

## Upcoming events:

### **April 1 - Native/Spanish Contact Commemorative Event – Niles**

This Sunday, April 1, the [Vinapa Foundation for Cross-Cultural Studies](#) will hold a commemorative event about the contact between Native Americans and early Spanish explorers in the East Bay, from 3-5pm at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, 37417 Niles Blvd. in Fremont. This is part of a film program considering the interaction between the native peoples of western Alameda County and the two parties of Spanish soldiers who explored the area in the 1770s: *A Consideration of Stereotypic Representations of Indians in Early Silent Films*, plus *Two Re-enactments of the Anza Party as documented on film*. Check out the ["Native/Spanish Contact Commemorative Event"](#), or call (510) 494-1411 for more information.

### **April 3 - Alameda County Watershed Forum Meeting – Oakland**

The Alameda County Watershed forum will meet next Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7-9 pm (refreshments at 6:30 pm), in Hearing Room 3 at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza (between 14th and 15th Streets at Clay; near 12th Street BART; click [here](#) for directions). Jan O'Hara of the Regional Water Quality Control Board will speak on the Board's efforts to develop a region-wide stormwater permit and new emphasis on low impact development. More information from Dale Hopkins at [dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov).

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## Volunteer and Training Opportunity:

### **Help Monitor Salmon Traps in Lagunitas Creek in Marin**

Volunteers are needed to help [SPAWN](#), which works to restore endangered coho salmon in Marin, check out-migrant fish traps in Lagunitas Creek every day starting at 8 am. SPAWN is trapping juvenile salmon (smolts) on their way out to the ocean to help determine salmon productivity and estimate how many coho and steelhead survive in the Lagunitas Creek watershed to make it out to sea each year. Volunteers will help count, measure, and weigh juvenile fish of several species. Contact [natalie@spawnusa.org](mailto:natalie@spawnusa.org) or 415-488-0370x112.

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## Regional and National Salmon Policy Issues:

### **Stop Schwarzenegger's New Dams**

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed building two new dams on the Sacramento River and the San Joaquin River. Check out the [Friends of the River action alert](#) and write a letter telling the Governor he should not fund these new dams.

### **Save the Columbia and Snake River Salmon**

With the new Congress we have a new chance to recover endangered salmon in the mighty Columbia and Snake Rivers. Representatives Jim McDermott (D-WA) and Thomas Petri (R-WI) recently introduced the bi-partisan Salmon Economic Analysis & Planning Act in Congress with more than 30 House co-sponsors. [Take action](#) to support the recovery plan.

### **Klamath River Salmon**

Check out the [PBS program](#) on the Klamath River salmon issue hosted by Matt Damon. Later this summer the Alameda Creek Alliance will hold a screening of the documentary by the Karuk Tribe,

"*Solving the Klamath Crisis: Keeping Farms and Fish Alive.*" Check out a [review of the film](#). Read the article [Momentum Builds Toward Dam Removal on the Klamath](#).

### **Bush Administration Unleashes Staggering Attack on Endangered Species Act**

Following the collapse of Richard Pombo's efforts to undermine the Endangered Species Act in 2006, the Bush administration pledged to eviscerate it through administrative rulemaking instead. Draft regulations prepared by the administration would gut the Endangered Species Act from top to bottom. Check out the Center for Biological Diversity's [March 27 press release](#).