

Stop CalTrans From Cutting Trees Along Alameda Creek – Protest Saturday

CalTrans has begun cutting down native trees along Alameda Creek in lower Niles Canyon, as part of a misguided project that will destroy the scenic beauty of Niles Canyon, take out nearly 500 trees and harm creek habitat.

Contractors working for the California Department of Transportation began an act of environmental vandalism late Saturday night along Alameda Creek, cutting nearly 50 native trees along the creek corridor in lower Niles Canyon. Cutting continued Monday night and is scheduled to continue throughout this week, including on Saturday. Local Niles residents held protests Saturday and Monday nights during the tree cutting and are picketing every week night. Join our protest next Saturday!

CalTrans is pursuing a project to kill hundreds more trees along the creek throughout the scenic canyon as part of an unnecessary, controversial and environmentally destructive road widening of Highway 84 through Niles Canyon. The proposed highway widening project will not reduce traffic accidents and will actually make Niles Canyon more dangerous for drivers. **It will waste \$80 million in public funds, harm Alameda Creek, degrade fish habitat and jeopardize restoration efforts, blight a designated scenic highway, and ruin the natural beauty of Niles Canyon.**

Read the ACA press release: [*Caltrans Killing Native Trees in Niles Canyon, More Destruction of Alameda Creek Environment Planned*](#)

See the Channel 7 news story: [*Activists Fight for Niles Canyon Road Trees*](#)

Read the San Jose Mercury News article: [*Fremont Hopes Truck Ban Will Spare Scenic Road*](#)

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- 1) Click on this [action alert](#)** to send a letter to CalTrans and your city, state and federal officials opposing this unnecessary destruction.
- 2) Join the protest this Saturday evening** March 5 in lower Niles Canyon! [Click here](#) for information.
- 3) Join the ongoing evening picket at both ends of the canyon.** [Click here](#) for information.

Alameda Creek News

Caltrans Killing Native Trees in Niles Canyon, More Destruction of Creek Environment Planned

Alameda Creek Alliance press release – February 28, 2011

http://www.alamedacreek.org/Press_Releases/Niles%20Tree%20Massacre%20PR%202-28-11.pdf

Good News for Steelhead from SFPUC

Revised Calaveras Dam Project to Benefit Fish

Bay Nature Magazine – February 2011

<http://baynature.org/articles/web-only-articles/good-news-for-steelhead-from-sfpuc>

Shadow Cliffs Land Use Plan

The East Bay Regional Park District has prepared a [draft Land Use Plan](#) for Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton. The Land Use Plan includes restoration of the Remillard Marsh area, upgrade of the trail system and addition of interpretive panels along the 6.8 miles of trails. The Friends of Shadow Cliffs are advocating for an interpretive center at Shadow Cliffs. See www.FriendsOfShadowCliffs.com

Regional Salmon News

A Small Compromise in California's Water Wars

New York Times – February 25, 2011

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/02/25/a-mini-compromise-in-californias-water-wars/?partner=rss&emc=rss>

Delta's survival more important than saving some fish species, researchers say

Contra Costa Times – February 24, 2011

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/24/2082563/deltas-survival-more-important.html#>

Peripheral Canal Foes Introduce Bill to Protect Delta

IndyMedia – February 24, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/02/23/18672859.php>

Delta fish may not be "too far gone" after all

San Francisco Bay Guardian – February 23, 2011

<http://www.sfbg.com/politics/2011/02/23/delta-fish-may-not-be-%E2%80%9Ctoo-far-gone%E2%80%9D-after-all>

Reckless House GOP Reopens Water Wounds

Sacramento Bee editorial – February 20, 2011

Surprising Development: Guess Who Is Willing to Risk Having the Delta Pumps Shut Down?

Planning and Conservation League Insider – February 18, 2011

http://org2.democracynaction.org/o/5056/t/0/blastContent.jsp?email_blast_KEY=1154200

House Republicans' Bill Would Gut Decades of Environmental Protections

Center for Biological Diversity press release - February 16, 2011

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/continuing-resolution-02-16-2011.html

Delta Fish May Be Too Far Gone to Save, Plan Hints

San Francisco Chronicle – February 16, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/02/16/MNK91HNI9T.DTL>

Draft Plan on Delta Paints Bleak Picture

Bay Citizen – February 15, 2011

<http://www.baycitizen.org/water/story/draft-plan-delta-bleak-picture/>

Council Releases First Draft of Delta Plan

IndyMedia – February 15, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/02/15/18672057.php>

GOP Plan Could Endanger Delta Fish Restoration

San Francisco Chronicle – February 15, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/02/15/MNL01HN13L.DTL>

Proposed Funding Cuts Threaten Jobs, Wild Salmon

Save Our Wild Salmon press release - February 15, 2011

The House Bill to Block Bay-Delta Protections - A Tea Party Mirage

NRDC BLOG – February 14, 2011

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/bnelson/the_house_bill_to_block_bay-de.html

GOP Trying to Kill Delta Restrictions Meant to Preserve Salmon, Other Fish

San Jose Mercury News – February 14, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_17385393?nclick_check=1

Back Off!

Salmon Water Now response to Congress

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46XAiqDdv6o&hd=1>

House of Reps Funding Measure Attacks Salmon

Golden Gate Salmon Association press release - February 13, 2011

<http://goldengatesalmonassociation.com/pages/communications/Press/02-13-11.html>

Reckoning Looming For Salmon in Columbia Basin

Oregonian opinion piece - February 12, 2011

http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2011/02/the_reckoning_a_looming_decisi.html

Brown Turns Peripheral Canal Into Metaphor For Budget Ballot Measure

IndyMedia – February 11, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/02/11/18671798.php>

EPA Launches Investigation into Toxins and Stressors Impacting Fish in the Bay-Delta

EPA press release – February 11, 2011

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/7559BD24641A0C4F852578320076CFBC>

CA Delta Chinook Salmon Run Bigger, But Still Low

San Francisco Chronicle - February 8, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/02/08/MNVB1HJSDF.DTL>

Big Salmon Run Spawns Profits

Wall Street Journal – February 7, 2011

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704124504576118462016940744.html?KEYWORDS=big+salmon+run>

Sarah Palin's Bait

The Boston Phoenix – February 5, 2011

<http://thebostonphoenix.com/BLOGS/talkingpolitics/archive/2011/02/05/sarah-palin-s-bait.aspx#ixzz1D11NgWzU>

Brown's Water Chief Wants Delta Water Diverted to Southern California

Contra Costa Times – February 4, 2011

http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_17296045?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com&nclick_check=1

Longfin Smelt Could Cause New Water Restrictions

Bay Citizen – February 4, 2011

<http://www.baycitizen.org/environment/story/longfin-smelt-could-cause-new-water/>

The Wrath of Grapes

North Bay Bohemian – January 26, 2011

<http://www.bohemian.com/bohemian/01.26.11/feature-1104.html>