

## January 30th – Panel Discussion ~ Monterey Bay: Today's Heroes.

Interested in knowing about current work to preserve Monterey Bay? Come to the La Selva Beach Clubhouse on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. to hear a panel of scientists discuss their research to promote the health of Monterey Bay.

Working forward from Our Community Reads book, *The Death and Life of Monterey Bay*, the panel will discuss the current threats to the bay and the work being done to address those threats. Who are the present day heroes? Each of the panel members will make a brief presentation about his/her work with questions from the audience to follow.

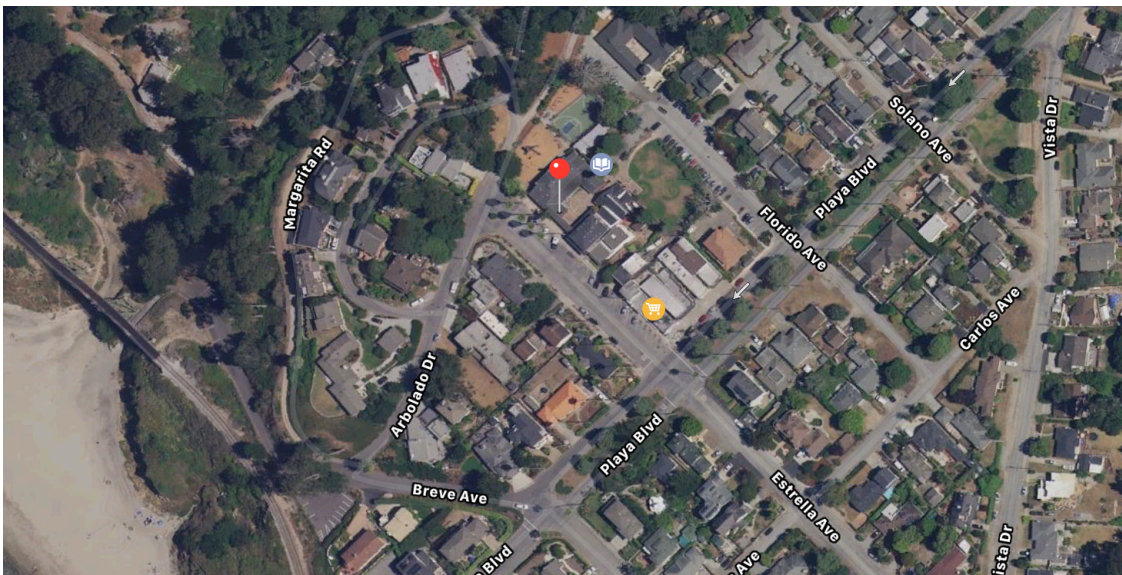
**Dr. Richard Starr** (Research Faculty, Moss Landing Marine Labs) will speak about Marine Protected Areas and their use in conservation. Rick will also share some amazing underwater photos taken during his research.

**Ross Clark** (Director, Central Coast Wetlands Group) will share his work promoting regional programs to improve state wetland resources and reduce nutrient pollution along central coast.

**Dr. Melissa Miller** (Wildlife Veterinarian Specialist, Pathologist, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife) will discuss the cross connections between wildlife conservation, human health and climate change as seen in her sea otter research.

**Dr. Jim Barry** (Senior Scientist, Research Chair, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute) will focus on the influence of climate change on ocean animals and ecosystems and his research on the physiological responses of organisms to changing ocean conditions.

**Dr. John Hunt** (Research Toxicologist, UC Davis) will moderate the discussion and questions to the panel after the presentations.



*La Selva Beach Clubhouse, 314 Estrella Avenue, next to the Library.*