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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHAT?! SHARKS IN MY BACKYARD?

Join us for Community Discussions about Local Impacts of Sea Level Rise

Hayward, CA (March 14, 2014) – The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center (HSIC) is pleased to present a series of community workshops about the local impacts of sea level rise during the month of March and April.

Community Discussion Workshops

Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM
San Lorenzo Community Center
1970 Via Buena Vista, San Lorenzo

Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 PM
Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center
4901 Breakwater Avenue, Hayward

Sea level rise for the Hayward shoreline is projected to be as much as 55” by the year 2100. At this level 80,000 East Bay residents are expected to be directly affected by floods and inundation. The SF Bay Estuary – our region’s most defining geographic feature – may be even closer to your backyard in the not-so-distant future. How will the impacts of sea level rise affect us? What will be our response? Join naturalists from the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center in this lively and interactive community discussion series. Representatives from the Adapting to Rising Tides Project and other partnering organizations present the most current information regarding local impacts of sea level rise.

Panelists and partners include Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Adapting to Rising Tides Project, 350BayArea.org, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency – Citizens Advisory Committee (HASPA-CAC), MoveOn.org, and Women Environmental Artists Directory (WEAD).

In conjunction with the community workshops is **55” – Images of Sea Level Rise – Abstraction Meet Reality**, an exhibition of images of the beauty of ice from two distinct perspectives: photographs from Oliver Klink and resist-and-pour abstract paintings by Jennifer Koney – Abstraction Meets Reality. The exhibit runs through April 12 at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center. Hours are Saturday & Sunday, 10am-5pm and by appointment (510-670-7270).

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