

## ***Up Your Creek!***

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

### **Third Lawsuit Challenges Caltrans Road Projects Jeopardizing Niles Canyon**



The Alameda Creek Alliance has filed a third [lawsuit](#) challenging Caltrans approval and environmental review for road widening projects in Niles Canyon. Today's lawsuit challenges the [Niles Canyon Medium-Term Improvements Project](#), based in part on inadequate mitigations for extensive tree cutting in the canyon.

The Alliance also filed [suit](#) in November 2017 against the [Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project](#) over the same issues.

“The local community wants a road safety project that doesn't unnecessarily cut trees and damage important creek habitat in Niles Canyon,” said Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. “Caltrans can't seem to figure out how to improve road safety without cutting more than 500 trees along Alameda Creek and marring the beauty of this state Scenic Highway. Converting segments of this narrow, windy road into freeway is a terrible proposal; for real road safety we need to be slowing down, not speeding up, traffic in the canyon.”

Read our press release about the lawsuits [here](#).

### **Alameda Creek Crawl – February 24**



Join Public Sediment, Resilient by Design and the Alameda Creek Alliance for a walking tour and community conversation about Alameda Creek on Saturday, February 24.

Learn about the history of the creek, how it has changed over time, and participate in a community conversation about building resilience to the impacts of climate change. Hear from local experts about the role of sediment, people, and fish within the Alameda Creek, as we walk about 1 mile around its edges. You can also learn more about efforts to [Unlock the Creek](#), comment on the designs, and get a chance to share how you use and understand the watershed. There will be refreshments and activities for kids.

This conversation is part of the [Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge](#) that brings designers, local and regional stakeholders, and community members together to build community resilience to climate change.

The Alameda Creek Crawl will be held on Saturday, February 24th, from 10-12 noon along Alameda Creek. More information [here](#).

## **Alameda Creek Restoration – March 17**

Our next workday along Alameda Creek in Niles is planned for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more info.

## **Sunol Wildflower Festival - April 8**

The annual Wildflower Festival will be held in Sunol Regional Wilderness on Sunday, April 8 from 11am to 4 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

## **Alameda Creek in the News**

[\*Alameda Creek Project To Help Stabilize Bay Marshes\*](#)

Livermore Independent - January 18, 2018

[\*Resilient By Design, and Before Disaster\*](#)

Landscape Architecture Magazine - January 19, 2018

## **Regional Salmon Restoration News**

[\*West Marin Fish Habitat Project Nears Public Comment Period\*](#)

Marin Independent-Journal - February 5, 2018

[\*Salmon Reproduce In San Joaquin River For First Time In 60 Years\*](#)

CBS - February 1, 2018

[\*Steelhead Festival Welcoming the Splash\*](#)

Sonoma West Times & News - January 31, 2018

[\*Diverted River Sustains California Wine Country, But It's Killing Salmon\*](#)

News Deeply - January 29, 2018

**[Squeezing the American River](#)**

Mountain Democrat - January 29, 2018

**[Napa Valley Tree-Removal Ballot Proposal Brings Wine Business, Environmentalist Clash](#)**

Sonoma News - January 29, 2018

**[Modifications Enhance Fish Passage on San Francisquito Creek](#)**

Stanford News - January 25, 2018

**[Coho Salmon Return to West Marin County Watershed](#)**

Santa Rosa Press-Democrat - January 14, 2018

**[Chance to See Fish Sex at Marin's Lagunitas Creek](#)**

San Francisco Chronicle - January 14, 2018

**[Trump Move to Boost Delta Pumping Raises Fears About Fish Impacts](#)**

News Deeply - January 10, 2018

**[Endangered Coho Being Caught In the Russian River](#)**

Sonoma County Gazette - January 10, 2018

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