

**March 29, 2006**

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### **Meeting Tonight on Sunol Compost Dump**

There will be a community meeting tonight, **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, on strategy for opposing the composting facility the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) is recommending for the Andrade Road site in Sunol. Tonight's meeting is at the **Sunol Glen School Auditorium at 6:30 pm**.

On April 26 the ACWMA will make a decision on building a composting facility just off Highway 680 and Andrade Road. The ACA and Sunol community groups are opposing this location, since it is inappropriate for a facility of this type and size. The facility will have unacceptable environmental, traffic and odor impacts on the Sunol Valley. We need someone to research the potential impacts of the compost dump on Alameda Creek and on native wildlife in the Sunol Valley. For more information on the compost facility visit [www.healthyACenvironment.org](http://www.healthyACenvironment.org) or go to [www.alamedacreek.org](http://www.alamedacreek.org) and click on "Action Alerts".

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### **Alameda County Watershed Forum Meets Next Tuesday**

The Alameda County Watershed Forum, an informal gathering of Alameda County creek activists, will meet from **1 to 3 pm next Tuesday, April 4, in the Fremont Main Library, 2400 Stevenson Blvd.**, a few blocks southeast of the Fremont BART. A half hour networking social will start at 12:30, on park space outside the library if the weather is good. The forum agenda includes a presentation on Alameda Creek restoration efforts, the San Francisco Bay Joint Ventures Creek Committee efforts on infrastructure barriers and riparian buffers, and an update on the Regional Water Quality Control Board's proposed Stream and Wetland Protection Policy. For information contact Dale Hopkins, [dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov).

Also, the Contra Costa Watershed Forum will hold evening creek meetings on **March 28<sup>th</sup> in Walnut Creek, March 30<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburg and April 5<sup>th</sup> in San Pablo**. For more information and meeting agendas visit the CCCWF website at [www.cocowaterweb.org](http://www.cocowaterweb.org).

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### **Winter 2005-2006 Alameda Creek Steelhead Report**

Adult steelhead trout were seen at the BART weir this winter on seven occasions from December 29 through March 11, mostly in early March. Six adult steelhead (5 males and 1 female) ranging from 3.7 to 11 pounds were moved upstream into Niles Canyon, under state and federal permits. Photos from this winter's fish rescues are posted on the ACA web site at <http://www.alamedacreek.org/Historical%20photos/recent%20fish%20documentation/Recent%20fish%20documentation.htm>. A number of recent newspaper articles about the rescues are also on the web site at [www.alamedacreek.org](http://www.alamedacreek.org) – click on "media Articles".

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### **Livermore-Pleasanton Stream Management Plan**

Comments on Zone 7 Water Agency's Draft Stream Management Master Plan (SMMP) and Draft Master Environmental Impact Report are **due by May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Zone 7 will hold a public workshop regarding the SMMP on **April 26, 2006 from 5 pm to 7 pm** at Zone 7 Water Agency, 100 North Canyons Parkway, in Livermore.

The SMMP will guide management of the 120 miles of creeks, streams, arroyos and flood control channels of the Zone 7 service area in the Livermore-Amador Valley. The SMMP will encompass

Zone 7 projects and policies geared towards addressing flood control and channel maintenance issues, water supply, water quality, erosion/sedimentation, habitat enhancement and environmental protection, and recreation issues. More information about the plan and the workshop is available on the Zone 7 website at [www.zone7water.com](http://www.zone7water.com).

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### **Pleasanton Creek Project Gets OK**

The Pleasanton City Council by unanimous vote approved the Kottinger Creek Restoration Project in Pleasanton last week, agreeing to spend over \$1 million to restore and rebuild the park and creek alongside Kottinger Drive. For more information visit the Friends of Kottinger Creek web page at <http://www.alamedacreek.org/Join%20%20Volunteer/Kottinger%20Creek/Kottinger%20Creek.htm>.

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### **Sunol and Niles Dam Removals**

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is expected to approve the Environmental Impact Report for the Sunol and Niles Dam removals at their April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board is reviewing the SFPUC application for certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for dam removals and is taking public input during the certification process. You can submit comments on this project in writing to:

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ATTN: Brian Wines  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

Or via email to: [bwines@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bwines@waterboards.ca.gov)

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### **Volunteers Needed to Staff at Spring Festivals**

We still need volunteers to staff the Alameda Creek Alliance display table at the following events:

**April 17-22** - Earth Week on the U.C. Berkeley campus

**April 22** - Fremont Earth Day in Central Park, 10 am to 4 pm

**June 22** - Lawrence Livermore Lab Fair, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

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### **Avoid Polluting the Bay - Keep it Clean Web Site**

Toxic runoff and pollution from our homes, cars and neighborhoods is one of the greatest threats to urban creeks and San Francisco Bay. Visit Save The Bay's new web site at [www.ikeepitclean.org](http://www.ikeepitclean.org) and take the Keep it Clean survey to learn how you may be polluting the Bay without knowing it and find out how you can help protect the Bay.