

**City Council/Public Agency MEETINGS**

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**CITY COUNCILS**

Fremont City Council  
1st/2nd/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
City Hall, Bldg A  
3300 Capitol Ave., Fremont  
(510) 284-4000  
www.fremont.gov

Hayward City Council  
1st/3rd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
City Hall, second floor  
777 B Street, Hayward  
(510) 583-4000  
www.ci.hayward.ca.us

Milpitas City Council  
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas  
(408) 586-3001  
www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

Newark City Council  
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.  
37101 Newark Blvd., Newark  
(510) 578-4000  
www.ci.newark.ca.us

San Leandro City Council  
1st/3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.  
835 East 14th St., San Leandro  
(510) 577-3366  
www.sanleandro.org

Union City City Council  
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
City Hall  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Rd.,  
Union City  
(510) 471-3232  
www.ci.union-city.ca.us

**WATER/SEWER**

Alameda County Water District  
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.  
43885 S. Grimmer Blvd., Fremont  
(510) 668-4200  
www.acwd.org

East Bay Municipal Utility District  
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 1:15 p.m.  
375 11th St., Oakland  
(866) 403-2683  
www.ebmud.com

Santa Clara Valley Water District  
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.  
5700 Almaden Expwy., San Jose  
(408) 265-2607, ext. 2277  
www.valleywater.org

Union Sanitary District  
2nd/4th Monday @ 4:00 p.m.  
5072 Benson Rd., Union City  
(510) 477-7503  
www.unionsanitary.com

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Castro Valley Unified School Board  
2nd/4th Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.  
4400 Alma Ave., Castro Valley  
(510) 537-3000  
www.cv.k12.ca.us

Fremont Unified School Board  
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.  
4210 Technology Dr., Fremont  
(510) 657-2350  
www.fremont.k12.ca.us

Hayward Unified School Board  
2nd/4th Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.  
24411 Amador Street, Hayward  
(510) 784-2600  
www.husd.k12.ca.us

Milpitas Unified School Board  
2nd/4th Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
1331 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas  
www.musd.org  
(406) 635-2600 ext. 6013

New Haven Unified School Board  
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.  
34200 Alvarado-Niles Rd.,  
Union City  
(510) 471-1100  
www.nhusd.k12.ca.us

Newark Unified School District  
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
5715 Musick Ave., Newark  
(510) 818-4103  
www.newarkunified.org

San Leandro Unified School Board  
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m.  
835 E. 14th St., San Leandro  
(510) 667-3500  
www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us

San Lorenzo Unified School Board  
1st/3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.  
15510 Usher St., San Lorenzo  
(510) 317-4600  
www.slusd.org

Sunol Glen Unified School Board  
2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 p.m.  
11601 Main Street, Sunol  
(925) 862-2026  
www.sunol.k12.ca.us

**Fish Ladder projects completed in Alameda Creek**

SUBMITTED BY ALAMEDA CREEK ALLIANCE

With construction on two fish ladders in lower Alameda Creek recently completed, officials from Alameda County Water District (ACWD) were ready to celebrate and hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, April 25. The ladders are critical infrastructure that will allow ocean-going steelhead trout and Chinook salmon to migrate into the watershed for the first time in half a century.

"This historic restoration project could be transformative for Alameda Creek and its fish and wildlife, help connect local residents to their watershed, and recover a piece of our natural heritage in the Bay Area," said Jeff Miller, director of Alameda Creek Alliance (ACA), a community watershed group, dedicated to protecting and restoring the natural ecosystems of the Alameda Creek watershed.

"We hope that Alameda Creek, the largest local tributary to San Francisco Bay, can have an outsized impact on recovery of steelhead trout in the region," Miller said. "It's profoundly gratifying to see people and agencies taking our non-human neighbors into consideration, and

implementing projects to help recover imperiled wildlife."

According to ACA officials, Alameda Creek is becoming an urban stream success story after decades of restoration efforts. Since steelhead trout in the Bay Area were listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act in 1997, a consortium of organizations and agencies has cooperated on restoration projects to allow migratory fish to reach spawning habitat in upper Alameda Creek.

