

Come to the Film, Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser to Protect Niles Canyon This Sunday, July 17 in Niles

Help us celebrate our initial legal victory stopping the misguided Caltrans highway widening project in Niles Canyon! Join the Alameda Creek Alliance and Save Niles Canyon at a benefit event for our campaign to save Niles Canyon on Sunday, July 17 beginning at 5 pm.

Enjoy dinner, drinks and a movie at the historic Silent Film Museum in Niles. The feature film is the acclaimed documentary [River of Renewal](#), which tells the story of conflict over the resources of California and Oregon's Klamath Basin and the struggle to restore the Klamath River salmon runs. Producer Steve Most will attend the screening and answer questions after the film.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Ticket price includes dinner of salad and lasagna. You can send a check for advance tickets to: Alameda Creek Alliance, PO Box 2626, Niles, CA 94536; or easily buy tickets via PayPal on our [web site](#).

Doors open at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. The film showing is at 7 pm. Come early for complimentary appetizers and beverages and to view and bid on our fabulous silent auction items. Wine will be on available by the glass for a small donation.

Jeff Miller, the Executive Director of the Alliance Creek Alliance, and Save Niles Canyon activists will give a brief update on the fight to protect Niles Canyon before the film.

All proceeds will go toward legal efforts to protect Niles Canyon, specifically to fund our lawsuit challenging the Caltrans highway widening project.

Please RSVP to Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours AT gmail DOT com) by July 13, and state dinner preference - meat or vegetarian. Please contact Rich to donate a silent auction item, trip or vacation getaway!

If you cannot attend the fundraiser, please consider a donation to the Alameda Creek Alliance to support our efforts to protect the canyon.

You can help us advertise the event by downloading, printing and posting this [poster](#) for the benefit.

Recent Alameda Creek News

Alliance Holds Fund-Raiser in Niles for Caltrans Lawsuit

Fremont Bulletin – July 7, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/fremont/ci_18433688?nclick_check=1

Caltrans Plan to Widen Niles Canyon Road Delayed

San Francisco Chronicle – June 24, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/23/BA8S1K227E.DTL>

Judge Grants Injunction to Stop Niles Canyon Roadwork

Oakland Tribune – June 24, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18341116

Jeff Miller, Man on a Mission

From the Front Lines with Alameda Creek's Tireless Advocate

Bay Nature – June 23, 2011

<http://baynature.org/articles/web-only-articles/jeff-miller-man-on-a-mission>

Judge: Niles Canyon Lawsuit Can Proceed

San Jose Mercury News – June 23, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_18340905?nclick_check=1

Judge Orders Temporary Halt in Niles Canyon

Fremont Bulletin – June 23, 2011

http://www.mercurynews.com/fremont/ci_18340371?nclick_check=1

Judge Halts Niles Canyon Project

Livermore Independent – June 16, 2011

http://www.alamedacreek.org/Media_Articles/Media%20articles.htm

Caltrans Work in Niles Canyon Halted by Alameda Creek Alliance Lawsuit

East Bay Express – June 15, 2011

<http://www.eastbayexpress.com/92510/archives/2011/06/15/caltrans-work-in-niles-canyon-halted-by-alameda-creek-alliance-lawsuit>

Caltrans Rushes Project

Livermore Independent editorial – June 2, 2011

http://www.alamedacreek.org/Media_Articles/Media%20articles.htm

Environmental Group Warns Caltrans Its Review of Niles Canyon Phase One Is Considered Inadequate

Livermore Independent - May 26, 2011

http://www.alamedacreek.org/Media_Articles/Media%20articles.htm

Other Caltrans News

A federal judge on July 7 ordered Caltrans to stop work on a controversial plan to cut wider highway lanes through ancient redwoods in Richardson Grove State Park in Humboldt County. The judge granted the injunction that was being sought by a group of plaintiffs that includes three environmental organizations and several citizens, finding the project is likely to harm old-growth trees and may violate federal law.

Read the Center for Biological Diversity press release:

Judge Orders California to Halt Work on Richardson Grove Highway Expansion That Would Harm Ancient Redwoods

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/richardson-grove-07-07-2011.html

Other Upcoming Events

July 30 - Alameda Creek Alliance Member Appreciation BBQ and Picnic in Sunol *FREE!*

The Alameda Creek Alliance will hold a picnic and BBQ for our members and supporters on Saturday, July 30 in Sunol Regional Wilderness.

The BBQ will begin at 11 am at the Alameda Grove picnic area in Sunol Regional Park. Click [here](#) for a park map.

Early-birds can join us at 8:30 am at the picnic area for a morning bird-watching and wildlife hike along Alameda Creek. The BBQ begins at 11 am. There will also be an afternoon tour of Alameda Creek to Little Yosemite with a discussion of planned steelhead restoration projects in the area.

Please RSVP to Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours AT gmail DOT com) by July 25, and state your food preference (meat or vegetarian).

September 25 - Alameda Creek Alliance Membership Dinner and Silent Auction at Chouinard Winery

Join us on Sunday, September 25th for the Alameda Creek Alliance annual membership dinner, live music and silent auction at Chouinard Winery, along Palomares Road in Stonybrook Canyon.

