

Lower Rubber Dam Removed and Fish Ladder Installed

The Alameda County Water District finished removing the lower inflatable rubber diversion dam from the lower Alameda Creek channel this summer, to provide fish passage for migrating steelhead. The fabric portion of the dam was removed. The foundation was left in place for grade control stabilization, but was "notched" and a low-flow fish ladder was installed in the foundation.

The ACWD is also finishing up work on a second fish screen facility on their diversion at the Bunting Pond. This fish screen is just downstream and across from the four fish screens ACWD installed in 2007 on their diversion below Mission Boulevard.

Watch for news of a public ceremony commemorating these two fish passage projects sometime later this fall.

The Fremont Argus published photos of the dam removal and fish screen construction in their September 9 issue – if you have a copy of this Argus article, please mail it to me.

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Center for Biological Diversity Open House - October 1

Celebrate 20 Years of Saving Endangered Species. You're invited to join the Center for Biological Diversity's staff and friends for an open house gathering at the San Francisco CBD office. Drop in to meet and chat with the Center's staff where they work and hear more about current campaigns. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the CBD office near the Embarcadero: 351 California Street, Suite 600, San Francisco.

R.S.V.P or send questions to Jacki Lopez: jlopez@biologicaldiversity.org

www.biologicaldiversity.org

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Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition Event – November 14

The Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition will hold their annual awards ceremony, breakfast and speakers series in Cupertino on November 14th - in the Cupertino room of the Quinlan Center from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The theme of this year's event is Urban Stream Restoration. Author and urban stream restorationist Ann Riley will give a presentation entitled "Is Urban Stream Restoration Possible?" Light breakfast will be provided items and the formal conference gets underway at 9:00. There will be a brief welcome talk followed by an awards ceremony, additional presenters, and exhibitors with displays and handouts.

See <http://www.sccreeks.org/index.php/conference> for more info.

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Christmas Bird Count - December 18

Volunteer to count birds in the Alameda Creek watershed as part of a new Christmas Bird Count circle in the Alameda Creek Watershed in 2009. The Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a [Christmas Bird Count](#) in the watershed - an annual

nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort coordinated by the Audubon Society to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations.

The Alameda Creek Watershed Christmas Bird Count will be held during a 24 hour period on Friday, December 18, 2009.

The 15 mile radius count circle is in the vicinity of the towns of Sunol, Pleasanton and Livermore, and includes five East Bay Regional Parks, significant SFPUC watershed lands, and exciting East Bay birding hotspots such as lower Mines Road, Sunol Wilderness, Calaveras Reservoir, and Springtown Preserve.

See http://www.alamedacreek.org/Upcoming_Events/CBC/CBC.htm for more information

Contact Rich Cimino: rscimino@earthlink.net; (925) 353-0266 or Jeff Miller: alamedacreek@hotmail.com; (510) 499-9185 if you are interested in volunteering or in being an area count leader.

Statewide Salmon News

[*Defeat of Water Package Shows Power of the Grassroots*](#)

IndyBay Media September 13

[*Partisan Apprehensions Sink Water Reform Package*](#)

Los Angeles Times September 13

[*More Lies From the Imaginary "Dust Bowl"*](#)

IndyBay Media September 23

[*When it Comes to Valley Ag, Sean Hannity is All Wet*](#)

Stockton Record September 23

[*Hannity Demands Obama "Turn This Water on Now" in Central California -- But Pumps Have Been on For Months*](#)

Media Matters September 23
