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Please welcome the new Alameda Creek Alliance staff:

Diana Brumbaugh has been hired to work part time as our Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator. Diana is a full-time school teacher who grew up in the Alameda Creek watershed and still lives in Niles adjacent to the creek. Diana has a Master's degree in Environmental Education and volunteers with several local conservation groups.

Diana will organize our volunteers for fish rescues, fish monitoring, creek cleanups and our StreamKeeper program. If you would like to become a StreamKeeper and adopt a section of Alameda Creek for monitoring, please contact Diana. Diana will also organize our tabling and outreach at local events and give presentations on the Alameda Creek restoration to community groups.

Diana will also be organizing volunteers to contact landowners along Stonybrook and Sinbad Creeks this summer and fall, for habitat assessments and small scale steelhead habitat restoration projects along these creeks. Volunteers will go door to door with outreach materials and meet and identify landowners along these creeks interested in habitat restoration projects on their land, such as erosion control, small migration barrier removal, and riparian re-vegetation. If you are interested in volunteering for Stonybrook and Sinbad Creek outreach, please contact Diana.

Diana can be reached at (510) 794-4252, e-mail alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com

Ralph Kanz has been hired to work part time as our Conservation Director. Ralph is a commercial fisherman who lives in Oakland and has been active in creek restoration with his local watershed group, Friends of Sausal Creek. Ralph has years of experience commenting on environmental review of projects, and also has been instrumental in monitoring rare plant species in Oakland and pressuring the City of Oakland to act on its commitment to protect special status species.

Ralph will initially be doing organizing, outreach and fundraising for the Alameda Creek Alliance regarding the proposed Apperson Quarry project in Sunol and will assist with other conservation issues in the watershed. Contact Ralph if you would like to get involved in stopping the Apperson Quarry.

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