

## **Up Your Creek! The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance**

### **Summer Picnic at Chouinard Winery July 7**

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance for a casual afternoon picnic and wine tasting at [Chouinard Winery](#) in Palomares Canyon, on Saturday, July 7, from noon to 4 pm.

Come hang out at the winery with the Alameda Creek Alliance Board of Directors, learn about the latest updates on steelhead restoration, and enjoy live music in the vineyards. We'll supply the appetizers, and wine is for sale by the glass and bottle from the winery.

The event is free. Please RSVP to [alamedacreek@hotmail.com](mailto:alamedacreek@hotmail.com).

### **Save Tesla Park**

Just east of the Alameda Creek watershed is the valley of Tesla, a land of scenic ridge tops and dramatic canyons feeding into Corral Hollow Creek, a west side tributary of the San Joaquin River. Corral Hollow is a biologically unique and culturally significant landscape with mountain savannah grassland and blue oak woodland habitats that support a wide range of sensitive wildlife species, is the northernmost limit of many rare native plants and is a critical habitat corridor for wildlife through the Diablo Range.

You own this land – it was purchased by the California State Parks. But the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California State Parks wants a major expansion of Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area and destructive off-road vehicle use into 3,478 acres of the Corral Hollow Creek watershed.

Take action to protect your public state park land and important endangered species habitat in eastern Alameda County from destruction by off-road vehicles.

See the Center for Biological Diversity's action alert on this issue: [Save Tesla Park From ORV Destruction](#).

Read the related story in today's Livermore Independent about how the state has to clean up contamination of Carnegie soil and stream flow from off-road vehicle abuse: [Lawsuit Forces State to Follow Environmental Rules at Carnegie](#)

More information at the Friends of Tesla Park [web site](#).

### **BART Weir Fish Ladder Design Nearing Completion**

The Alameda County Water District and Alameda County Flood Control District are working on a preliminary design for the critical fish ladder for steelhead trout to be able to bypass the BART weir and middle rubber dam in the lower Alameda Creek flood control channel.

You can view a [YouTube video](#) of the conceptual design that gives you a fish-eye view and takes you on a virtual tour up through the proposed fish ladder.

The final design and environmental review for this fish passage project is expected this year; construction is scheduled to begin in 2013 and be completed by 2014. Construction on a second fish ladder at ACWD's upper rubber dam is scheduled for completion in 2015.

## Other Upcoming Events

### **June 30 – Presentation on Protecting Salmon in the Smith River – San Francisco**

Learn about the Smith River, California's only undammed salmon stream, at the Siskiyou Land Conservancy's presentation *Pesticides, Endangered Salmon, and the Fight for California's Last Wild River* tomorrow, Saturday, June 30, at 7:30 pm. The presentation is at the Royce Gallery, 2901 Mariposa Street, in San Francisco. More info [here](#)

### **August 4 - Martinez Beaver Festival – Martinez**

Worth A Dam will hold the fifth annual Martinez Beaver Festival on Saturday, August 4, from 11 am to 4 pm at "Beaver Park" in Martinez. Learn what the return of this keystone species to Alhambra Creek in 2006 did for the watershed, wildlife and community of Martinez. More info [here](#).

### **October 14 - Stonybrook Creek Cleanup – Niles Canyon**

The Alameda Creek Alliance and Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers will hold a cleanup of Stonybrook Creek on Sunday, October 14, from 10 am to 2 pm. Stonybrook Creek is a tributary of Alameda Creek in Niles Canyon along Palomares Road that has native resident trout and important spawning and rearing habitat for a future steelhead run. The ACA will provide lunch and drinks for all volunteers.

Please RSVP to [alamedacreek@hotmail.com](mailto:alamedacreek@hotmail.com).

## Regional Salmon News

### [\*\*Brown Slashes Budget While Adding 75 Peripheral Canal Positions\*\*](#)

AlterNet – June 29, 2012

### [\*\*California Halts Harmful Suction Dredge River Mining\*\*](#)

Center for Biological Diversity press release – June 28, 2012

### [\*\*CPUC Approves Removal of San Clemente Dam On Carmel River\*\*](#)

AlterNet – June 25, 2012

### [\*\*Dam Removal on the Carmel: Restoring Everything a Lovely River Should Have!\*\*](#)

Trout Unlimited blog – June 24, 2012

### [\*\*Lawmakers Demand Return To Policy Before Plumbing On Delta Plan\*\*](#)

IndyMedia – June 22, 2012

### [\*\*House Voters to Drown the Wild Merced\*\*](#)

Friends of the River alert – June 22, 2012

### [\*\*CPUC Approves Removal of the San Clemente Dam\*\*](#)

Wall Street Journal – June 21, 2012

### [\*\*Retooled Plan for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Diversions Fails to Impress Area Residents\*\*](#)

Sacramento Bee – June 21, 2012

### [\*\*Bay Delta Plan Defies Common Sense, Says Restore the Delta\*\*](#)

Indy Media – June 20, 2012

[\*\*\*Remove the Dam, Save Carmel River\*\*\*](#)

Monterey Herald – June 19, 2012

[\*\*\*Shasta River, Once Perfect for Salmon\*\*\*](#)

Two Rivers Tribune – June 19, 2012

[\*\*\*UOP Study: Delta Tunnel Costs Are 2.5 Times the Benefits\*\*\*](#)

AlterNet – June 18, 2012

[\*\*\*Spring-Run Chinook Not Rare In Butte Creek This Year\*\*\*](#)

Chico Enterprise-Record – June 16, 2012

[\*\*\*Red Bluff Success Story\*\*\*](#)

Earth Justice blog – June 15, 2012

[\*\*\*Feather River's Flow Boosted to Help Salmon Run\*\*\*](#)

Sacramento Bee – June 14, 2012

[\*\*\*Marin Fish Plucked From Certain Death in Lagunitas\*\*\*](#)

Marin Independent Journal – June 13, 2012

[\*\*\*Summer Salmon Rescuers Team Up\*\*\*](#)

NBC Bay Area - June 13, 2012

[\*\*\*Coalition Tells Salazar Peripheral Canal Is 'Enormous Mistake'\*\*\*](#)

IndyMedia – June 13, 2012

[\*\*\*The Carmel River Is a Wisp of Its Former Self, But Hope Is Around the Bend\*\*\*](#)

Monterey County Weekly – May 31, 2012

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