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To the Alameda Creek Alliance e-mail list:

Alameda Creek Alliance Newsletter - Winter 2005/2006

Issue #21 of the ACA newsletter, *Up Your Creek*, is now available electronically on the ACA web site at www.alamedacreek.org. Click on "Newsletters" on the left side of the home page.

Alameda Creek Fish Rescue Report

ACA volunteers helped rescue and move upstream 2 wild adult steelhead trout blocked below the BART weir on March 4th. One of the fish, given the name "Brutus", is the largest steelhead we have documented in the creek, weighing in at 11 pounds and measuring 31" in length.

More steelhead were reported at the weir on March 8th and another fish rescue attempt is tentatively scheduled for this Saturday (tomorrow), March 11th at 10 am.

Find photos of these magnificent fish and the fish rescue on the ACA web site at <http://www.alamedacreek.org/Historical%20photos/recent%20fish%20documentation/Recent%20fish%20documentation.htm>

Steelhead Media Coverage

The Contra Costa Times and the Fremont Bulletin both wrote articles about the steelhead in the creek:

Fremont Bulletin - March 9, 2006

Steelhead in Alameda Creek get helping hand

http://www.fremontbulletin.com/local/ci_3586170

Contra Costa Times - March 9, 2006

Creek group plays name that trout

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/email/news/14055326.htm>

These stories and many more newspaper articles on Alameda Creek are posted on the ACA web site at www.alamedacreek.org. Click on "Media Articles" on the left side of the home page.

Don't Trash Sunol! - Sunol Compost Facility Meetings March 12 and 14

Citizens for a Healthy Alameda County Environment (CHACE), Save Our Sunol, the Sierra Club and the Alameda Creek Alliance are opposing a proposal by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) to put a 40 acre compost facility along Andrade Road in the Sunol Valley. The groups fully support the ACWMA composting program and reducing waste going to landfills, but believe that the proposed site in Sunol is not an appropriate location. The groups would like the compost facility moved to a more urban site or a site that already handles waste products, and that would not result in destruction or conversion of undeveloped land that is potential wildlife habitat and not impact the quality of life of Sunol residents.

The ACWMA has finalized an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project and is holding a **work session for the final EIR between 10 am and 12 noon on Tuesday, March 14**, at the Sunol Golf Course in the Pavilion Room.

CHACE is hosting a **general meeting for all concerned citizens on Sunday, March 12 at 4pm** in the Sunol Glenn School cafeteria, to prepare everyone for ACWMA EIR work session. Please attend this information meeting and also show a presence before the ACWMA Board members and staff on

Tuesday March 14. We need all of your help to defeat this proposed site. Former Mayor of Fremont Gus Morrison, current Vice Mayor of Union City and candidate for Alameda County Board of Supervisor, Richard Valle have gone on record as being opposed to this proposed site.

Report on Pesticide Impacts to Bay Area Endangered Species

The Center for Biological Diversity last week released a report detailing the risk toxic pesticides pose to endangered species in the San Francisco Bay Area and the failure of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to regulate pesticides harmful to imperiled species. The report, [*Poisoning Our Imperiled Wildlife: San Francisco Bay Area Endangered Species at Risk from Pesticides*](#), documents that at least 30 of the 51 federally endangered or threatened animal species that occur in the Bay Area may be adversely affected by the more than 8 million pounds of pesticides used in the region each year. View the report at www.biologicaldiversity.org.

The S.F. Chronicle ran a feature story on pesticides on March 2, *A Move To Ease Pesticide Laws* <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/03/02/MNG0JHH6NH1.DTL>

Volunteers Needed for Spring Festivals

The Alameda Creek Alliance needs volunteers to staff our display table at two upcoming events:

Saturday, April 22, 10 AM to 4 PM

Earth Day Family Fair at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont

Thursday, June 22, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Environmental, Safety, and Health Fair