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Photos from yesterday's dam removal ceremony are posted on the ACA web site at http://www.alamedacreek.org/Fish_Passage/Niles%20Canyon/Niles%20Canyon.htm or go to www.alamedacreek.org and click on "Fish Passage Projects" and then on "Niles Canyon".

View two television stories:

KTVU Channel 2 - *Completion of Dam Project to Save Fish Habitat*
<http://www.ktvu.com/video/9906081/index.html>

KPIX Channel 5 – *Project in Works to Restore Alameda Creek*
http://cbs5.com/local/local_story_264204930.html

Newspaper articles:

San Francisco Chronicle

Alameda Creek: Two Dams Come Down So Steelhead Can Go Up
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/09/22/BAGKRLABGR1.DTL>

Fremont Argus

Memo to fish: Agency to blast two dams on Alameda Creek
http://www.insidebayarea.com/argus/localnews/ci_4378927
(this story also ran in the San Jose Mercury News, Contra Costa Times, Tri-Valley Herald and Hayward Daily Review)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 25 - NO ROOM ON THE ARK? THE 109TH CONGRESS' ATTEMPT TO EVISCERATE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

BRENT PLATER, Bay Area Director of the Center for Biological Diversity, will speak about the importance of the Endangered Species Act at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on Monday, September 25 at 6 pm.

For more than 30 years, the Endangered Species Act has been our nation's safety net for fish, wildlife, and plants on the brink of extinction. However, in 2005 the US House of Representatives voted to substantially weaken the protective provisions of the statute, and several similar bills are being proposed in the US Senate. If these bills become law, the natural world, including the Bay Area, may become impoverished. Join Brent Plater, Bay Area Director of the Center for Biological Diversity, lecturer in environmental law at San Francisco State University, and survivor of six years of ESA litigation, as he describes the importance of the ESA and how proposed legislation will weaken the law. Plater will also define where real improvements in the ESA can be made, and explain what you can do to ensure that protections for endangered species remain strong.

5:30 p.m., Reception

6:00 p.m., Program

Club office, 595 Market St., 2nd Floor, San Francisco

Go to <http://www.commonwealthclub.org/mlf/index.php#plater> for information

Friday, September 29 - Bay Area Watershed Coordination Conversation

The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture and San Francisco Estuary Project are hosting a conversation on Bay Area-wide watershed coordination, on Friday, September 29th from 10 am to 2:30 pm in Room 2, Elihu Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.

Many stakeholders involved in watershed planning, management and restoration have expressed an interest in meeting to share ideas, proposals and activities. This is an initial meeting to talk

about collaborative efforts and to agree upon on whether, and if so how, we might proceed with better ongoing coordination of the many watershed efforts currently underway in the Bay Area. If you are interested in attending, send an RSVP to Sandy Scoggin at sscoggin@sfbayjv.org by Monday September 25th. Lunch will be provided for \$10, but must be ordered ahead of time or feel free to bring your own lunch. For more information contact Dale Hopkins at dhopkins@waterboards.ca.gov or (510) 622-2362.