

## Stop Industrial Solar in Eastern Alameda County

We think widespread solar power is a great idea, as long as the infrastructure for renewable energy is sensibly and appropriately sited. However, Alameda County seems to be on a misguided path to allow massive scale industrial solar projects on wildlife habitat and productive farmland in rural Alameda County, without first looking at the potential for urban solar on rooftops or placing panels on existing paved and developed locations.

The Alameda County Planning Department will hold a community meeting tomorrow night in Dublin to discuss proposed amendments to the County General Plan to allow and encourage massive solar developments in the East County.

Unfortunately, the Planning Department seems to be ignoring concerns from conservation and agriculture groups about poorly-sited facilities that cause habitat destruction and loss of farmland, and appears to be headed toward recommending to the Board of Supervisors sacrificing open space for industrial energy facilities rather than encouraging development of rooftop solar.

**Please attend the hearing tomorrow night and support our call for a five year moratorium on industrial solar in Alameda County** until the proper level of environmental review is done for proposed large-scale solar facilities. **The hearing is Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Alameda County Public Works Building, 4825 Gleason Drive, in Dublin.**

Read the Alameda Creek Alliance's web page on industrial solar for more information:  
<http://www.alamedacreek.org/Alerts/Solar/Solar.htm>

## Alameda Creek in the News

### ***Alliance Continues Opposition to Niles Canyon Road Widening***

Fremont Bulletin – February 2, 2012

[http://www.mercurynews.com/fremont/ci\\_19879149](http://www.mercurynews.com/fremont/ci_19879149)

## Regional Salmon News

### ***California Water Project Won't Be Decided At Poll***

San Francisco Chronicle – February 27, 2012

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/27/MN6U1NBMVG.DTL>

### ***Surprise: New PPIC Report Promotes Peripheral Canal***

AlterNet – February 23, 2012

<http://blogs.alternet.org/danbacher/2012/02/23/surprise-new-ppic-report-promotes-peripheral-canal/>

### ***Water Rights "Hot Potato" and H.R. 1837***

NRDC blog – February 21, 2012-02-

22http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/bnelson/water\_rights\_hot\_potato\_and\_hr.html

### ***Campbell's Timber Practices Threaten Survival of Coho Salmon***

EPIC blog – February 21, 2012

<http://www.wildcalifornia.org/blog/7406/>

### ***Another Record-Breaker: Chinook Salmon Stage a Comeback On the Eel***

Willits News – February 17, 2012

[http://www.willitsnews.com/ci\\_19988669#.T0ALtymppwY.facebook](http://www.willitsnews.com/ci_19988669#.T0ALtymppwY.facebook)

***Mr. President: Keep Wild Salmon on Our Plates!***

Huffington Post – February 16, 2012

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-wood/bristol-bay-salmon\\_b\\_1281962.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chris-wood/bristol-bay-salmon_b_1281962.html)

**California Republicans' Brazen Water Grab**

San Francisco Chronicle editorial – February 16, 2012

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/16/EDTP1N811L.DTL>

**Spawner Update: Coho Make a Comeback and Steelhead Follow Suit**

MMWD blog – February 14, 2012

<http://thinkbluemarin.wordpress.com/2012/02/14/spawner-update-coho-make-a-comeback-and-steelhead-follow-suit/>

**Repeal \$11.14 Billion Water Bond**

California Progress Report – February 14, 2012

<http://www.californiaprogressreport.com/site/repeal-1114-billion-water-bond>

**Mokelumne Hatchery Salmon Outnumber Wild Fish**

San Francisco Chronicle – February 14, 2012

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/14/MNAF1N48DL.DTL>

**Offspring of Calaveras River Salmon May Be Left High and Dry**

Stockton Record – February 13, 2012

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120213/A\\_NEWS/202130319](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120213/A_NEWS/202130319)

**Debate: What to Do With Searsville Dam**

ABC 7 News – February 9, 2012

[http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/assignment\\_7&id=8538368](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/assignment_7&id=8538368)

Beyond Searsville Dam comments and response to story

[http://www.beyondsearsvilledam.org/Beyond\\_Searsville\\_Dam/News/Entries/2012/2/10\\_ABC\\_7\\_Special\\_Report\\_on\\_Searsville\\_Dam.html?utm\\_source=Beyond+Searsville+Dam&utm\\_campaign=5913730079-Newsletter\\_07\\_17\\_2011&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.beyondsearsvilledam.org/Beyond_Searsville_Dam/News/Entries/2012/2/10_ABC_7_Special_Report_on_Searsville_Dam.html?utm_source=Beyond+Searsville+Dam&utm_campaign=5913730079-Newsletter_07_17_2011&utm_medium=email)

**Dammed If We Don't**

Patagonia essay by Yvonne Chouinard

[http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=67738&utm\\_source=Beyond+Searsville+Dam&utm\\_campaign=359103389c-Newsletter\\_07\\_17\\_2011&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=67738&utm_source=Beyond+Searsville+Dam&utm_campaign=359103389c-Newsletter_07_17_2011&utm_medium=email)

**America's Largest Dam Removal Under Way in the Pacific Northwest**

Audubon Magazine – Jan-Feb 2012

<http://www.audubonmagazine.org/articles/conservation/americas-largest-dam-removal-underway-pacific-northwest>

**Wild Salmon Are Not Holding Up, Study Finds**

New York Times – February 9, 2012

<http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/02/09/hatcheries-vs-wild-salmon/>

**It is Time to Restore Salmon to the San Joaquin River**

NRDC blog - February 8, 2012

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/mschmitt/it\\_is\\_time\\_to\\_restore\\_salmon\\_t.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/mschmitt/it_is_time_to_restore_salmon_t.html)

**New Scientific Report Concludes Anglo American's Pebble Mine Is Too Risky for Bristol Bay, Alaska**

Sacramento Bee – February 8, 2012

<http://www.sacbee.com/2012/02/07/4245373/new-scientific-report-concludes.html>

**Oregon Wild Sues to Secure Rogue Water for Coho Salmon**

Grants Pass Mail-Tribune – February 7, 2012

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120207/NEWS07/202070339/-1/NEWSMAP>

***California's Water Myths and Facts***

San Francisco Chronicle – February 5, 2012

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/05/INFM1N16KJ.DTL&type=green>

***Celebrated Marin County Salmon Make Their Return***

San Francisco Chronicle – February 3, 2012

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2012/02/03/MNLT1N1KQ4.DTL>

***DFG Releases Adult Coho Salmon into Sonoma County Creek***

Department of Fish and Game News – January 30, 2012

<http://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2012/01/30/dfg-releases-adult-coho-salmon-into-sonoma-county-creek/>

***NOAA to Hold Coho Salmon Recovery Meeting; Encourages Public Input On Draft Plan***

Eureka Times-Standard – January 29, 2012