December 7 – Help Plant Trees Along Arroyo Mocho in Livermore

Help plant acorns along the Arroyo Mocho with Living Arroyos, which is restoring a mile of stream channel along Stanley Blvd. in Livermore.

The next workday is Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to noon. Free coffee, snacks and water for volunteers. Register for the workday here.

Living Arroyos is a public-private partnership to restore the urban streams and streamside habitats of the Livermore-Amador Valley.

December 20 - Eastern Alameda Christmas Bird Count

Join the fifth annual Christmas Bird Count in the upper Alameda Creek watershed, on Friday, December 20th, 2013. The Eastern Alameda Christmas Bird Count is sponsored by the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society.

Birders and volunteers with any level of experience can participate in the Christmas Bird Count. You'll have a chance to sample the bird life in interesting habitats that fit your interests and abilities. You'll be contributing to the Audubon database and knowledge of the status and distribution of resident and visiting winter birds, and have fun doing it. 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, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Sycamore Grove Park and Springtown Preserve.

More info here

Save Tesla Park!

The state off-road vehicle agency has issued a “preferred concept” for trashing 3,400 acres of our public land in the southeast corner of Alameda County along the Tesla-Corral Hollow Road, with destructive off-road vehicle “recreation.” California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission intends to expand the existing Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area off-highway vehicle park into valuable wildlife habitat in Tesla Park, much of it in the eastern Alameda Creek watershed.

Please submit comments opposing the plan and stating that Tesla Park should be designated as a non-motorized park and preserve. The deadline to submit comments on the plan is December 13, 2013.

More info at Save Tesla Park

Alameda Creek Alliance in the News

From Perch to Pikeminnows: The Freshwater Fish That Didn’t Get Away
Creek Alliance Wants Dublin Owl Habitat Preserved
Livermore Independent – October 11, 2013

Regional Salmon News

There’s A Redd Revival on the Rogue: Dam Removal Means River Teems With Big Chinook
Mail-Tribune – November 19, 2013

Lawsuit Fights Marin County Measure Allowing Development to Decimate Salmon Habitat
Center for Biological Diversity/SPAWN press release – November 18, 2013

Elwha River Sees Largest Run of Chinook Salmon In Decades
Everett Herald – November 16, 2013

Delta Fish Populations Plunge in Summer 2013
Indy Media - November 6, 2013

Conservation Group: State, Federal Water Projects Violating Water Standards
Central Valley Business Times – November 6, 2013

Marin’s Creekside Development Drama Provides ‘Poison Pill’ Episode
Marin Independent Journal – October 26, 2013

Researchers Say Calif. Salmon Experiment a Success
San Jose Mercury News - October 25, 2013

Salmon Have Arrived
Stockton Record – October 25, 2013

Conflicted Marin Supervisors Add Sudden Death Clause to Salmon Ordinance
SPAWN press release – October 24, 2013

When Salmon Begin Fall Migration In Eel, ERRP Volunteers Are There To Count Them
Redwood Times – October 23, 2013

Young, Endangered Coho Salmon Seen In Walker Creek for the First Time in Five Years
Marin Independent Journal – October 22, 2013

Salmon Swim Against Currents of Change Along the Coast
Peninsula Press – October 17, 2013

Marin Salmon Face Imminent Extinction
Marin Independent-Journal opinion piece – October 14, 2013

Restorative Spirit Fills Carmel River Festival
Monterey Herald – October 13, 2013

Restore The Delta Rallies 700 People Against Tunnels
Calitics - October 11, 2013

Economist: Twin Tunnels May Be Delta Death Knell
Manteca Bulletin – October 11, 2013
Bonde Weir Removal Improves Fish Passage and Increases Pressure on Stanford University
American Rivers blog – October 1, 2013

New Project Gives ‘Snapshot’ of CA’s Wild Salmon Populations
Bay Nature Magazine - September 30, 2013

Salmon Advocates Escalate Pressure on Marin County To Stop Weakening Salmon Protection
Indy Media – September 30, 2013

Steelhead Trout Can Now Move Freely to Creek from San Francisco Bay
San Mateo Patch – September 7, 2013

Up a Creek: Hopes for Endangered Steelhead Trout Haven't Dried Up Yet
Mission and State (Santa Barbara) – September 4, 2013

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