

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

ACA Challenges Dublin Development That Will Evict Burrowing Owls

The Alameda Creek Alliance filed a lawsuit today challenging the City of Dublin's approval of the Dublin Crossing Project, 189 acres of intensive residential and commercial development on former public land at Camp Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, which is home to one of the few remaining large breeding colonies of burrowing owls in Alameda County. The flawed Environmental Impact Report for the project did not disclose the regional significance of the burrowing owl colony that will be displaced by development and it was approved without disclosing adequate mitigation measures for impacts to burrowing owls.

Read about it in our [press release](#)

Stop Urban Sprawl - Help Collect Signatures to Create a Dublin Urban Limit Line

Dublin residents and community and environmental groups are trying to qualify an initiative for the ballot that would create an urban limit line on Dublin's east side, to reduce traffic, limit development, and protect Doolan and Collier canyons. Urban limit lines stop urban development from extending into areas which should be protected or remain rural agricultural lands. Doolan and Collier canyons are home to threatened wildlife and the only open space left between Dublin and Livermore.

A developer wants to build 2,000 housing units in Doolan Canyon and has proposed annexing the area. Annexation is the first step necessary for development. Development of Doolan Canyon makes no sense. It is far from public transit and other services, which would mean many more drivers on Hwy 580. Dublin has already approved thousands of houses in east Dublin that have not been built yet, so there is no need for more housing further east. The other Tri-Valley cities already have urban limit lines, and so does the County. Many other cities in the Bay Area also have urban limit lines. The Initiative brings Dublin in line with surrounding cities.

How you can help:

Sign up for a 2 hour period to collect petition signatures of Dublin registered voters at busy areas in Dublin between 10AM and 6PM on a weekend between now and late April. The only requirement is you must be over 18. You can bring a friend, or be partnered with another volunteer. The campaign will give you all the materials and tell you how to help.

Sign the petition on SaveDublinOpenSpace.org and tell your friends to sign. People are happy to sign for the Initiative (called the Dublin Open Space Initiative of 2014).

Go door to door in your neighborhood, pass a signature sheet around to the parents of your kid's teammates during a game, or have a BBQ and invite your friends to sign. The campaign will give you the signature sheets and pick them up.

For more info go to SaveDublinOpenSpace.org. To volunteer, e-mail jpgalvan@savemountdiablo.org or call (925) 947-3535 to sign up, receive signature sheets, or get more info.

Sunol BioBlitz This Weekend

Help us survey the Sunol area for birds, fish, butterflies, frogs, plants and more! More information on our [BioBlitz web page](#)

Alameda Creek Cleanup April 19

Help the Alameda Creek Alliance clean our adopt-a-spot at the bottom of Niles Canyon on Saturday, April 19. We will also be pulling invasive ivy off of trees in the riparian corridor. Contact Ralph Boniello at Ralph@alamedacreek.org for more info.

Fish Passage Barrier Removed from Arroyo de la Laguna near Castlewood Golf Course

Zone 7 Water Agency has removed a failing in-stream concrete structure from Arroyo de la Laguna at the Castlewood Country Club pedestrian crossing in Pleasanton. The obsolete structure was removed because it was a flooding and public safety hazard, but it was also a potentially significant migration barrier for fish.

This was the 11th fish migration barrier removed from Alameda Creek and its tributaries since 2003. Between now and 2017, there are 9 more fish passage projects being planned that will remove barriers or provide fish ladders in the watershed.

See before and after photos and read a Zone 7 report on the structure's removal [here](#).

Regional Salmon News

[Marin's Chance to Do Creekside Rules Right](#)

Marin Independent-Journal editorial – March 18, 2014

[Ruling May Affect Salinas River Steelhead](#)

Salinas Californian – March 14, 2014

[Environmental Groups Sue over Stanford's Diversion of Water from Steelhead Habitat](#)

San Jose Mercury News – March 12, 2014

[Environmental Water Caucus Unveils Real-Time Drought Response](#)

Daily Kos – March 10, 2014

[Water Fight Pits Farmer Against Farmer](#)

Los Angeles Times – March 9, 2014

[County Supervisors Can Still Preserve Salmon, Steelhead](#)

Eureka Times-Standard – March 8, 2014

[Court Ruling Could Help Delta and Fish](#)

East Bay Express – March 7, 2014

[Court Says Marin Development Plan Neglects Threatened Salmon](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – March 6, 2014

[Salmon Victory: Marin County Wide Plan Ruled Unlawful](#)

SPAWN press release – March 5, 2014

[**California Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of Salmon Protection And Watershed Network**](#)

California River Watch – March 5, 2014

[**American Rivers: 51 Dams Removed in 2013**](#)

Canoe & Kayak – March 5, 2014

[**State Failed To Analyze Effects of Water Bank, Judge Rules**](#)

Los Angeles Times – March 5, 2014

[**Map Reveals Tunnels Will Supply Water for Agribusiness, Fracking**](#)

Calatrics – March 5, 2014

[**Salmon Committee Slams Peripheral Tunnel Plan**](#)

Daily Kos – March 4, 2014

[**Late Rains Rally Marin's Endangered Coho**](#)

Marin Independent-Journal – March 1, 2014

[**Stanford Must Allow Access for Endangered Species Inspection**](#)

Palo Alto Online – February 28, 2014

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