

November 2, 2006

Last Outreach Day for Sinbad Creek This Saturday

Volunteers are needed to help us complete our door-to-door outreach about our steelhead restoration efforts to residents along Sinbad Creek in Sunol, **this Saturday, November 4th**. Please contact Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, for more information: alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com or (510) 794-4252.

Vote on Tuesday!

Please vote on Tuesday the 7th as if the earth depended upon it (it does).

Read the recommendations on **Proposition 84 (Water Quality and Parks Bond)** and **Proposition 90 (Eminent Domain)** by Friends of the River:

www.friendsoftheriver.org/ActionAlerts/2006_ballot_measures.htm. Defenders of Wildlife also has information about Prop. 90 - <http://www.defenders.org/prop90/>

Pombo-McNerny Congressional Race

One of the more important congressional races involves Rep. Richard Pombo, who represents portions of the Alameda Creek watershed, including parts of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore. Pombo is one of the nation's most rabid anti-environmental legislators and has been working to destroy our basic environmental safeguards for over a decade – see <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/Programs/policy/esa/atax.HTML> for information on his attempts to gut the Endangered Species Act.

See recent Center for Biological Diversity press releases on Pombo's antics:

May 11, 2006 - *It's Endangered Species Day, Pombo Must Be Lying* -

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/PomboLieAgain-05-11-2006.html>

April 6, 2006 - *GAO Study: Pombo Endangered Species Act Claims Misleading* -

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo-04-06-2006.html>

February 27, 2006 - *Pombo's Hypocrisy Highlighted at Bay Delta Hearing* -

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo-hypocrisy2-27-2006.html>

September 19, 2005 – *Pombo Bill Would Rip The Heart Out Of The Endangered Species Act* -

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo9-19-05.html>

May 17, 2005 - *Pombo Endangered Species Report Flawed* -

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo5-17-05.html>

April 27, 2005 - *GAO: Endangered Species Expenditures Match Biological Priorities:*

Unhappy With Positive Review, Representative Pombo Tries To Mislead Media With

False Press Release - <http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/press/pombo4-27-05.html>

It is going to be a disaster for the environment, endangered species, salmon populations, wildlife, wilderness, and public lands if Pombo is re-elected. His opponent, Jerry McNerny, has been endorsed by the Modesto Bee, S.F. Chronicle, Sacramento Bee, Pleasanton Weekly, Livermore Independent, Danville Weekly, Morgan Hill Times,

and San Jose Mercury News. Check out the McNerny web site at <http://www.jerrymcnerney.org/news.asp>.

Pombo is also considered one of the 20 most corrupt members of Congress by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. See <http://www.beyonddelay.org/summaries/pombo.php>

Please tell your neighbors about this important election and Pombo's shameful record.

Friends of Springtown Preserve Forming

After several years of attempting to draw attention to the Springtown alkali sink in Livermore as a precious open-space area, a group of folks are beginning to organize to work towards that goal. Spearheaded by Rich Cimino (Ohlone Audubon Conservation Chair and ACA Board Member), Mary Ann Hannon (California Native Plant Society), and Patti Cole (resident of Springtown and nature enthusiast), the newly formed Friends of Springtown Preserve is looking for others who may be interested in either actively or passively joining in this effort.

They are still in the initial steps of forming the group and developing an appropriate mission statement. At this point, concerns have been identified including wetlands protection, listed native plants protection, burrowing owl habitat (they do live/nest here), the protection of habitat needed for other native listed/unlisted nesting birds, herps, invertebrates, and vertebrates. The group would like to ensure the sensitive areas are off-limits for future development and that habitat deemed necessary for species of concern is monitored or controlled in some way to reduce/eliminate the level of random destruction we have seen over the years (for example, motorized vehicles driving through the preserve, expansive BMX bike course built in the center, and so on). The group will be focused on working *with* all involved agencies to ensure this area is given the attention it deserves.

If you are interested in the group and/or may know of others that might be interested, and would like to be added to the group's e-mail distribution list, please contact Patti Cole at pjcassoc@earthlink.net.

Urban Creeks Council Looking for Executive Director

The Urban Creeks Council, a leader in advocating for and implementing ecologically-sound, community-based practices to preserve, protect and restore creeks since 1982, is seeking an Executive Director.

See <http://www.urbancreeks.org/Opportunities.html>