



Photo by: Karen Eberhardt

Pictured from left to right are: Blanca Harnwell, Richard Nichols, Juliana Doms, and in the center, Asia Eberhardt, modeling the "BRING THE LAGUNA BACK" T-Shirts. They cost \$12.00 and can be bought at Rosemary's Gardens in Downtown Sebastopol at the Copperfield's Book Store Complex. The money raised from these T-shirts will pay for the possible appeal by the Developer of the Palm Terrace lawsuit recently won by Laguna Today/Tomorrow. If the Developer doesn't appeal, the money will go into a special account designated "Laguna Education."

LAGUNA UPDATE

By Richard Nichols

Persistent efforts by local citizens and the City of Sebastopol to save and restore the Laguna de Santa Rosa have begun to pay off. The efforts of the Sebastopol Laguna Advisory Committee put the importance of the Laguna in the public eye. This in turn alerted government to the need for action. In brief, these events have occurred in the last year:

CITY:

1. Sebastopol began to strengthen its Wetlands Ordinance and will soon begin consideration of a Laguna Wetlands Park.
2. The Sebastopol City Council formed an ad hoc committee to consider a master plan for the Laguna. Representatives from government agencies and environmental groups have met regularly to discuss resolutions of conflicting interest as Laguna restoration and preservation begins.

COUNTY:

1. The regional wastewater system is considering wetlands enhancement as part of the treatment system.
2. The County Board of Supervisors will be considering recommendations to include a stronger and more specific biotic designation for wetlands.

FEDERAL:

1. Congressman Doug Bosco is expected to introduce legislation creating a 9000 acre National Wildlife Refuge.

None of these major events would have happened except for the hundreds of hours of work done by private citizens concerned with environmental protection.

This effort to begin the reversal of destruction of the Laguna is really just beginning. It will be up to private citizens to ensure that government agencies spend our tax dollars on well planned and sensitive management of the Laguna. **You, the voters, are encouraged to be involved in this process. Sebastopol Tomorrow is organized to assist people to participate. Please use our services and give us a call or write.**