

Comment on Niles Canyon Project by Friday

This is your last chance to submit formal comments on the draft environmental review for phase two of Caltrans' highway widening projects in Niles Canyon. Comments are due by the end of the day this Friday, August 5th.

Information on where to send comments and taking points can be found [here](#).

The Alameda Creek Alliance has submitted detailed supplemental comments on the phase two project. You can read the ACA supplemental comments [here](#), and our initial comments [here](#).

Niles Canyon II Highway Widening Project Open House Thursday in Fremont

Caltrans will hold its last "open house" meeting on the State Route 84 Niles Canyon II Safety Project for the public to review the original project designs and proposed changes. The meeting will be held this Thursday, August 4 in Fremont. You will have an opportunity at the meeting to officially submit your written comments on the project before the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report closes on Friday, August 5, 2011.

Niles Canyon Elementary School
37141 2nd Street
Fremont, CA 94536
7 pm - 9 pm

Alameda Creek Alliance in the News

[**Niles Canyon Widening Project Continues to Draw Criticism**](#)

Union City Patch – July 29, 2011

[**Best of the East Bay: Best Environmentalist**](#)

East Bay Express – July 20, 2011

Upcoming Events

August 8 – Mountain Lion Talk – Montclair

The *Close to Home* talk for August 8 will be about plans to map mountain lion corridors in the East Bay in 2012. The Felidae Fund, led by Zara McDonald, has already been working for several years in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Zara will detail the results of that project and what they hope to accomplish in our area.

See <http://www.close-to-home.org/flyer.htm>

September 25 - Alameda Creek Alliance Membership Dinner and Silent Auction - Stonybrook Canyon

Join us on Sunday, September 25th for the Alameda Creek Alliance annual membership dinner, live music and silent auction at [Chouinard Winery](#), along Palomares Road in Stonybrook Canyon.

Tickets are \$75. Ticket price includes full dinner, dessert and one drink ticket. Excellent Chouinard wine will also be for sale by the glass and bottle.

You can send a check for advance tickets to: Alameda Creek Alliance, PO Box 2626, Niles, CA 94536; or buy tickets via PayPal on our [web site](#).

Regional Salmon News

Stranded Salmon in Dewatered Northern California Streams Trigger Rescues, Investigations and Alarm

Klamath Riverkeeper press release – August 3, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/08/03/18686826.php>

Judge Rejects Salmon Protection Plan as Too Vague

Seattle Post-Intelligencer – August 2, 2011

<http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Judge-rejects-salmon-protection-plan-as-too-vague-1697950.php#ixzz1TuzluKcQ>

FDA Faces Opposition Over Genetically Engineered Salmon

Los Angeles Times – July 31, 2011

<http://www.latimes.com/health/la-na-congress-salmon-20110731,0,6262682.story>

Removing Barriers to Salmon Migration

New York Times – July 29, 2011

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/30/us/30dam.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all

Federal Judge Orders Interim Actions on 2 Yuba River Dams

Sacramento Bee – July 27, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/28/3799512/federal-judge-orders-interim-actions.html>

Representative Jerry McNerney Blasts Peripheral Canal Plans

IndyMedia – July 27, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/07/27/18686208.php>

California Extends Ban on Harmful River Mining

Center for Biological Diversity press release – July 27, 2011

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/suction-dredge-mining-07-27-2011.html

Brown Prolongs Freeze on Suction Dredge Mining

Sacramento Bee – July 27, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/27/3796886/brown-prolongs-freeze-on-suction.html>

Salmon May Face Greater Threat Than Water Shortage

San Francisco Chronicle – July 25, 2011

http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-07-25/bay-area/29811577_1_wild-salmon-salmon-numbers-salmon-producing

Congressman Nunes' Attempt to Destroy California's Salmon and Fishing Jobs

Zeke Grader's City Brights Blog – July 25, 2011

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/zgrader/detail?entry_id=93863#ixzz1TAbOC4c1

Hydropower Dam Removal Ramps Up In the Northwest This Fall

The Oregonian – July 25, 2011

http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/07/hydropower_dam_removal_ramps_u.html

DFG Touts 'Improved' Delta Smelt Numbers as Pumps Kill Millions of Splittail

IndyMedia – July 22, 2010

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/07/22/18685707.php>

Carnage at the Delta Death Pumps Continues Unabated

AlterNet – July 13, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/07/13>