

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Steelhead Trout Back In Lower Alameda Creek

Members of the Alameda Creek Alliance spotted two adult steelhead trout on March 10 in the lower Alameda Creek flood control channel, below an impassable concrete barrier across the creek in Fremont that blocks their spawning migration. The identification of steelhead trout, a federally protected threatened species, was confirmed by a fisheries biologist with the East Bay Regional Park District. Although there have been possible sightings of steelhead in lower Alameda Creek in March 2012 and April 2010, these are the first confirmed steelhead since a single pair of fish, aided upstream by volunteers, spawned in March 2008 in the Stonybrook Creek tributary in Niles Canyon.

View a brief [YouTube video](#) of one of the steelhead jumping at the BART weir.

Read our press release, [Steelhead Trout Back in Lower Alameda Creek](#)

Media articles:

[Steelhead Trout Seen in Alameda Creek](#)

Livermore Independent – March 17, 2016

[In An East Bay Creek, a Hopeful Hunt for A Threatened Fish](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – March 15, 2016

[Steelhead Trout Return to Lower Alameda Creek](#)

East Bay Express – March 14, 2016

[Steelhead Trout Seen In Alameda Creek Watershed for 1st Time in Years](#)

CBS - March 14, 2016



On March 15, Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers went out to the creek with East Bay Regional Park District staff to attempt to capture and tag the steelhead. With the cooperation of the Alameda County Water District, we netted fish below the BART weir. We were unable to catch any steelhead, but did capture more than 20 native Pacific lamprey as well as a few species of native warm water fish. There were at least 50-100 lamprey below the BART weir trying to get upstream to spawn. We will make another attempt to catch the steelhead, likely later this week.

Check our [Alameda Creek Alliance FaceBook page](#) for more photos and video.

Sunol Wildflower Festival – April 9

It's time to celebrate the season of the birds, bees, flowers and trees at the annual Sunol Wildflower Festival. The festival will be held in Sunol Regional Park on Saturday, April 9th from 11 am to 4 pm. Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at the Old Green Barn Visitor Center in Sunol Park for hikes, crafts, music, and nature activities. Visit the ACA outreach table and learn more about the native fish that live in Alameda Creek and what you can do to help keep a clean and healthy environment for them.

The East Bay Regional Park District has hikes and activities planned for different ages, distances and on different natural history topics. Pack a picnic lunch, put on your hiking boots and join us for a glorious day filled with flowers in this very special wilderness! Carpooling encouraged.

We need volunteers to help staff our outreach table and help with our fish painting activity for kids. Please contact Ralph at ralph@alamedacreek.org if you can help.

ACA Restoration Workday in Niles – April 17

Our next restoration workday in Niles will be our Earth Day Celebration on Sunday, April 17th. Stay tuned for more information.

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[*Tunnels Don't Add Up, Now We Know Why*](#)

Modesto Bee editorial – March 20, 2016

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