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FISH SCREENS IN ALAMEDA CREEK: Swimming upstream for steelhead trout may soon get easier.

The Alameda County Water District plans to spend about \$500,000 in federal grant money to install fish screens in the Alameda Creek Flood Control Channel in the Niles area. An information meeting on the plan will be held 6 p.m. today at Niles Elementary School, 37141 Second St.

District officials will discuss the Alameda Creek Fish Passage Program. The program is intended to improve the migration of the threatened California steelhead trout species, said Frank Jahn of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The fish screens will prevent the trout from being trapped in the pipelines and ponds at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area.

Other local agencies also have removed barriers to help the trout travel upstream to spawn. The East Bay Regional Park District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission each have removed barriers in the creek.