

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Alameda Creek Alliance Challenges Caltrans Tree Cutting Plans in Niles Canyon

The Alameda Creek Alliance filed a lawsuit this week challenging Caltrans approval and environmental review for the Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project in Niles Canyon. In addition to replacing the bridge, Caltrans wants to widen and reengineer a half mile of Niles Canyon Road, cut nearly three hundred trees, excavate along thousands of feet of the canyon, and build large retaining walls.

The project would make Niles Canyon Road more dangerous for drivers and cyclists, and lead to further road widening and tree cutting by Caltrans. The construction would needlessly damage habitat for threatened steelhead trout, Alameda whipsnakes and red-legged frogs.

Read our press release: [Watershed Group Challenges Caltrans Tree Cutting Plans in Niles Canyon](#)

9th Annual Christmas Bird Count – December 15

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Ohlone Audubon Society for the 9th annual [Eastern Alameda Christmas Bird Count](#), which will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017.

The Christmas Bird Count is an annual nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort coordinated by the Audubon Society to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations.

Our 15 mile radius count circle in the Alameda Creek watershed is in the vicinity of the towns of Sunol, Pleasanton and Livermore, and includes five East Bay Regional Parks, significant SFPUC watershed lands, and East Bay birding hotspots such as lower Mines Road, Sunol Wilderness, Calaveras Reservoir and Sycamore Grove Park.

Birders and volunteers with any level of experience can participate in the Christmas Bird Count.

Please contact Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

Regional Salmon Restoration News

[San Geronimo Golf Course to Close As Marin Supervisors OK Purchase](#)

Marin Independent Journal - November 14, 2017

['Re-Wilding' Golf Course Purchase Is the Right Thing to Do](#)

Marin Independent Journal opinion piece - November 11, 2017

[Where Have All the Salmon Gone?](#)

Sierra Magazine - November 7, 2017

[Moving Salmon over Dams with Two-Way Trap and Haul](#)

California WaterBlog - November 5, 2017

[Local Watershed Warriors Recognized By Patagonia](#)

Coastal View - October 31, 2017

[Marin County Golf Course Debate Continues](#)

Marin Independent-Journal - October 31, 2017

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