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**TANNERY ARTS CENTER HOSTS A SERIES OF  
CONVERSATIONS AROUND ART AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

*Tannery Talks kick off January 16 with a conversation about the San Lorenzo River.*

**SANTA CRUZ, CA — December 18, 2019** — The Tannery Arts Center, home to nearly 200 artists, will be hosting a series of conversations in early 2020 exploring the role of artists in the environmental justice movement. Tannery Talks bring Tannery artists together with artists, activists and other professionals from the Santa Cruz region and beyond for discussions about the pressing issues of our times. Through panel discussion, talk back, and performance, the series is a jumping off point for individuals to find their own path to action, and to further engage with artists examining these topics in their work. The events are free, open to the public, and welcoming to the Santa Cruz County community.

The first talk, "The San Lorenzo: Examining issues of water & environmental justice" takes place January 16, moderated by Wes Modes, a local educator, visual artist and community organizer. The event is free and takes place at Radius Gallery at the Tannery (1050 River Street, Studio #127) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

"I'm excited to see this year's Tannery Talks focus on environmental justice," said Maha, Tannery artist and series organizer. "I'm looking forward to seeing what emerges from each conversation!"

The full series:

January 16, 2020

The San Lorenzo: Examining issues of water & environmental justice

Radius Gallery 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Moderator: Wes Modes - Social Practice Artist & Community Organizer

February 20, 2020

Many Layers: When contemporary artists merge social justice & environmental activism into their practice

Radius Gallery 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Moderator: Maha - Sculptor and Installation Artist

March 19, 2020

Youth Climate Activists: New voices in the fight for environmental justice

Radius Gallery 7:00 - 8:30 pm

April 16, 2020

Art/People/Planet: How creative practices contribute to community solutions

Radius Gallery 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Moderator: Valéria Miranda - Executive Director, Santa Cruz Art League

More information: [tanneryartscenter.org/tannery-talks](http://tanneryartscenter.org/tannery-talks)

### **About Arts Council Santa Cruz County**

The Arts Council generates creativity, vibrancy, and connection in Santa Cruz County. For 40 years we have fueled our creative community, supporting individual and collective artistic expression and building bridges and bonds between people throughout our county.

Through grants to artists and arts organizations, arts education programs that serve more than 18,000 kids across Santa Cruz County, and community initiatives such as Open Studios and Ebb & Flow, we help Santa Cruz County thrive.