

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Alameda Creek Cleanup - November 16

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance on Sunday, November 16th at our adopted site along Alameda Creek, from 10 am to noon at the Niles Staging Area in Fremont. We'll remove invasive plants and pick up trash along Alameda Creek, and discuss how these efforts protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Thanks to all who have helped so far- we've made great progress on ivy removal, but there is more to be done!

We'll meet at the [Niles Staging Area parking lot](#) along Old Canyon Road at Canyon Oaks Court in the Niles area of Fremont. Wear work clothes, including long pants and sturdy shoes that can get dirty. A long-sleeve shirt and hat are recommended. We'll provide gloves, waste bags, litter grabbers, water, and a snack. Please bring your own re-usable water bottle to fill. RSVP to Ralph Boniello at Ralph@alamedacreek.org.

Eastern Alameda Christmas Bird Count - December 19

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society on Friday, December 19, for the 6th annual [Eastern Alameda County Christmas Bird Count](#), in the upper Alameda Creek watershed.

The count circle is in the vicinity of the towns of Sunol, Pleasanton and Livermore, and includes five East Bay Regional Parks, significant SFPUC watershed lands, and exciting East Bay birding hotspots such as lower Mines Road, Sunol Wilderness, Calaveras Reservoir, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Sycamore Grove Park and Springtown Preserve. Birders and volunteers with any level of experience can participate in the Christmas Bird Count. The count is coordinated with the East Bay Regional Park District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Livermore Area Recreation & Park District, and Lawrence Livermore National Lab, to provide maximum access to significant bird habitats within the count circle.

Please join us for the bird count. You will have a chance to sample the bird life in several interesting habitats that fit a variety of interests and abilities. You'll be contributing to the Audubon database and knowledge of the status and distribution of resident and visiting winter birds and have fun doing it.

If you have questions about the count please contact Rich Cimino, yellowbilledtours@gmail.com, (925) 353-0266 - or Jeff Miller, Jeff@alamedacreek.org, (510) 499-9185.

For more information: <http://www.alamedacreek.org/join-volunteer/CBC.php>

Alameda Creek Watershed Forum - November 6

Restoration in the Alameda Creek Watershed: Challenges and Solutions. Restorationists and watershed enthusiasts are invited to an afternoon forum dedicated to exploring a range of restoration issues at the fall 2014 Alameda Creek Watershed Forum.

The forum, hosted by management agencies in the watershed, will be held on November 6th from 12:30 - 4:45 pm at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley – walking

distance to BART. Additional details will be posted at: www.acwForum.org/calendar. [Register here at Eventbrite](#).

Vote No on Prop 1

The Center for Biological Diversity gives you three good reasons to vote No on Proposition 1, the Water Bond:

1. The bond subsidizes more delta water exports
2. The bond will make way for new dams and reservoirs
3. The bond fails to bring real water solutions to California

Read the CBD [action alert](#)

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[**Report: Sacramento Delta 'No Longer a Delta'**](#)

KCET – October 30, 2014

[**A Crossroads for Coho in Marin**](#)

Marin Independent Journal opinion piece – October 29, 2014

[**Prop. 1 - One More Shovel of Dirt on the Grave of Our Fisheries**](#)

Marin Independent Journal opinion piece – October 19, 2014

[**Watch Two TV Spots Against the Water Bond--Send Them to Friends**](#)

Public Water News Service blog – October 17, 2014

[**Rafting Tours Provide Salmon Viewing On the Yuba River**](#)

SYRCL – October 15, 2014

[**Water Bond in Drought-Ridden California Splits Environmentalists**](#)

Courthouse News – October 15, 2014

[**Brown Administration Gets Ugly Over State Water Project Contract Extension**](#)

Indy Media - October 14, 2014

[**Governor Accused of Heavy-Handed Pressure in an End Run to Build Delta Water Tunnels**](#)

Central Valley Business Times – October 13, 2014

[**It Was the Perfect Fish Study — Until Nature Messed It Up**](#)

Bay Nature Magazine – October 13, 2014

[**Strip Mining Proposal for Wild and Scenic Smith River Denied**](#)

EPIC blog – September 30, 2014

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