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Martinez Beavers Take Center Stage at 2011 State of the Beaver Conference

The controversy, compromises and conservation efforts that saved the Martinez Beavers will be featured at this year’s State of the Beaver conference in Canyonville, Oregon, February 2-4. Top national and international minds will gather to discuss beaver management and the important benefits of beaver-created wetlands. Heidi Perryman, Ph.D., founder of Worth A Dam and long time supporter of the Martinez beavers will discuss the steps taken by the city to safely keep the animals and the subsequent restorative effect their dams have had on Alhambra creek.

“Experts from all over will be at the conference presenting research on how beaver dams improve fish, bird and wildlife populations.” Perryman noted. “Martinez has had the opportunity to watch these effects first hand.” The conference is jointly hosted by the Beaver Advocacy committee of SURCP and the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Indian Tribe. If you can’t make the Oregon presentation, Perryman will repeat her talk at the Valley of the Moon lecture series in Sonoma later that month and at the Annual CA State Parks Conference in Yosemite this March. For more information you can check the groups website at www.martinezbeavers.org.