19,  
and 20, 2011

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## Program

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 PM **Public Session**

“Another World Was Possible: What Enlightened Government Can Do. The New Deal’s Lasting Contributions to California”, Gray Brechin, UC Berkeley

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM **Registration**

9:30 AM Welcome. Mike Dell’Ara, Caspar Community

“Our Community, a Demographic Sketch”, Cal Winslow, Mendocino Institute

10:00 AM “The State of the Forests”, Roger Sternberg, Mendocino

10:30 AM “The Coastal Waters”, Karina Nielsen, Sonoma State; William Lemos, Coastal Land Trust, Mendocino Land Trust, and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

11:30 AM “The Inheritance: Work, Community and Memory”, William Bauer, Jr., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

12:30 PM **LUNCH**

1:30 PM “‘Where but the rocks remain’: Climate Change and the Greening of Mendocino’, Iain Boal, Mendocino Institute, Birkbeck College, Retort

2:30 PM “The Generation Gap”, Nikolai Sprinkling, Sarah Bodnar,

3:30 PM “Mendocino Latinos”, Oscar de Haro, Napa Valley College; Sandra Nichols, UC Berkeley; Loreto Rojas, College of Redwoods

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7:30 PM **Public Session**

“What Are the Barriers to Food Sovereignty in Northern California?”, Raj Patel, author of *Stuffed and Starved*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 AM “Can Cannabis Make a Positive Contribution to our Coastal Economy?” Dr. William Courtney, Mendocino, American Academy of Cannabinoid Medicine; International Cannabinoid Research Society

11:00 AM “Restoring the Redwoods”, Professor William Russell, San Jose State University

11:45 AM “The Fort Bragg mill site”, George Reinhardt, Noyo Headlands Unified Design Group (NHUDG;) “Funding Change,” Grady Gauthier, esq.

12:15 LUNCH

1:00 PM “Our Economy,” Will Parrish, investigative reporter, CounterPunch, AVA

2:00 PM “Co-operation and Development,” E. Kim Coontz, California Center for Cooperative Development

2:30 PM “Eco-tourism”, Chandana Rao, San Jose State University

3:00 PM “Community and Economy” (Panel in formation)  
Noyo Food Forest, Corners, Frankie’s; Thanksgiving Coffee;  
Mendocino Solar

4:00 PM **Roundtable**

An Eco-communitarian Future?  
Chandana Rao, Iain Boal, E. Kim Coontz

7:00 PM **DINNER**

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

9:30 AM Breakfast Brainstorm