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Groups call S.F. on lands' stewardship

Sixty-eight Bay Area conservation groups are calling on the city of San Francisco's water agency to improve its stewardship of local watershed lands, and in particular to restore Alameda Creek to become a more viable home for spawning steelhead and rainbow trout.

The Sunol-based Alameda Creek Alliance and some 60 other environmental and fishing groups sent a letter Thursday to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which manages 36,800 acres of public land and operates three dams in the upper Alameda Creek watershed.

The groups want the SFPUC to restore stream flows in Alameda Creek sufficient to sustain steelhead and rainbow trout, protect rare fish populations in SFPUC reservoirs, remove a diversion facility that limits steelhead restoration and abandon plans to build a new dam on Alameda Creek near Sunol.