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Arroyo Mocho Steelhead To Be Discussed Steelhead in the Arroyo Mocho?

It's possible, according to Jeff Miller, a leader in regionwide efforts to restore traditional fish runs. The feasibility of restoring the Arroyo Mocho as a steelhead creek will be the main topic of discussion at a Friends of the Arroyos meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, January 14 at the Dublin Library.

Miller observes that a feasibility study done last year for the Alameda Creek Fisheries Work Group identified a portion of the Arroyo Mocho as suitable for steelhead.

"There's some good habitat in a section of the arroyo southeast of Livermore," he says. "Whether it's feasible for steelhead to spawn there is another question. They would have to get through some highly urbanized areas. Maybe it can happen. We'll talk about it," says Miller.

The meeting will also include discussion of what needs to be done to protect the Tri-Valley's remaining natural creeks. "Basically, we'll discuss anything to do with creek protection in the Tri-Valley, with the Arroyo Mocho steelhead question heading the agenda," Miller says.

Friends of the Arroyos is the Tri-Valley branch of the Alameda Creek Alliance, which Jeff Miller heads. The local group was formed about a year ago and has met a couple of times.

The Alameda Creek Alliance has been working to restore steelhead to Alameda Creek, which runs through Niles Canyon to the bay and is the county's largest creek. The project is widely supported.

For more information on the January 14 meeting or on steelhead restoration and creek protection issues in general, Jeff Miller may be called at 510-845-4675.