

Alameda Watershed HCP Meeting December 8 in Dublin

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will hold a public meeting in Dublin this Thursday, December 8, from 6:30 to 8 pm, regarding their proposed Alameda Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

The Habitat Conservation Plan will cover SFPUC projects, maintenance, and operations in the upper Alameda Creek Watershed. The HCP will be a long-term conservation plan for land use and biological planning on SFPUC lands. The HCP will result in a federal permit allowing the SFPUC to legally "take" or harm endangered species, in exchange for conservation measures intended to protect the species and their habitats.

Thursday's meeting will be an informational open house followed by a question and answer session to provide an update on the status of the HCP, specifically sections on the Impact Analysis and Conservation Strategy, and an overview of fish issues in the HCP.

The meeting will be held at the Dublin Public Library Community Room, 200 Civic Plaza, in Dublin. See the ACA [web page](#) or the SFPUC [web page](#) on the HCP for background information.

Christmas Bird Count December 16

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society for the 3rd annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count on Friday, December 16.

The [Christmas Bird Count](#) is an annual nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations. The Eastern Alameda County bird count covers the upper Alameda Creek watershed. Last year 83 birders tallied [150 bird species](#) during the count; our fledgling count was 94th nationally in terms of number of species seen!

Please contact Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours@gmail.com) to participate in the count.

The post-count dinner this year will be held at the Callippe Preserve in Pleasanton - dinner cost is \$5 per person, and there will be an open bar.

Click [here](#) for more information on the bird count.

Regional Salmon News

Russian River Coho Salmon Monitoring

Some encouraging early coho numbers in the Russian River, up from previous years (and the monitoring station is upstream of some of the best coho tributaries in the lower river)

<http://ca-sgep.ucsd.edu/focus-areas/healthy-coastal-marine-ecosystems/russian-river-coho-salmon-monitoring>

EBMUD Dumps Plans to Expand Pardee Reservoir

San Francisco Chronicle – December 5, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/12/05/BAKV1M8OEV.DTL&tsp=1>

Coho Salmon Numbers on the Rise in Sonoma

Aquaforia – December 2, 2011

<http://aquaforia.com/archives/58177>

Westlands Water Judge Fraught With Conflict

Monterey Herald – December 2, 2011

http://www.montereyherald.com/opinion/ci_19455180

Help Wanted Ad Not an Official Scoop; Tunnels Under Delta Remain Just Talk

Stockton Record – December 2, 2011

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111202/A_NEWS/112020311/-1/NEWSMAP

Request Made to Department of Fish and Game and National Marine Fisheries Service for Higher Flows on the Eel River

Friends of the Eel River press release – December 1, 2011

A Run on the Water Bank

A determined investigator pursues a Los Angeles billionaire for allegedly seizing control of the state's water supply. It's Chinatown again, Jake.

Cal Lawyer – December 1, 2011

<http://www.callawyer.com/story.cfm?eid=919370&evid=1>

By Working for Westlands, Wanger Puts Legacy in Doubt

Sacramento Bee editorial – December 1, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/12/01/4091362/by-working-for-westlands-wanger.html#ixzz1fJZ9KC4r>

Jerry McNerney Says BDCP Announcement Is 'Very Small Step Forward'

AlterNet – December 1, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/12/01/18701499.php>

State and Feds Announce Release of Delta Studies After Massive Complaints

AlterNet – November 30, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/11/30/state-and-feds-announce-expedited-access-to-delta-plan-documents/>

Former Judge Goes to Work for Westlands Water

Sacramento Bee – November 29, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/29/4087997/former-judge-goes-to-work-for.html>

Delta Studies to Be Released After Complaints from Congress, Others

San Jose Mercury News – November 29, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19434942

Thousands of Salmon Eggs Destroyed On Calif. River

San Francisco Chronicle – November 28, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/11/28/state/n095355S17.DTL>

Ecologists Lead Salmon Spawning Tours in Marin County

CBS San Francisco - November 27, 2011

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2011/11/27/ecologists-lead-salmon-spawning-tours-in-marin-county/>

Feds Search for Best Way to Steer Merced River Salmon

Fresno Bee – November 27, 2011

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/11/27/2629541/federal-officials-search-for-best.html>

Legislators Ask Salazar and Laird to Rescind Bay Delta Plan Agreement

Indy Media – November 24, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/11/24/legislators-ask-salazar-and-laird-to-rescind-bay-delta-plan-agreement/>

Nimbus Hatchery Adult Salmon Numbers Down, Grilse Numbers Up

Indy Media – November 24, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/11/24/18700915.php>

An Additional 391 Billion Gallons of Water from the Delta Isn't "More Water"?

NRDC blog- November 21, 2011

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/dobegi/an_additional_391_billion_gall.html

Bay Delta Plan Agreement Opposed By 242 Groups

Alter Net – November 18, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/11/18/bay-delta-plan-agreement-opposed-by-242-groups/>

Salmon Advocates Praise Members of Congress for Delta Water Stand

Bay Area Indy Media – November 17, 2011

That Salmon Sushi Roll Might Have a Big Hidden Price Tag

Bloomberg – November 16, 2011

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-11-17/that-salmon-sushi-roll-might-have-a-big-hidden-price-tag-view.html>

San Joaquin River Will Be a 'Blueway'

Modesto Bee – November 14, 2011

<http://www.modbee.com/2011/11/14/1946333/san-joaquin-river-will-be-a-blueway.html#ixzz1duDXtM1c>

Bill Would Lead to Dam Removal From Klamath River

Business Week – November 10, 2011

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QU2JQO0.htm>