Niles Canyon Victory in the News

**Caltrans to Start Over on Niles Canyon Project**
Fremont Argus – January 23, 2012

**CalTrans to Start Over On Environmental Review for Controversial Niles Road Widening Projects**
Alameda Creek Alliance press release - January 23, 2012

**Niles Canyon Victory for Residents**
Livermore Independent editorial – December 22, 2011

**Big Victory for Niles Canyon Protesters**
Livermore Independent – December 16, 2011

**Niles Canyon Road Widening Project On Hold**
San Francisco Chronicle – December 14, 2011

**Settlement To Halt Niles Canyon Construction**
Fremont Bulletin - December 12, 2011

**Alameda Creek Alliance Stops First Phase Of Niles Canyon Road Widening Project**
Alameda Creek Alliance press release – December 12, 2011

Upcoming Events

January 31 and February 28 - Alameda County Solar Facility Development Meeting – Dublin

The Alameda County Planning Department invites you to attend two community meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the County General Plan pertaining to the development of Solar Energy Facilities in the East County. Tuesday, January 31, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM and Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM - at the Alameda County Public Works Building, 4825 Gleason Drive, in Dublin. See the Alameda Creek Alliance web page on proposed industrial solar development in Alameda County.

Steelhead Watch for Lower Alameda Creek

Winter storms have finally brought the possibility of steelhead arriving in lower Alameda Creek. We have received our permit from state and federal agencies to trap and tag steelhead that are stranded below the BART weir this winter, and move them into Niles Canyon and monitor any migration or spawning.

Please keep an eye out at the BART weir and at the low-flow fish ladder in the foundation of the rubber dam that was removed for steelhead over the next few months. I will send out an alert if we have fish sightings and if and when we attempt to capture and move fish.

Steelhead have typically been seen in the flood control channel after large storms (with runoff more than 700 cfs in lower Niles), and at the BART weir typically as the flow drops after the storm, somewhere in the 100-200 cfs. You can check the stream flow here: Alameda Creek at Niles stream guage (real-time data on water flow at the bottom of Niles Canyon)

Also read our web page on What to do if you see salmon or steelhead in Alameda Creek.

Let's find some steelhead in Alameda Creek this winter!
Inspiration for Fish Restoration

Video of coho salmon spawning in Lagunitas Creek in Marin this week:

**Rivers Resurrected**: The Stories Behind the Condit and Elwha Dam Removals
A new Fish and Wildlife Service webpage about our country's largest dam removal success stories currently in progress.

**Alameda Creek T-shirts**

ACA members – if you have not yet received your request for a t-shirt, we have run out of some sizes and as soon as a new order is printed they will be shipped.

**Regional Salmon News**

*Weekend Rain Spawns Salmon Run*
NBC – January 25, 2012

*How to Deny that Fish Need Water*
NRDC blog – January 24, 2012

*Kill the Canal*
Salmon Water Now video - January 23, 2012

*State Has Stake in Columbia Salmon Solution*
Sacramento Bee Viewpoints – January 17, 2012

*Expert to Obama: You Don't Understand Salmon*

*Low Flows Endanger Russian River Coho Salmon*
KQED – January 13, 2012

*Coho Salmon Return to Scott River in Better Than Expected Numbers*
Redding Record-Searchlight - December 25, 2011

*Salmon Rebound in Sacramento Valley*
Sacramento Bee – December 25, 2011

*Evolution at Warp Speed: Hatcheries Change Salmon Genetics After a Single Generation*
PhysOrg – December 19, 2011

*First Barrier to Ryan Creek Salmon Migration Removed*
Willits News - December 16, 2011

*New Bridge Is Good News for Coho and Steelhead*
Santa Rosa Press Democrat - December 16, 2011

*Endangered Russian River Coho Salmon Making Comeback*
Santa Rosa Press Democrat – December 14, 2011

*Salmon Flood Hatcheries, Great 2012 Predicted*
San Francisco Chronicle blog - December 14, 2011
Westlands Official Working for DWR on Delta Plan
AlterNet – December 14, 2011

Lawsuit: Overfishing Leaves Salmon, Whales Hungry
Sacramento Bee – December 13, 2011

Spring Salmon Outlook Good On Willamette, Great On Columbia
The Oregonian - December 13, 2011

Napa River Restoration Project Serves As Model
San Francisco Chronicle – December 10, 2011

Napa Growers Give Up Land For Salmon
Huffington Post – December 9, 2011

Sacramento River Fluctuations Put Salmon Eggs at Risk During Run

Wanger Backs Out of Representing Westlands Water District
Indy Media – December 6, 2011

Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Hatchery Abundance
FishBio Fish Report – December 6, 2011

Biologists Report Good Start to Coho Spawning Season in West Marin
Marin Independent Journal – December 3, 2011

Chinook Numbers High in Shasta River
Siskiyou Daily News – December 1, 201