

Calaveras Dam Project Comments

The comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Calaveras Dam Replacement Project has ended. Comments on the EIR from the Alameda Creek Alliance and Center for Biological Diversity, as well as from our legal and fisheries experts, are posted [here](#). Also posted are comments from the National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Game, Alameda County Water District, and Regional Water Quality Control Board.

A huge thank you to the more than 1,400 members and supporters who sent in comments on the EIR!

Now we wait for the SF Planning Department to respond to comments (expected in late spring or early summer) and see if the SFPUC will change the project and mitigations to accommodate steelhead.

Coho Salmon Creek Walk January 16 in Marin

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and SPAWN on a tour of Lagunitas Creek in West Marin on Saturday, January 16th to see endangered coho salmon.

Naturalists with the ACA and SPAWN will lead participants to coho spawning areas and we will explore the similarities and differences between Alameda Creek (where coho and steelhead once spawned) and creeks in the Lagunitas Watershed.

There are 15 spots still available. Register here: <https://treesfoundation.org/cgi-priv/CreekWalks.pl>

The Lagunitas watershed, which flows from Mt. Tamalpais to Tomales Bay, supports one of the largest runs of wild coho salmon in California, but coho have not done well in Marin in recent years. Read the recent article in the Marin Independent Journal: [Marin's Coho Salmon on the Brink of Extinction](#)

Check out the SPAWN [Naturalist Blog](#) for the latest information on coho conditions and sightings in Lagunitas Creek.

Information about the creek walks and directions are here: <http://spawnusa.org/pages/page-7>

www.SpawnUSA.org

First Christmas Bird Count a Huge Success

The first annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count was held on December 18. Over 75 volunteers scoured 30 areas within the count circle, compiling an impressive list of 144 bird species found during the count. Highlight species included bald and golden eagles, peregrine and prairie falcons, northern pygmy-owls, short-eared owls, Lewis woodpecker, yellow-billed magpies, rock wrens, canyon wrens, tri-colored blackbirds, and rufous-crowned, lark, vesper, and grasshopper sparrows. The bird count gives us and management agencies important information about wintering bird populations in the watershed. Congratulations to Alameda Creek Alliance Board member Rich Cimino for initiating this event!

Alameda Creek in the News

Contra Costa Times - December 25

[*New Fishing Closures for Alameda Creek*](#)

Estuary Newsletter - December 2009

[*Watershed Work*](#)



Statewide Salmon News

Contra Costa Times - January 6

[*2009 Another Bad Year for Delta Ecosystem*](#)

Water4Fish Newsletter - December 2009

[*2009 Salmon Runs are Down*](#)