Partners in Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup have completed nearly two dozen fish passage projects in the watershed since 2001, including removal of five small dams and four other fish passage barriers, construction of six fish ladders, replacement of three road culverts, and installation of fish screens at five water diversions. Water agencies are also working on projects to improve stream flows and restore stream and riparian habitat along Alameda Creek and its tributaries. These restoration projects will make up to 20 miles of potential spawning and rearing habitat in Alameda Creek and its tributaries accessible to ocean-run salmonids.

A project in Fremont between ACWD and Alameda County Flood Control District created a



Steelhead trout jumping at the BART weir in Alameda Creek where a new fish ladder is.

critical fish ladder at a former barrier to fish migration, a 12-foot cement drop structure known as the BART weir. The new fish ladder will allow steelhead and salmon to migrate under the BART tracks and past an adjacent inflatable rubber dam used for water supply operations.

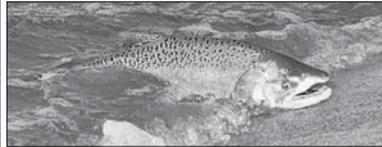
In 2019 ACWD completed another fish ladder at a second inflatable rubber dam one mile upstream in the flood control channel. ACWD has spent \$80 million on fish passage projects, with the cooperation of 24 partner agencies and stakeholders, and raised \$33 million in grants so far to help pay for fish-friendly improvements in lower Alameda Creek.

Alameda Creek is a local water supply and accounts for roughly 40% of ACWD water serving 357,000 people in Fremont, Newark and Union City. These projects will allow ACWD to continue operations of its rubber dams and other facilities along the creek to recharge the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin sustainably.

There is now only one remaining major fish migration barrier on the mainstem of Alameda Creek, a cement apron across the creek in the Sunol Valley protecting a gas pipeline owned by PG&E. The Fisheries

Workgroup is coordinating with PG&E to relocate the pipeline and remove the cement barrier. Multiple agencies are planning a project to restore former salt ponds near the mouth of Alameda Creek to tidal marsh as part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration. This project will create estuary habitat near the outlet of Alameda Creek that could be critical to growth and survival of salmonids.

Alameda Creek is considered an 'anchor watershed' for steelhead trout, since it has regional significance for restoration of the threatened fish to the entire Bay Area. Steelhead, salmon and lamprey are anadromous fish, living out their adult lives in the ocean and migrating up freshwater streams and rivers to spawn. Suitable habitat for cold water fish has been blocked and reduced by construction of dams and other modifications to the Alameda Creek streambed. Steelhead are also impacted by pollution and runoff from roads, and introduced and invasive fish.



Chinook salmon in Alameda Creek. Credit: Dan Sarka, Alameda Creek Alliance

**San Leandro City Council Meeting**

April 18, 2022

**Recognitions:**

- Recognition of Desiree Hoo, Senior Engineering Aide, as Employee of the Quarter.
- Mayor's Award for Kindness given to Kelsey Krieger, student at James Madison Elementary School, for wanting to help when one of her peers was having a bad day.
- Proclaiming April 18 as Stephen Taylor Sanctity of Life Day.
- Proclaiming April 24 - 30 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.
- Proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day.

**Public Comments:**

- Attorney Lee Merit spoke of mental health crisis and its impact on rising violence.
- Teacher Erica Viray Santos hoped Steven Taylor Day is a step forward for the City.
- Salena Ramos urged Council to pursue safety policies.
- Many residents thanked supporters who championed the Steven Taylor Day effort.
- San Leandro Chamber of Commerce President

Emily Griego invited public to sanleandrochamber.com to explore free business development webinars and Small Business Week May 2-6.

