Celebrate Alameda Creek at Chouinard Winery July 7

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance for a casual afternoon picnic and wine tasting at Chouinard Winery in Palomares Canyon, on Saturday, July 7, from noon to 4 pm.

Come hang out at the winery with the Alameda Creek Alliance Board of Directors, learn about the latest updates on steelhead restoration, and enjoy live music in the vineyards. We'll supply the appetizers, and Chouinard will have wine for sale by the glass and bottle. The event is free. Please RSVP.

Media Coverage of Niles Canyon

*Fremont Residents Protest Route 84 Widening*
Fremont Bulletin – May 10, 2012

*Niles Canyon Road Widening Protest Monday*
Fremont Bulletin – May 3, 2012

*Fremont Niles Canyon Road Controversy*
NBC Bay Area – May 7, 2012; See the TV coverage [here](#)

*Team Looking At Safety Situation on Niles Canyon Road*
San Jose Mercury News – May 7, 2012

Other Upcoming Events

**June 12 - SFPUC Meeting on Alameda Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan - Dublin**

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will hold an open house meeting on their Alameda Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan on Tuesday, June 12, from 6:30 to 8 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, at 100 Civic Center Plaza in Dublin. The meeting will update the public on implementation, funding, assurances, alternatives and covered fish species for the Habitat Conservation Plan, a conservation program to protect sensitive species in the Alameda Creek watershed, while providing the SFPUC with permits and regulatory assurances for endangered species compliance. For more information see the SFPUC's web page on the conservation plan.

**Coming this fall - Historical Ecology of the Alameda Creek Watershed**

Robin Grossinger with the San Francisco Estuary Institute's Historical Ecology Program will give a presentation to Alameda Creek Alliance members on the fascinating findings of SFEI's soon-to-be-published historical ecology study for the Alameda Creek watershed. The study assesses historical watershed conditions prior to significant Euro-American modification, as a basis for understanding changes in the watershed and potential options for future environmental management. The geographic focus is the floodplains, valleys, and alluvial plains adjacent to Alameda Creek and its tributaries, including the Livermore and Amador valleys, Sunol Valley and Niles Canyon, and the Niles cone and adjoining baylands.

Date and location TBD. See the SFEI web page for more information about the study.

**Save Tesla Park**

The Alameda Creek Alliance is teaming up with Friends of Tesla Park to try to protect Tesla Valley and Corral Hollow Canyon, in eastern Alameda and western San Joaquin counties, from destruction by off-road vehicles. The State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Division wants to expand
the off-road vehicle area at Carnegie into Tesla Valley, an area with unique biological resources and a rich cultural history.

Friends of Tesla Park is working to protect Tesla from off-road vehicle abuse and protect it as a state or regional park with hiking trails, low-impact recreation, and wildlife preserves. See the Save Tesla Park web page. Read the recent article in the Livermore Independent: Group Moves to Protect Historical Site

Regional Salmon News

Voters Will Kill a Peripheral Canal
San Francisco Chronicle Open Forum – June 7, 2012

Bechtel Foundation Funds Studies Supporting California’s ‘Big Dig’
IndyMedia – June 5, 2012

Plan Aims to Keep Rogue’s Salmon Run Robust
Medford Mail Tribune - June 4, 2012

House GOP Wants to Nix San Joaquin’s Restoration
Modesto Bee – June 3, 2012

9th Circuit Overturns Suction Dredge Gold Mining Rulings
Los Angeles Times – June 2, 2012

Salmon Fry Found, Spawning Taking Place in Upper Elwha River
Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – May 31, 2012

Groups Demand That Stanford U. Comply With Fish and Game Laws at Searsville Dam
Beyond Searsville Dam press release – May 29, 2012

Lonesome Larry’s Legacy Lives On In Salmon’s Rebound
Seattle Times – May 29, 2012

Groups Call for Canal Cost-Benefit Analysis/Resnicks Gave $99,000 to Brown
IndyMedia – May 25, 2012

McNerney Slams New Peripheral Canal Plan to Steal Delta Water
IndyMedia – May 24, 2012

Brown Slashes Budget While Promoting $14 Billion Canal
Beyond Chron – May 21, 2012

Tentative Court Ruling on Salmon Hints at Building Moratorium in San Geronimo Valley
Marin Independent Journal – May 21, 2012

‘Chunnel’ Plan to Bypass Delta Is Falling Down
San Francisco Chronicle – May 20, 2012

Riverkeeper Files Lawsuit to Protect Shasta River Coho
AlterNet – May 18, 2012

Record Salmon Numbers Spark Release on Eel River
Ukiah Daily Journal – May 17, 2012

Delta Stewardship Council Releases Plan Recommending Canal
Editorial: Water Contractors Need to Get Real
Sacramento Bee – May 13, 2012

San Joaquin River Restoration Plan Calls for Salmon from Oroville’s Feather River Hatchery
Chico Enterprise-Record – May 7, 2012

Banner Year Expected for Local Salmon
San Francisco Chronicle – May 7, 2012

DFG Report Documents Record Water Exports and Splittail 'Salvage' In 2011
Bay Area Indymedia – May 5, 2012

Coho Coming Back
Sonoma Magazine – May 3, 2012

Fishermen Fire Shot in California Water Wars
Courthouse News Service – May 3, 2012

Fishing Fleet Sues Feds—Says Water Exports Hurt Salmon
Bay Area Indymedia - May 3, 2012

Salmon Revival in Sight as Elwha River Dams Fall in US Northwest
Reuters – April 28, 2012

HR 1837: Scientific Review Shows Threat to Central Valley Salmon
Bay Area Indymedia – April 28, 2012

EBMUD Votes 7-0 to Drop Pardee Expansion
Foothill Conservancy press release – April 25, 2012

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