

September 5, 2006

Please come out and volunteer for September events!

### **Saturday September 9**

Come walk door-to-door with the Alameda Creek Alliance this **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2006, from 9 am to 2 pm**, talking to residents along Stonybrook Creek in Niles Canyon about our steelhead restoration efforts.

We will be doing outreach to residents along Stonybrook Creek this weekend to provide them with information about our steelhead restoration work, and to meet and identify landowners interested in allowing us to do small-scale restoration projects on their property. The creek is a tributary to Alameda Creek with viable steelhead spawning habitat.

ACA volunteers are needed to go door-to-door to give prepared packets of information to the residents. We will meet in the morning for a brief training, and then caravan to Stonybrook Creek. There will be a second outreach along Sinbad Creek in Sunol on a later Saturday in September.

Please consider helping us on one or both dates. Please contact Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at [alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com) or by phone at (510) 794-4252.

### **Saturday September 9 Sunday September 10**

Help staff the ACA table at the City of Fremont's 50th anniversary celebration at Lake Elizabeth this weekend. Any time Saturday or Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm. Please contact Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at [alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com) or by phone at (510) 794-4252.

### **Saturday, September 16**

Help staff the ACA table at the Sunol "Tracks to the Past" festival in Sunol September 16. This is a Sunol community festival sponsored by the town of Sunol and the Pacific Locomotive Association. Please contact Diana Brumbaugh, ACA Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, at [alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:alamedavolunteer@yahoo.com) or by phone at (510) 794-4252.

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## **CELBRATE THE REMOVAL OF SUNOL AND NILES DAMS FROM ALAMEDA CREEK!**

Come celebrate a major milestone in the restoration of Alameda Creek. Years of advocacy are finally paying off and Niles and Sunol Dam will be removed from Alameda Creek in Niles Canyon by the end of this summer. Niles Dam was removed in August and work has begun to prepare for the removal of Sunol Dam. The SFPUC will host a dam removal celebration in Sunol on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Watch for more details later this week.

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### **Arroyo de la Laguna Restoration Project**

A major erosion control and stream restoration project on lower Arroyo de la Laguna in Pleasanton will begin this week. Zone 7 Water and Flood-Control Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Alameda County Resource Conservation District, Alameda County Public Works and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will begin work this week on a

\$650,000 pilot project to restore a 1,000-foot section of Arroyo de la Laguna between Pleasanton and Sunol.

The arroyo and its wildlife habitat have been severely impacted by additional runoff from past upstream development, along with local urbanization and channel instability from peak storm events. Bank erosion and channel widening along the lower 5 miles of the arroyo are tearing away trees and destroying riparian habitat, and major amounts of sedimentation and debris are carried out through Niles Canyon and toward the Bay.

The restoration project focuses on reducing stream bank erosion, establishing vegetation and improving riparian habitat through a series of federally approved "bioengineered" stream restoration practices such as attaching large tree logs and their root masses to boulders along the bank to form a more natural channel, trap sediment and create a healthier habitat for wildlife. The restoration work will continue until mid-October. Watch for a press release on the project later this week from Zone 7 Water Agency.