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Sonoma Community Center & Transition Sonoma Valley
Present Films for the Future to begin Friday, January 23

Following a successful collaboration of one year ago and aiming once again to broaden the impact of three significant new films, Transition Sonoma Valley is pairing up with the Center for Sustainable Living of the Sonoma Community Center (SCC) for **Films for the Future** beginning with the screening of *Watermark* on Friday, January 23 in Andrews Hall.

Each film screening will include an opening reception beginning at 7:00 with refreshments, the film presentation at 7:30, immediately followed by informal conversation to enhance each film's message and encourage community dialogue and engagement. Tickets are \$12, SCC members will receive a 10% discount. The pre-show refreshments include snacks from local providers including Whole Foods Market and beer from Lagunitas Brewing Company. Net proceeds will support both Transitional Sonoma Valley & SCC.

With California experiencing a prolonged drought, *Watermark*, the first film in the series is a timely look at our most essential natural resource (next to the air we breathe), which, according to a review in the *LA Times*, provides a "global perspective on the issue without imposing any one view on the audience, the film allows viewers to bring their own foreknowledge into play and draw any number of conclusions." *Watermark* is a feature documentary from multiple-award winning filmmakers Jennifer Baichwal and Nick de Pencier, and renowned photographer Edward Burtynsky. The film brings together diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use.

Shot in stunning 5K ultra high-definition video and full of soaring aerial perspectives, this film shows water as a terraforming element, as well as the magnitude of our need and use. In *Watermark*, the viewer is immersed in a magnificent force of nature that we all too often take for granted- until it's gone.

Future dates and films in the series include *GMO OMG* (What are we feeding our families?) on Friday, Feb. 20 and *The Russian River: ALL RIVERS The Value of an American Watershed* (Boom, Bust & Binge, A morning after water story) showing on Friday, March 20. All films will be screened on the Rotary Stage at SCC's Andrews Hall, with a new 16' theatrical screen, located at 276 East Napa Street.

The mission of SCC's Center for Sustainable Living is to provide environmental education, conservation, and community-based programs to promote sustainable communities in Sonoma Valley. Sonoma Community Center enriches the lives of the people of Sonoma Valley by fostering a broad range of cultural, educational and community services, and by ensuring the

preservation and restoration of its historic building. Visit www.sonomacommunitycenter.org for a full presentation of SCC's activities and offerings.

TSV is building a responsive network of local citizens, groups and businesses to create a resilient, self-reliant community in response to the challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and economic instability. For more information about the world-wide Transition Movement and to learn out about TSV's upcoming films and activities please visit www.transitionsonomavalley.org or find TSV on Facebook.

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