

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

\$6.2 Million in Grants for Alameda Creek Fish Ladders

Today the state Wildlife Conservation Board awarded \$5.4 million in grant funding for the Alameda Creek Fish Passage Project in lower Alameda Creek. The California Coastal Conservancy also approved an additional \$825,000 in grant funding today for the project. The grants will help fund the long-awaited construction of fish ladders past two rubber dams and the BART weir in the Alameda Creek flood control channel. The lower Alameda Creek fish ladders construction will begin this spring!

The funding will go to the Alameda County Water District for the cooperative fish passage project with the Alameda County Flood Control District, California Natural Resources Agency, State Coastal Conservancy, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The project includes modifying flow releases in Alameda Creek to aid steelhead migration, and construction of two fish ladders around existing fish passage barriers to provide steelhead and salmon access to spawning habitat upstream.

The public is invited to join Alameda County Water District and Wildlife Conservation Board staff for a tour of the fish ladder sites on Alameda Creek next Tuesday, March 27th, at 9:30 am. Meet [here](#) at the end of Vallejo Street in the Niles District of Fremont, where we will walk to the upper ACWD rubber dam. Please RSVP for the tour to Sara Maatta of the ACWD; (510) 668-6509, sara.maatta@acwd.com.

The Alameda County Water District will begin groundbreaking soon on the fish ladder at the upper inflatable rubber dam, with installation of diversion pipes in April and May. The upper rubber dam fish ladder will be completed by the end of this year. Construction will begin on the final fish ladder at the BART weir and middle rubber dam next year, in 2019.

See the ACWD Current Fish Passage Projects web page: <http://www.acwd.org/index.aspx?NID=456>

Look for Steelhead in Alameda Creek

The storms this week have raised the [water flow in lower Alameda Creek](#) over 1,000 cfs. Tomorrow through the weekend may be the best opportunity this winter to locate migrating steelhead trout in lower Alameda Creek below the BART weir. See our [web page](#) on what to do if you spot fish in Alameda Creek.

Chinook Salmon in Guadalupe River

The South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition has some cool videos of chinook salmon in the Guadalupe River in the South Bay, including a video from mid-February that captured young emerging fry.

See the videos on their Facebook page: [South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition](#)
Or their website: [South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition](#)

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[Inside the San Lorenzo River's Fishing Culture](#)

Good Times - March 14, 2018

[Of Creeks and Geeks](#)

Pacific Sun - March 14, 2018

[Coastal Commission OKs Rindge Dam Removal Plan; Long Way Still to Go](#)

Malibu Times - March 14, 2018

[Marin's Rare Fish Have Off Season as Rains Fluctuate](#)

Marin Independent-Journal - March 14, 2018

[Klamath River Fish-Kill Preventive Dam Releases Challenged By Farmers, Water Districts](#)

Eureka Times-Standard - March 14, 2018

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