

2-4-06 update

To the Alameda Creek Alliance e-mail list – upcoming events and action alerts:

Sunday, February 5 - Fremont

Benefit Film Showing: The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill

Attend a film showing of the documentary *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* to benefit the Friends of Coyote Hills and work to educate decision-makers about the impacts of a proposed 1,500 home development on lands adjacent to Coyote Hills Regional Park and Alameda Creek. The Patterson Ranch development proposal will be coming forward to the Fremont City Council soon. Funds from the film event will be used to conduct a public opinion survey. The event will include a slide show about Coyote Hills Regional Park and the surrounding lands, refreshments, conversation and the award-winning film *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*.

Join the Friends of Coyote Hills at the historic Niles Edison Theater on February 5 at either the 3:00 PM or 6:30 PM shows. Suggested ticket donation is \$25/person. Please reserve your tickets by February 1 by sending a check with desired show time and number of tickets to: FCHF, P.O. Box 769, 39120 Argonaut Way, Fremont, CA 94538-1304. For more information or to volunteer contact the Friends of Coyote Hills at (510) 794-7085 or email at alice_2000@yahoo.com.

Cosponsored by Tri-City Ecology Center, Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, Alameda Creek Alliance, Sierra Club and Ohlone Audubon Society.

Tuesday, February 7- Castro Valley

Alameda County Watershed Forum

The Alameda County Watershed Forum will hold its third meeting next Tuesday, February 7th from 7 to 9 PM (6:30 pm for socializing and refreshments) at Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley's office at 20993 Redwood Court in Castro Valley, which is approximately one block from the Castro Valley BART Station.

The agenda includes:

- 1) Introductions and round robin of participants and activities
- 2) Presentations by local area creek groups
- 3) Discussion of forum mission statement -- who are we and what do we want to accomplish?
- 4) Local Issues of concern and opportunities for collaboration
- 5) Update on legislative activities related to watershed management
- 6) Suggestions for Future forum topics

If you have any questions about the forum please contact Dale Hopkins at (510) 622-2362 or e-mail DHopkins@waterboards.ca.gov

Sunday, February 26 – Half Moon Bay

Pilarcitos Creek “Restoring Our Watershed” Forum

The Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Committee invites you to an informative afternoon highlighting the Pilarcitos Creek watershed's natural history, the progress of the Committee's restoration and monitoring projects, local watershed management, and opportunities for getting involved in preserving Pilarcitos Creek Watershed. The forum is on Sunday, February 26 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Ted Adcock Community Center in Half Moon Bay. Featured are highlights of restoration

and monitoring projects implemented through the Pilarcitos Creek Restoration Fund; opportunities for residents and community members to participate in creek and watershed stewardship; and presentations by community partners working together to balance multiple beneficial uses of the Pilarcitos Creek water resources.

You can also join Field Tours of Creek Restoration Sites on Saturday, March 11 at 10 am & 1:30 pm (Rain Date: Sunday, March 12). Space is limited - details and registration signups will be available at the Forum. For more information: Call (650) 738-5871, or email Pilarcitoscreek@hotmail.com

Tuesday March 7 - Pleasanton Kottinger Creek Alert

The next step in the Kottinger Creek Restoration Project in Pleasanton is for the Pleasanton City Council to give the go-ahead to send the final plan out to bid. This is a project to restore the portion of Kottinger Creek (a tributary of Arroyo Valle in Pleasanton, which flows into Arroyo de la Laguna, then into Alameda Creek) that flows through Kottinger Community Park. Your help with this is crucial, as a negative decision at this point will kill the project. This item is tentatively scheduled to go before the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 PM, in the Pleasanton City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue.

How you can help: Come to the Pleasanton City Council Meeting and bring your friends and neighbors. When asked by a representative of the Friends of Kottinger Creek, stand to show your support for this project. You may also sign a speaker card to voice your support yourself. E-mail your approval and support to members of the Pleasanton City Council at: <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/contactcc.html>

For more information about the project and the meeting, check the Kottinger Creek web page at <http://www.alamedacreek.org/Join%20-%20Volunteer/Kottinger%20Creek/Kottinger%20Creek.htm> to confirm the date, as City Council Agendas frequently change. Agendas are also published in the Pleasanton Weekly on the Friday prior to each City Council Meeting.

Contact the Friends of Kottinger Creek at hpgriffin@aol.com. Please title your e-mail **Kottinger Creek** to avoid deletion.

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance Alert Stop the South Delta Improvement Project

Help protect the Delta and its fisheries - over 30 Allied Fishing Groups engaged on multiple fronts this past month publicly voicing their opposition to the South Delta Improvement Project. You can find a summary of those activities and more information on the recent collapse of the Delta ecosystem and fisheries at <http://www.fishsniffer.com/steelhead/060201deltaaction.html>

The CSPA reminds you that **democracy is not a spectator sport** and urges you to engage the decision makers, including the Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and game, and the Governor. It is essential if we are to ever restore the estuary and its fisheries. Following the Allied Fishing Groups Advisory, you will find a letter to the Governor. You can use it to help write you own letter and send it both the Governor and the Department of Water Resources and do it today! The public comment period for the SDIP draft Environmental Impact Review/Statement closes on February 7th.

CSPA urges you to ask the Governor to stop the SDIP and any additional Delta export projects until the ecology and fisheries of the estuary are restored.

