

## **New ACA address**

Please note that the Alameda Creek Alliance has a new mailing address:  
P.O. Box 2626  
Niles, CA 94536

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## **Coastal and Creek Clean Up Day This Saturday**

There are a couple local clean-up efforts for Coastal Cleanup Day this Saturday, September 20:

Alameda County Conservation Partnership and the City of Livermore will conduct a creek clean-up day along the **Arroyo Las Positas at Marlin Pound Neighborhood Park in Livermore**, on Saturday September 20th, from 9 am to 12 pm. Sign up with Leslie Koenig at 925-371-0154 ext 115 or [leslie.koenig@acrca.org](mailto:leslie.koenig@acrca.org)

Save The Bay will conduct a cleanup at **Eden Landing on the Hayward/Union City border**, on Saturday, September 20, from 9 am to 12 pm. Click [here](#) for more information about the cleanup.

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## **Bonnie and Clyde Update**

Our most famous pair of spawning steelhead, Bonnie and Clyde, [made history](#) by swimming up Stonybrook Creek in late February and becoming the first successful steelhead spawners in the watershed in almost half a century.

Unfortunately, this has been a dry year, and the end of summer stream conditions have taken their toll. Bonnie and Clyde spawned after the last major storm system and with dry spring conditions, there was no opportunity for these fish to move back downstream and out to the Bay. The adult pair survived in a small pool until sometime in August, when both succumbed to low water levels and likely raccoon predation.

Of hundreds of young of year steelhead observed in the vicinity of spawning in May and June, by September 10, only one pool still contained juvenile trout, with only 5 fry left.

It has not been a kind year for cold-water loving fish, but fish passage projects we are working on and our efforts to secure cold-water flow releases from upstream reservoirs will increase the chances that more steelhead will spawn and fry will survive in coming years.

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## **Endangered Species Act Under Assault Again**

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne recently announced devastating changes to the Endangered Species Act, signaling the end of protection for thousands of imperiled species.

The new regulations would:

- Exempt thousands of federal activities from review under the Endangered Species Act;
- Eliminate checks and balances of independent oversight;
- Limit which effects can be considered harmful;
- Prevent consideration of a project's contribution to global warming;
- Set an inadequate 60-day deadline for wildlife experts to evaluate a project in the instances

when they are invited to participate – or else the project gets an automatic green light;  
- Enable large-scale projects to go unreviewed by dividing them into hundreds of small projects.

Help the Center for Biological Diversity to stop Kempthorne from fatally crippling our nation's most successful wildlife law. You can send comments to Secretary Kempthorne telling him what you think of his destruction of the Endangered Species Act through this [action alert](#).

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### **Snake River Salmon**

In June, CBS "60 Minutes" ran an updated version of its 2000 story on the federal government's unbelievably expensive failure to protect Snake River salmon.

Watch the "60 Minutes" story online here: [The Fuss Over Fish](#)

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### **Water Politics Documentary: FLOW**

A new documentary - *FLOW: How Did a Handful of Corporations Steal Our Water?* is playing at several theaters in the Bay Area tonight, Friday, September 19. For information and locations, visit [www.flowthefilm.com](http://www.flowthefilm.com)

FLOW is Irena Salina's award-winning documentary investigation into what experts label the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century - The World Water Crisis. Salina builds a case against the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply with an unflinching focus on politics, pollution, human rights, and the emergence of a domineering world water cartel.

San Francisco - Landmark Lumiere  
Berkeley - Landmark Shattuck  
San Jose - Camera 12