

Fish Rescue Permits

We have received our state and federal permits for rescuing and moving steelhead trout at the BART weir this winter. These past storms have brought enough rain to bring the creek flow up to a level where steelhead can migrate up lower Alameda Creek to the BART weir, so keep an eye out at the creek over the next couple months during the tail end of storms. Read our web page on [What to Do if You Spot Fish](#).

Leaping Steelhead Award

The Alameda Creek Alliance has won a [2007 Leaping Steelhead Award](#) from fish and water policy writer Dan Bacher. Dan writes:

The Alameda Creek Alliance, a coalition of anglers and environmentalists committed to restoring salmon and steelhead to this East Bay stream, celebrated its tenth anniversary on August 24, 2007. Due to the alliance's 10 years of political pressure, four public agencies are moving forward quickly with five stream restoration projects that will help restore steelhead and salmon to the creek. For their grassroots work to restore this creek, Jeff Miller, executive director of the Alliance, and all of its volunteers receive the "Urban Steelhead" award.

Camp Parks Development Alert - Dublin's Burrowing Owls at Risk

The U.S. Army and NASA are attempting to transfer 180 acres of land at the southern end of Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area to the City of Dublin for urban development. In January the Army held an open house for 50 developers to view the property. At this meeting, the Mayor of Dublin declared the goal of transferring the land by April 2008 and breaking ground on development by January 2009. She presented alternatives for five massive commercial and residential developments.

None of these development proposals have been presented to the public before, nor do any of the proposals have natural habitat considerations included for threatened and endangered species. The Camp Parks military training facility is one of the relatively undeveloped portions of the Livermore-Amador Valley, and is home to several endangered, threatened and rare wildlife species that would be displaced by development. The need for delaying this transfer is obvious.

Camp Parks is home to the largest and one of the few remaining colonies of breeding western burrowing owls in the Valley. Development without consideration of the owls would likely evict them from the site. The proposed project site supports golden eagles, has potential foraging habitat for the endangered San Joaquin kit fox, has 21 acres of known and suitable breeding habitat for the threatened California red-legged frog, and known breeding habitat for the threatened California tiger salamander.

Please write a letter supporting protections for the endangered native wildlife of Camp Parks. The action alert for the Camp Parks land transfer is posted [here](#), or go to www.alamdacreek.org and click on "Alerts" in the upper right corner.

Eastern Alameda County Conservation Plan

Zone 7 Water Agency, Alameda County, the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game and other agencies are preparing an *East Alameda County Conservation Strategy*. The stated purpose of the Conservation Strategy is to:

- address conflicts between development, growth and infrastructure maintenance activities and the continued survival of endangered or threatened species by providing a blueprint for conservation in East Alameda County
- streamline the environmental permitting process by providing guidance to project proponents on where and how to focus mitigation efforts to address potential adverse effects on focal species due to future development and infrastructure improvements
- facilitate ongoing conservation programs by providing a coordinated approach supported by local stakeholders and regulatory agencies

The Alameda Creek Alliance will be participating in the development of the Conservation Strategy to assure that protections for creek corridors and endangered species habitats are adequate.

GGNRA Endangered Species Big Year

The 2008 GGNRA Endangered Species Big Year is a race against time to see - and save - all 33 of the endangered species of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo Counties. The GGNRA contains more endangered species than any other National Park in continental North America. This is certainly cause for celebration, but also for concern.

The GGNRA Big Year is a competitive event: the person who sees and helps the most species between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008, will win the Big Year. Participants can join guided trips to see endangered species, explore the park on their own, participate in scheduled restoration activities, and have an opportunity to take 33 discrete conservation recovery actions that will prevent these species from going extinct.

Join the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Endangered Species Big Year in 2008 by visiting <http://www.ggnrbigyear.org/> for more information.

Landlocked Steelhead Fish Trapping Data for 2004

The *San Antonio Creek, Indian Creek and Arroyo Hondo Fish Trapping Data Summary 2004* has been published by the SFPUC. The report is posted on the ACA web site [here](#).

2008 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Registration for the 2008 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2008, is now open at www.bringingbackthenatives.net! This free, award-winning tour features 60 pesticide-free gardens that conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 50% or more native plants.