**City Council Calendar and Announcements:**

- Councilmember Cox reminds everyone that the City of San Leandro 150th anniversary art exhibit at the main library will remain for one month; Stop Waste has a one-day drop-off event for hazardous household waste May 1, 9am - 1pm at the San Leandro Public Works Service Center.
- Councilmember Lopez attended Farmers Market ribbon cutting ceremony and Marina Park event for future sight of Steven Taylor Park; looks forward to more restorative justice work.
- Councilmember Aguilar attended Farmers Market ribbon cutting ceremony; pleased that the Market accepts food stamps; supports resident tree planting.
- Councilmember Simon recognized student input, action and civic engagement for realization of Steven Taylor Day; appreciates City's tree planting efforts.
- Councilmember Azavedo thanked community for supporting Addy Kitchen; thanked Mayor's recognition recipients for their work; wished

all a Happy Easter / Passover.

- Mayor Cutter thanked Laurel Park Place tour attendees.

**Consent Calendar:**

- Resolution to approve an agreement with Nichol Consulting Engineers for the design of the annual Street Paving Project.
- Resolution to award a construction contract to Columbia Electric Inc. for East 14th Street at Joaquin Avenue Traffic Signal Improvements.
- Resolution to add one full-time position for Deputy City Manager to the City Manager's Office.
- Resolution to endorse Alameda County's Home Together 2026 Implementation Plan.

**Action Items:**

- Resolution to approve an agreement with Building Futures With Women And Children for the purpose of mobile outreach activities to serve the unsheltered population of San Leandro. Acting Human Services Department Director Kurry Foley presented an overview of the Mobile Outreach Program and unmet service needs of the homeless. Councilmembers Lopez, Aguilar and Azavedo voiced need for greater homeless services funding. Vice Mayor Ballew shared progress with innovative housing approaches. Several residents voiced support for the

agreement and others expressed concern over salaries cited in the agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

- Resolution of the City of San Leandro City Council authorizing a joint application to and participation in the HomeKey Program. Project HomeKey staff presented the proposed plan for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Nimitz Motel at 555 Lewelling Blvd. Councilmember Lopez inquired about inclusion of workforce development services. Staff explained slated outsourcing and collaborative services. Mayor Cutter asked about inclusion of paid food services staff, staff confirmed that the primary kitchen position will be paid. Motion unanimously adopted.

**City Council Reports:**

- Councilmember Aguilar attended Alameda County Mosquito Abatement meeting.
  - Councilmember Lopez attended East Bay Community Energy Board meetings.
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| Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter | Aye |
| Vice Mayor Pete Ballew     | Aye |
| Victor Aguilar             | Aye |
| Bryan Azavedo              | Aye |
| Fred Simon                 | Aye |
| Deborah Cox                | Aye |
| Corina Lopez               | Aye |

**Judge tosses Girl Scouts' recruitment suit vs. Boy Scouts**

By LARRY NEUMEISTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal judge on April 7 tossed out a lawsuit in which the Girl Scouts claim that the Boy Scouts are creating marketplace confusion and damaging their recruitment efforts through their use of words such as "scouts" and "scouting."

Manhattan Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein ruled that the Boy Scouts of America can describe their activities as "scouting" without referring to gender and that the matter does not need to be put to a jury. Hellerstein said his written decision caps a "serious, contentious and

expensive" litigation and necessitates dismissal of the lawsuit brought by the Girls Scouts of the United States of America.

The lawsuit was filed in late 2018, a year after the Boy Scouts announced that boy scouting and cub scouting would be open to girls, leading the two organizations to compete for members after social trends and a rise in sports league participation drove down membership for decades. The pattern was worsened when the pandemic hit.

Hellerstein's decision comes while the Boy Scouts are in bankruptcy proceedings in Delaware that began in February 2020. The Irving, Texas-based organization sought bankruptcy protection after it was named in hundreds of lawsuits brought by individuals claiming they were molested by scout leaders as minors. Messages seeking comment left with lawyers in the case were not immediately returned.

In his decision, Hellerstein wrote that he was siding with the Boy Scouts because the Girls Scouts cannot prove that a likelihood of confusion was caused by the Boy Scouts' use of the "scout" terms.