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EDITORIAL

Astute Lobbying For Steelhead

The Alameda Creek Alliance, campaigning for the restoration of steelhead fish to Alameda Creek, has won some additional insurance for the project. They've successfully lobbied for a regulation requiring federal screening of the steelhead impacts of the proposed Calaveras Reservoir renovation. This screening will be done through the National Marine Fisheries Service and Army Corp of Engineers. The reservoir project is being planned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, owner of much of the Alameda Creek watershed. The Alameda Creek Alliance believes SF planners have tended to minimize the steelhead impacts. We cheer the Alameda Creek Alliance for their astute lobbying. The added layer of scrutiny will better ensure that the efforts to restore both the steelhead and the reservoir will be completed successfully.