

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Alameda Creek Cleanup - September 15

Celebrate our Bay, creeks, and wetlands by joining a creek cleanup on Creeks-to-Bay Day, Saturday, September 15.

Most marine litter begins on land, and Coastal Cleanup/Creeks-to-Bay Day offers a chance to act locally to help solve a global problem. Collecting litter on land, even far from waterways, is critical to helping prevent ocean pollution. That's because the vast majority of debris found in the ocean—up to 80%—originates inland, where it is carried by rainwater, street runoff and wind into the storm drain system. From there litter travels into creeks, the Bay and the ocean, as stormwater generally does not pass through a water treatment plant. Litter—and especially plastic debris—poses a hazard to marine wildlife, entangling and poisoning animals that mistake the items for food.

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance at our [September 15 Creeks-to-Bay clean-up event in Niles](#), from 2-4pm. We'll meet at 2 pm near 1004 Old Canyon Road in Fremont (just past Clarke Drive). There is parking along the road on the creek side where it widens some. We'll work until 4:00 pm. Please wear long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes that can get dirty (no sandals or flip-flops). We provide gloves and tools. All participants need signed waiver forms (one for the ACA and one for Alameda County), and anyone under 18 needs a parental signature.

Elsewhere in our watershed, Living Arroyos has [six public clean-up events](#) in Livermore this year. Click [here](#) for a list of Coastal Cleanup Day events in Alameda County. Additional volunteer opportunities can be found on the [statewide event map](#) compiled by the California Coastal Commission.

Science in the Park – October 6

Volunteers are needed for the ACA's outreach table at [Science-in-the-Park](#) in Hayward on Saturday, October 6. We will host a watershed-themed outreach table at Science-in-the-Park again this year, and could use your help. This is a vibrant event with a lot of visitors to our tables, making it a great opportunity to talk about protecting and restoring our watershed. We'll provide an interactive activity for visitors to our table. We need volunteers to help manage the activity at our table and to help interact with visitors. No experience or specialized knowledge is necessary. Please e-mail Ralph Boniello (Ralph@alamedacreek.org) if you'd like to volunteer and indicate which of the following timeslots you'd prefer: 8:30 – 10:30; 10:30 – 12:30; or 12:30 – 2:30.

Alameda County Watershed Confluence – October 17

Join us at the Alameda County Watershed Confluence conference in Oakland on Wednesday, October 17. The [Alameda County Watershed Confluence](#) is a county-wide conference designed to provide a forum for local groups, community members, and representatives from the public and private sectors interested in creek and watershed health to meet, network, share innovative ideas, and inspire new partnerships in watershed management in Alameda County. This year's event will be held on Wednesday October 17th from 9 am to 4:30 pm, with a networking event to follow. You can register [here](#).

At the conference, Jeff Miller of the ACA will discuss the history of fish restoration advocacy in the Alameda Creek watershed; the formation of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup, where agencies and organizations have been cooperating on restoration of Alameda Creek; ongoing fish passage, stream flow enhancement and habitat improvement projects in the watershed; upcoming

significant restoration projects; the regional significance of restoration efforts; and future management challenges.

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[***Jolting California Officials, Trump Administration Looks To Rewrite Rules for Delta Water***](#)

Sacramento Bee - August 23, 2018

[***Letting California's Rivers Run Isn't A 'Water Grab'***](#)

Los Angeles Times editorial - August 22, 2018

[***California's Rivers Are Under Assault By Feds, and the State Isn't Helping Much***](#)

Sacramento Bee - August 22, 2018

[***Fishermen, Tribal Members and Conservationists Push for Increased Flows on San Joaquin River***](#)

Daily Kos - August 21, 2018

[***San Francisco Is Fighting California's Plan to Save Salmon. Wait. What?***](#)

KQED Science - August 20, 2018

[***Mendo County Stakeholders Want to Take Over the Potter Valley Project, Which Diverts Water from the Eel; Local Enviros Say That Spells Trouble***](#)

Lost Coast Outpost - August 16, 2018

[***How Saving Southern California's Steelhead Trout Could Also Help the State's Watersheds***](#)

The Revelator - August 8, 2018

[***Novato Creek Too Dry for Fish Recovery Plan, Water District Says***](#)

Marin Independent-Journal - August 6, 2018

[***Trump Shows His Ignorance of CA Water – and His Contempt for West Coast Fisheries and the Delta***](#)

Red Green and Blue - August 6, 2018

[***A Watershed Moment: Advocates Join Forces to Save the Russian River***](#)

Sonoma Magazine - August 5, 2018

[***California's Salmon Industry Fears It Will Be Wiped Out By Trump***](#)

Los Angeles Times - August 3, 2018

[***Does the Bay Area Have Enough Water for Economic Growth and Salmon?***](#)

News Deeply - July 31, 2018

[***Here's How the Largest Dam Removal Project in the U.S. Would Work***](#)

News Deeply - July 19, 2018

[***S.F. Water Agency Opposes Plan to Save Local Salmon, Cries 'Drought'***](#)

San Francisco Examiner - July 18, 2018

[***Eel River Salmon, Steelhead Habitat to Be Restored After Being Blocked By Railroad for 104 Years***](#)

Eureka Times-Standard - July 12, 2018

[***Freeman House, Influential Restorationist, Dies at 80***](#)

North Coast Journal - June 27, 2018

[Salmon Are Booming in Oregon's Rogue River. Dam Removal May Be Why.](#)

News Deeply - June 26, 2018

[Lawsuit Challenges Delta Plan's Water Exports to Southern California](#)

Center for Biological Diversity press release - May 25, 2018

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