

## ALAMEDA CREEK ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Alameda Creek Alliance is a community watershed group dedicated to protecting and restoring the natural ecosystems of the Alameda Creek watershed.

Our mission is protecting and improving natural habitats, with a goal to maintain and restore native wildlife, plants and ecosystems within the Alameda Creek watershed, as much as possible given modern constraints. We also seek to protect undeveloped areas along creeks within the watershed for their habitat value to native flora and fauna.

Our primary efforts are focused on bringing salmon and wild steelhead trout, an indicator species of watershed health, back to our watershed. Our goal is to ensure self-sustaining populations of steelhead and salmon in Alameda Creek. Our projects include: removal or modification of barriers to fish migration; securing adequate stream flows for spawning, rearing and out-migration of salmonids; improving and restoring aquatic and riparian habitat; and influencing stream and land management policies and projects within the watershed to improve habitat conditions for salmonids.

We also work within the watershed to protect endangered and sensitive native wildlife species, restore and enhance habitat for all native wildlife, improve water quality, and prevent habitat loss and degradation caused by urban development, overgrazing, pollution, and channelization of streams. We monitor public agencies charged with management of our creeks and public lands to ensure that they comply with existing environmental laws and protect the public trust by safeguarding native fish and wildlife.

We seek to inspire and involve watershed residents, local communities and land managers in the restoration of Alameda Creek. We educate the public about the value of Alameda Creek for its natural features, wildlife, aesthetic qualities, cultural and natural history, and recreational and educational opportunities.

Participation with the Alameda Creek Alliance is open to anyone committed to the above goals. We work cooperatively with any and all organizations, government agencies and private entities interested in supporting these goals. We are an independent, non-profit community group. We accomplish our work through education, outreach, publicity, advocacy, public pressure, legal action and volunteer work.