Tickets are \$75. Ticket price includes full dinner, dessert and one drink ticket. Excellent Chouinard wine will also be for sale by the glass and bottle. You can send a check for advance tickets to: Alameda Creek Alliance, PO Box 2626, Niles, CA 94536; or buy tickets via PayPal on our [web site](#).

This year we will have a silent auction at the dinner. Please contact Rich Cimino (yellowbilledtours AT gmail DOT com) if you have an item or event to donate for the auction.

More details coming soon.

Regional Salmon News

Closed-Door Meetings To Fund Construction Of Peripheral Canal Exposed!

IndyMedia – July 6, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/07/06/18683972.php>

Delta Leaders Oppose HR 1837 Water Grab

IndyMedia – July 5, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/07/05/18683861.php>

Environmentalists, Anglers Say Battle Creek Fish Runs Hurt By Logging

Redding Record-Searchlight – July 4, 2011

<http://www.redding.com/news/2011/jul/04/fish-runs-hurt-by-logging-some-say/>

Brown Administration to Assess Logging on Salmon Habitat in Battle Creek

Sacramento Bee – July 6, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/06/3751376/brown-administration-to-assess.html>

Western Division of American Fisheries Society Deems the Four Lower Snake River Dams a Threat to Wild Salmon and Steelhead Survival

The Osprey - June 29, 2011

<http://ospreysteelheadnews.blogspot.com/2011/06/western-division-of-american-fisheries.html>

'Salvage' Counts at Delta Pumps Rise to 8.5 Million Splittail, 35,000 Salmon

AlternNet – June 28, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/06/28/salvage-counts-at-delta-pumps-rise-to-8-5-million-splittail-35000-salmon/>

Salmon Count at Red Bluff Diversion Dam is Down

AlterNet – June 27, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/06/27>

Congress Moves to Weaken Pesticide Laws, Senate Needs to Hold the Line

Zeke Grader's City Brights Blog - June 27, 2011

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/zgrader/detail?entry_id=91831

Scientists Find Holes in Klamath River Dam Removal Plan

Los Angeles Times – June 25, 2011

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-klamath-20110625.0.938010.story>

Conservation Groups Contest Basis of Westlands Delta Smelt Lawsuit

IndyMedia – June 25, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/06/25/18682860.php>

Restore the Delta Exposes More Evidence of Westlands Land Retirement

California Progress Report – June 28, 2011

<http://www.californiaprogressreport.com/site/node/9113>

Splittail and Salmon Losses at Pumps Could Be 5 to 10 Times 'Salvage' Numbers

IndyMedia – June 24, 2011

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2011/06/24/18682816.php>

Governor Needs to Keep Pledge at Battle Creek

Sacramento Bee editorial - June 21, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/21/3715189/governor-needs-to-keep-pledge.html>

Troubled Waters of Battle Creek

Sacramento Bee – June 19, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/19/3711308/troubled-waters-of-battle-creek.html>

Lawsuit Challenges Army Corps' Program to Cut Trees From Levees

Center for Biological Diversity press release – June 20, 2011

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2011/california-levees-06-20-2011.html

Congress Votes to Ban Genetically Engineered Salmon

AlterNet – June 17, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/06/17/congress-votes-to-ban-genetically-engineered-salmon/>

Farm Jobs Lost? Blame Environmentalists! (Or Not.)

New York Times – June 16, 2011

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/06/16/farm-jobs-lost-blame-environmentalists-or-not/>

Impacts of the 2007-2009 California Drought: What Really Happened?

YubaNet – June 16, 2011

<http://yubanet.com/california/Impacts-of-the-2007-2009-California-Drought-What-Really-Happened.php>

How State's Farmers Weathered Drought

San Francisco Chronicle – June 16, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2011/06/16/MNK21JUH6J.DTL>

California Farms Earned Record Revenue During Recent Drought

Bay Citizen – June 16, 2011

<http://www.baycitizen.org/water/story/california-farms-secured-record-profits/>

Judge Denies Request to Step Up Delta Pumping

Fresno Bee – June 15, 2011

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/06/15/2429009/judge-denies-request-to-step-up.html#ixzz1PTWLJa4q>

Study Devalues California Drought Impact

Contra Costa Times – June 15, 2011

http://www.contracostatimes.com/top-stories/ci_18282782?nclick_check=1

Witnesses Slam HR 1837 Water Grab in D.C. Hearing

AlterNet – June 14, 2011

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2011/06/14>

Administration, Delta Farmers Oppose Bill to Halt River Restoration

McClatchy News - June 13, 2011

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/06/13/115720/administration-delta-farmers-oppose.html>

Obama Should Confront GOP On Water

Sacramento Bee editorial - June 12, 2011

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/12/3692358/obama-should-confront-gop-on-water.html>

Federal Bill Seeks to Override State Water Law

San Francisco Chronicle editorial – June 10, 2011

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/10/EDL31JRK0H.DTL>

Fisheries Have Equal Claim to Water

Monterey County Herald editorial – June 9, 2011

http://www.montereyherald.com/editorials/ci_18237441?nclick_check=1

Stanford University's Dirty Secret: Searsville Dam

The Osprey – May 2011

http://beyondsearsvilledam.org/Beyond_Searsville_Dam/Home.html