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Removing Dams and Restoring Rivers in California

POTENTIAL DAM REMOVALS IN CALIFORNIA



Niles Dam—Alameda Creek

Sunol and Niles dams—Alameda Creek

These two small dams, once used to divert water for consumptive purposes upstream from the city of Fremont, have been long abandoned. Ranging in height from 6 to 12 feet, the dams block passage of steelhead at all but the highest flows. An old fish ladder at the Niles Dam appears to be non-functional. The remnant steelhead run in Alameda Creek could be enhanced if these barriers to fish migration

were removed. Several other smaller weirs also impede fish migration in the creek, but not to the extent of the Sunol and Niles dams. Local officials consider the dams to be attractive nuisances and possible public safety liabilities. The Alameda Creek Alliance has proposed their removal. For more information, contact the Alliance at P.O. Box 192, Canyon, CA 94516, (510) 845-4675, e-mail AlamedaCreek@formulate.com or visit www.formulate.com/alamedaCreek/.



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