



HYDRAEARTH NETWORK: HYDRAPLANET MONTHLY

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**Empowering future
environmental
leaders**





Let's Talk About February

OCEANFIRST FOUNDATION

Attending the OceanFirst Foundation Q&A session was a great experience for the HydraEarth team. It provided an excellent opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and gain valuable insights on growth and innovation.

FEBRUARY 20TH

We are excited to bring new ideas and connections to continue driving HydraEarth's mission. A big thank you to OceanFirst Foundation for making this event such a memorable experience!

Upcoming Events



MARCH 14TH-16TH
CLEAN ENERGY
MINISTERIAL



MARCH 18TH
GLOBAL RECYCLING
DAY



MARCH 22ND
WORLD WATER
DAY



Spotlight on our new Advisory Board Chair: Oliver T. Jenkins

Oliver brings a wealth of experience in evaluation, learning, and strategic planning, with a focus on workforce development, labor unions, public health, and education technology across the private, nonprofit, and government sectors. With formal training in Results-Based Accountability (RBA) and Collective Impact, he specializes in developing data-driven frameworks that improve decision-making, measure success, and foster sustainable growth. His work has spanned diverse sectors, including government agencies shaping workforce policies and private-sector organizations leveraging technology for impact.

Oliver joined HydraEarth Network because of its mission to drive sustainability, innovation, and cross-sector collaboration—values that align with his commitment to systems-level change. As Chair of the Advisory Board, his goal is to enhance HydraEarth's strategic direction by embedding RBA and Collective Impact principles into decision-making, fostering cross-sector partnerships, and driving data-driven results. He is particularly excited about initiatives that integrate technology, sustainability, and economic equity, and looks forward to contributing to HydraEarth's efforts in creating resilient and impactful solutions for the future.

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COLORADO GRANTS BOOST DROUGHT- RESISTANT LANDSCAPING

Colorado is dedicating \$1.2 million to help communities reduce water use by creating drought-resistant landscapes with water-efficient plants.

By switching to plants that require less water, the program helps protect the water supply while promoting sustainable landscaping.

Source [Coloradosun.com](https://coloradosun.com)

NOAA ALLOCATES MILLIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has awarded \$2.7 million in grants to support environmental education in the Chesapeake Bay area. The funds will help students and educators engage in hands-on learning about marine conservation and inspire action on local environmental issues.

Source: fisheries.noaa.gov/

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY MANDATES CLIMATE JUSTICE COURSE

Starting fall 2026, SF State will require all incoming students to take a climate justice course across various disciplines, highlighting climate change's impact and its relevance to careers and daily life.

Source: news.sfsu.edu

