

Public Wins Round Two in Calaveras Dam Project Review

Thank you to the more than 1,400 members and supporters who sent e-mails regarding the Calaveras Dam project!

Your e-mails along with the [letter](#) from 25 Bay Area conservation groups forced the San Francisco Planning Department to announce last week that the public comment period on the Calaveras Dam EIR will be extended until December 18 and a third public hearing on the project will be held in Sunol. [Round one](#) was won in April 2008.

Please Come to the Public Hearings in S.F. and Fremont This Week

With momentum and pressure building on San Francisco, we have an opportunity to improve the dam project and secure stream flows in Alameda Creek that will allow restoration of steelhead and salmon to the waterway. Please come to one of the public hearings and speak in favor of increased stream flows and good stewardship of this regionally significant stream.

The Planning Department will hold three public hearings on the Draft EIR:

Tomorrow, Tuesday, November 10, at the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd, in Fremont, at 6:30 pm

This Thursday, November 12, before the City Planning Commission - in Room 400, City Hall, in San Francisco. The Calaveras Dam project EIR is item #12 on the agenda and will probably be heard around 4 or 5 pm. Please come if you can after work because the item may go on for a while. The agenda is here: http://sfgov.org/site/planning_page.asp?id=113360

There will now be a third public hearing **on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Sunol Glen Elementary School, 11601 Main Street, in Sunol**

If you haven't already, please send an e-mail message about the Calaveras Dam project using our [Easy-Click Action Alert](#):
http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2167/t/5243/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=1645

Visit [our web page](#) on the Calaveras Dam project

Read the Alameda Creek Alliance November 2 press release:
[San Francisco Rushing Environmental Review for Calaveras Dam Project](#)

Support the Alameda Creek Alliance

Support your local creek group and help us bring back steelhead by joining or renewing your membership. If you have already joined or renewed, we thank you for your continued support. Download a [membership form](#).

Your membership allows us to remain an effective voice for the restoration and protection of native species and habitats throughout the Alameda Creek watershed. The Alameda Creek Alliance is a non-profit organization so your membership is tax deductible.

Management of Your Public Land in the Watershed

- Conservation Plan for 11 East Bay Parks

The East Bay Regional Park District is developing a Habitat Conservation Plan for its eastern Contra Costa County and northern Alameda County parklands (Black Diamond Mines, Morgan Territory, Round Valley, Vasco Caves, Contra Loma Reservoir, Morgan Territory, Brushy Peak, Castle Rock, Diablo Foothills, Sycamore Valley and Clayton Ranch). This will be a conservation plan covering over 21,000 acres of existing regional parks and trails. It will give the EBRPD state and federal permits to “take” endangered species and set up regional conservation planning for some of the largest areas of endangered-species habitat in the Bay Area. It will cover activities related to EBRPD infrastructure operations and maintenance, wildland management, public access, and park development. The EBRPD held two public hearings on the plan in October. For more information or to get involved, visit www.ebparks.org/hcp.

- New Irvington Tunnel Project

The Response to Comments on the Draft EIR for the SFPUC project to build the [New Irvington Tunnel](#) from Sunol to Fremont has been released. The Response to Comments is [here](#).

- South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is inviting the public to participate in the development of a 15-year comprehensive conservation plan for the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, including wetlands habitat restoration at the mouth of Alameda Creek. Public scoping meetings will be held in November in the South Bay. For more information please visit <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/>

Other Watershed News

East Bay Regional Parks Buys Ranch Near Pleasanton

[1,156-Acre Tyler Ranch Property Above Niles Canyon Protected](#)

Pleasanton Must Reconsider Staples Ranch Development

[Lawsuit Settlement Requires Environmental Study of Impacts on Rare Species](#)

Tri-Valley Herald October 27

[Groups Reach Settlement on Stoneridge Drive Extension](#)

Livermore Independent October 29

[Staples Ranch Lawsuit Settled](#)

Statewide Salmon News

SF IndyMedia - November 8

[Legislature Approves Controversial Water Package and Budget-Busting Water Bond](#)

SF IndyMedia - November 4

[Schwarzenegger Applauds Passage of Peripheral Canal/Dams Water Package](#)

Sacramento Bee - November 3

[Watch For Cheaper, Better Delta Solution](#)

SF IndyMedia - November 3

[*CLCV Joins the Dark Side- Supports Steinberg's Road Map to the Canal*](#)

SF IndyMedia - October 19

[*Congressman Devin Nunes Attacks Salmon Fishermen With Absurd Claims*](#)

East Bay Express – October 1

[*Feinstein Wants to "Waive" Major Environmental Law*](#)

SF IndyMedia - October 1

[*The Coast That Sean Hannity Forgot*](#)

The Daily Show - September 30

[*Jon Stewart Schools Sean Hannity About History, The Food Chain*](#)

San Francisco Bay Guardian - September 2

[*The Water Wars*](#)

San Francisco Bay and the delta are dying. Salmon runs are collapsing. Droughts are getting worse. And big agriculture still wants more water.