

March 1, 2006

To the Alameda Creek Alliance e-mail list:

Steelhead back in lower Alameda Creek

Steelhead trout were sighted today in lower Alameda Creek in the flood control channel. An attempt will be made later this week to capture these fish and move them upstream, under permit from state and federal regulatory agencies.

This is the 9th consecutive winter we have documented adult steelhead attempting to move up Alameda Creek to spawn. For information about ongoing efforts to provide for permanent fish passage for steelhead and to check on the status of planned projects to get fish past migration barriers, visit the ACA web site (www.alamedacreek.org) and click on "Fish Passage Projects".

Gather Signatures for Coyote Hills Natural Area Initiative – Trainings March 4 and 11

The Friends of Coyote Hills and Fremont is launching a citizen initiative aimed at preserving the lands surrounding Coyote Hills Regional Park and needs to collect 13,000 signatures by mid-May in order to qualify the Initiative for the November ballot. The Initiative will amend the City of Fremont General Plan to protect approximately 500 acres by designating the land for agriculture and will place additional safeguards on scenic views, creek corridors and sensitive wildlife habitat.

Please help FCHF protect the agricultural land, wetlands, wildlife habitat, natural beauty, tranquility and the scenic views of Coyote Hills.

If you are interested in helping to collect signatures, FCHF has organized a signature gatherers training to put the "Protect Coyote Hills Natural Area Initiative" on the November ballot. This training will provide you with the materials you need to collect the signatures, as well as ideas and suggestions for how to go about collecting signatures.

The first training is **Saturday, March 4** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Fremont Main Library, Van Doorn Room (left of the lobby), 2400 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont

PLEASE RSVP to Linda Ramus at lramus1995@sbcglobal.net or (510) 579-9995.

FCHF will be hosting a second training on **March 11** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (location to be announced).

Here are some ways you can help out:

- 1) Help collect signatures.
- 2) Forward this e-mail to your friends.
- 3) Publish an article in your local community newsletter or bulletin.

If you would like more information about the Initiative, contact Jana Sokale (JanaSLC@aol.com) or visit the FCHF web site at <http://www.fchf.org/>

Public Hearing on Sunol Compost Facility March 14

A clarification on the final EIR for the Sunol composting facility - it has been released, but it has not yet been adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) Board, nor has the project been officially approved.

Please contact your ACWMA Board representative (see <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=196> for a list of Board members) and your County Supervisor to speak out against siting the compost dump in Sunol, especially if you live in Sunol.

There will be a series of public meetings for the ACWMA Board to review the EIR, the first of which will be **in Sunol on March 14th**, at the Sunol Valley Golf Course. See <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=10&recordid=933> for info about the meeting). This will be a great opportunity for people to speak out on this issue.

Visit the Citizens for a Healthy Alameda County Environment (CHACE) web site (<http://www.healthyacenvironment.org/>) for more information about the compost dump issue.

ACA Volunteers Needed for March 4 and April 22 Events

Volunteers are needed to staff the Alameda Creek Alliance display table at two upcoming events:

* 10th Annual Science-Earth-Health Festival, on **Saturday March 4, 2006**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at James Logan High School in Union City

* City of Fremont Earth Day, on **Saturday April 22**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Central Park in Fremont

Please RSVP via e-mail if you can table for 1-2 hours at either of these events.

Alameda County Watershed Forum Meeting April 4 in Fremont

The next meeting of the Alameda County Watershed Forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4th**, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at the Fremont Public Library. The Forum is an informal gathering of Alameda County creek organizations and people from local agencies who deal with watershed organizations.

For more information about the Forum contact Dale Hopkins at DHopkins@waterboards.ca.gov or (510) 622-2362.