

Upcoming Events

SPECIAL EVENT: Dam Removal Celebration, June 23 in Fremont

Come help us celebrate recent fish passage projects in lower Alameda Creek! The Alameda County Water District will hold a dedication on Wednesday, June 23rd for their recent Rubber Dam 2 Fish Passage Project and their Bunting Fish Screen Facilities within the lower Alameda Creek flood control channel. The dedication will be held from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at Niles Community Park in Fremont. All Alameda Creek Alliance members are invited to this event. [More information](#) about the ACWD's fish passage projects.

Tomorrow, May 25 – Help Defeat the Water Bond – San Francisco

Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 25, the Sierra Club is sponsoring a training session for volunteer activists to help defeat the water bond measure that will be on the California ballot in November. The bond would use an unprecedented amount of taxpayer money -- \$24 billion over the next 30 years -- to fund destructive water projects that benefit a small number of special interests, including dam companies and mega-farms that are polluting our air and water. The training will be at 6 pm, May 25th at the Food & Water Watch office, 25 Stillman Street, Suite 200, in San Francisco.

June 4 to 7 – Yellow-billed Magpie Surveys

Audubon California is conducting surveys throughout California for yellow-billed magpies from June 4-7, and the Alameda Creek Alliance is looking for volunteers to help survey for this sensitive species within the Alameda Creek watershed. Yellow-billed magpies are suffering from loss of oak woodland habitat and the effects of West Nile virus and we'd like to know how populations are doing in the Alameda Creek watershed.

The areas within the watershed we are especially interested in covering are Mines Road, Del Valle Reservoir area, Sunol Park, Ohlone Park, Sunol Valley, Murietta Falls, Pleasanton Adobe, and Pleasanton Ridge. Any other areas you think may have magpies or areas near your home are also important to survey. The surveys can be conducted any time between June 4-7.

For more information on the survey see <http://ca.audubon.org/birds/magpie-survey.php>

If you are interested in participating in the magpie survey for one of these areas, please contact Rich Cimino at rcimino@gmail.com.

June 7 – Close to Home Talk on Beavers – Montclair

Close to Home: Exploring Nature in the East Bay presents a talk on Monday, June 7 about Beavers with Heidi Perryman, documenter of the famous Martinez beavers. Find out how the beavers brought night herons. The talk is at the Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland at 7:30 pm. For more information see www.close-to-home.org.

Watershed News

Fremont Bans Polystyrene

The Fremont City Council voted unanimously earlier this month to ban polystyrene food service ware, to help keep toxic this major source of disposable waste out of our creeks and Bay.

Fremont, now the 41st city in California to ban polystyrene, will consider banning plastic bags next.

Pesticides Restricted in Bay Area Endangered Species Habitats

The Center for Biological Diversity earlier this month won restrictions on the use of toxic pesticides in and adjacent to habitat for 11 endangered and threatened wildlife species in the San Francisco Bay Area. A federal court signed an injunction imposing interim restrictions on the use of 75 pesticides in eight Bay Area counties while the Environmental Protection Agency formally evaluates their potentially harmful effects on Bay Area endangered species over the next five years.

The restrictions will apply to habitats within the Alameda Creek watershed for the Alameda whipsnake, California clapper rail, California tiger salamander, salt marsh harvest mouse, and San Joaquin kit fox. Read the Center's [press release](#)

Statewide Salmon News

No Water, No Fish, No Jobs

<http://www.redding.com/news/2010/may/24/mark-mlcoch-no-water-no-fish-no-jobs/>

Redding Record Searchlight - May 24, 2010

Commission Approves Limited Salmon Season on Central Valley Rivers

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2010/05/20/commission-approves-limited-salmon-season-on-central-valley-rivers/>

AlterNet - May 20, 2010

Feds: No Major Changes for Columbia Basin Salmon

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hVHqpN4fS24gXTU5aKEEetn4wMtwD9FQU3000>

Associated Press - May 20, 2010

Frostbite Enforcement Action – All Bark: No “Real” Protection for Salmonid Species in Sight

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/05/19/18648323.php>

IndyMedia - May 19, 2010

Klamath River: Fishable, Swimmable?

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/05/19/18648359.php>

IndyMedia - May 19, 2010

Court Ruling Favors Corporate Agribusiness over Salmon and Fishermen

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/05/18/18648257.php>

IndyMedia - May 18, 2010

Federal Judge Sides With Farmers in Delta Pumping Lawsuit

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15111803

San Jose Mercury News - May 18, 2010

EPA Will Limit Pesticides Near Salmon Streams

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/37197130/ns/us_news-environment/

AP - May 17, 2010

Feds, PG&E Warned About Declining Butte Creek Spring Run Chinook

<http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=15215>

Central Valley Business Times - May 17, 2010

TALES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN: A River Journey

Video by Green Planet Films

<http://greenplanetfilms.org/>