#### **Niles Canyon Victory in the News**

#### Caltrans to Start Over on Niles Canyon Project

Fremont Argus – January 23, 2012

# <u>CalTrans to Start Over On Environmental Review for Controversial Niles Road Widening</u> Projects

Alameda Creek Alliance press release - January 23, 2012

#### Niles Canyon Victory for Residents

Livermore Independent editorial – December 22, 2011

#### **Big Victory for Niles Canyon Protesters**

Livermore Independent – December 16, 2011

#### Niles Canyon Road Widening Project On Hold

San Francisco Chronicle – December 14, 2011

#### Settlement To Halt Niles Canyon Construction

Fremont Bulletin - December 12, 2011

# Alameda Creek Alliance Stops First Phase Of Niles Canyon Road Widening Project

Alameda Creek Alliance press release – December 12, 2011

# **Upcoming Events**

January 31 and February 28 - Alameda County Solar Facility Development Meeting - Dublin

The Alameda County Planning Department invites you to attend two community meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the County General Plan pertaining to the development of Solar Energy Facilities in the East County. Tuesday, January 31, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM and Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM - at the Alameda County Public Works Building, 4825 Gleason Drive, in Dublin. See the Alameda Creek Alliance <a href="web page">web page</a> on proposed industrial solar development in Alameda County.

#### Steelhead Watch for Lower Alameda Creek

Winter storms have finally brought the possibility of steelhead arriving in lower Alameda Creek. We have received our permit from state and federal agencies to trap and tag steelhead that are stranded below the BART weir this winter, and move them into Niles Canyon and monitor any migration or spawning.

Please keep an eye out at the BART weir and at the low-flow fish ladder in the foundation of the rubber dam that was removed for steelhead over the next few months. I will send out an alert if we have fish sightings and if and when we attempt to capture and move fish.

Steelhead have typically been seen in the flood control channel after large storms (with runoff more than 700 cfs in lower Niles), and at the BART weir typically as the flow drops after the storm, somewhere in the 100-200 cfs. You can check the stream flow here:

<u>Alameda Creek at Niles stream guage</u> (real-time data on water flow at the bottom of Niles Canyon)

Also read our web page on What to do if you see salmon or steelhead in Alameda Creek.

Let's find some steelhead in Alameda Creek this winter!

# Inspiration for Fish Restoration

Video of coho salmon spawning in Lagunitas Creek in Marin this week:

# **Rivers Resurrected:** The Stories Behind the Condit and Elwha Dam Removals

A new Fish and Wildlife Service webpage about our country's largest dam removal success stories currently in progress.

#### Alameda Creek T-shirts

ACA members – if you have not yet received your request for a t-shirt, we have run out of some sizes and as soon as a new order is printed they will be shipped.

#### **Regional Salmon News**

#### Weekend Rain Spawns Salmon Run

NBC - January 25, 2012

#### How to Deny that Fish Need Water

NRDC blog – January 24, 2012

#### Kill the Canal

Salmon Water Now video - January 23, 2012

### State Has Stake in Columbia Salmon Solution

Sacramento Bee Viewpoints – January 17, 2012

# Expert to Obama: You Don't Understand Salmon

Washington Post – January 13, 2012

#### Low Flows Endanger Russian River Coho Salmon

KQED - January 13, 2012

#### Coho Salmon Return to Scott River in Better Than Expected Numbers

Redding Record-Searchlight - December 25, 2011

#### Salmon Rebound in Sacramento Valley

Sacramento Bee – December 25, 2011

# Evolution at Warp Speed: Hatcheries Change Salmon Genetics After a Single Generation

PhysOrg – December 19, 2011

# First Barrier to Ryan Creek Salmon Migration Removed

Willits News - December 16, 2011

#### New Bridge Is Good News for Coho and Steelhead

Santa Rosa Press Democrat - December 16, 2011

# Endangered Russian River Coho Salmon Making Comeback

Santa Rosa Press Democrat – December 14, 2011

#### Salmon Flood Hatcheries, Great 2012 Predicted

San Francisco Chronicle blog - December 14, 2011

#### Westlands Official Working for DWR on Delta Plan

AlterNet – December 14, 2011

# Lawsuit: Overfishing Leaves Salmon, Whales Hungry

Sacramento Bee - December 13, 2011

# Spring Salmon Outlook Good On Willamette, Great On Columbia

The Oregonian - December 13, 2011

# Napa River Restoration Project Serves As Model San Francisco Chronicle – December 10, 2011

# Napa Growers Give Up Land For Salmon

Huffington Post - December 9, 2011

# Sacramento River Fluctuations Put Salmon Eggs at Risk During Run

Red Bluff Daily News- December 7, 2011

#### Wanger Backs Out of Representing Westlands Water District

Indy Media - December 6, 2011

#### Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Abundance

FishBio Fish Report - December 6, 2011

# Biologists Report Good Start to Coho Spawning Season in West Marin

Marin Independent Journal - December 3, 2011

#### **Chinook Numbers High in Shasta River**

Siskiyou Daily News - December 1, 201