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Come join Doug Dirt and Airy Larry from the Banana Slug String Band in a free show at the Boulder Creek Library on Saturday, November 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The focus of the live performance will be water conservation and the San Lorenzo Watershed. Airy Larry invites all to “Come dance, laugh and sing-along as the Slugs take you on a wonderful watery journey of science, song, and sillybration!”

Recognizing that watershed education needs to start early, the venerable Banana Slug String Band sings, strums, and clowns for their young audiences to teach them basic concepts about the water cycle, recycling and pollution prevention.

The free event is sponsored by the SLV Water District as part of its 2013 Education Grant Program.

Now in its 10th year, the District’s Education Program has funded 53 grants -- ranging from \$788 to \$3,500 -- to teachers, graduate students, musicians, artists, watershed practitioners, citizen scientists and nonprofits. The district's annual budget for watershed-education grants is currently \$25,000 -- less than one half of 1 percent of its total expenditures.

Following several local elementary school performances last year, teachers gave the Banana Slug String Band high marks for effectively teaching watershed concepts and reported that students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

As part of their SLV Water District Education grant this year, the group has performed free concerts at the Boulder Creek Elementary School, the San Lorenzo Charter School and Brook Knoll Elementary School in Scotts Valley.

The Boulder Creek Library is located at 13390 W Park Ave, Boulder Creek, one block west of Highway 9.