

# Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

## Alameda Creek Dinner This Weekend – October 18

Join us for our quasi-annual Alameda Creek Alliance membership dinner this coming **Saturday, October 18** at [Chouinard Winery](#) in Palomares Canyon, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

**Volunteers needed!** If you can volunteer to help with set-up before the event or clean-up afterward, please contact Jeff Miller at [jeff@alamedacreek.org](mailto:jeff@alamedacreek.org).

Dinner will be provided by [Ashoka Indian Cuisine](#) in Pleasanton. The dinner menu is vegetable pakora appetizers; chicken tikka masala, chicken korma and aloo gobbi, and rice for the main course; naan (leavened bread); and gulab jaman (brown cheese balls in sugar syrup) for dessert.

Several of Chouinard's [excellent wines](#) will be for sale by the glass or bottle.

Niles singer/songwriter [Michael McNevin](#) will be playing live music at the event.

We will have some brief updates on Alameda Creek restoration initiatives.

You can buy tickets for the dinner (\$60 each) easily and securely by going to our web site ([www.alamedacreek.org](http://www.alamedacreek.org)) and clicking on "Upcoming Events."

Help us celebrate our many accomplishments and plan for the future restoration of Alameda Creek and its fisheries. Come meet and mingle with other watershed residents and the Alameda Creek Alliance staff and Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Niles Canyon Trail Meeting Tomorrow – October 14

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors and East Bay Regional Park District invite you to attend an informational meeting regarding the planning of a multi-use trail through Niles Canyon - from Niles to Sunol - as well as links to the Vargas Plateau and Bay Area Ridge Trail. The meeting will be **Tuesday, October 14**, from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Sunol Glen School, 11601 Main Street in Sunol.

This first community workshop will be an opportunity to discuss your goals, concerns and visions for the new trail. There will be three public workshops on the proposed trail. Your input will assist in developing options for further study within Niles Canyon.

## Alameda Creek in the News

[\*New Gate Opens Door for Major Development in Heart of Dublin\*](#)

Contra Costa Times – October 1, 2014

## Vote No On Union City Measure KK

Union City voters – vote no on Measure KK on the Union City ballot, to prevent unneeded development adjacent to Dry Creek Regional Park.

The Masonic Home of California is attempting to develop 63 acres of flatlands adjacent to the Masonic Home and Dry Creek Regional Park - along Mission Boulevard, from Whipple Road to O'Connell Lane. The development plan is a mix of 110 rental and for-sale homes, retail space and community facilities. Such a development is currently prohibited under the Union City Hillside Area Plan.

Masonic Home is trying to get the land re-zoned and removed from protected land through Measure KK. The developers have given their initiative the misleading title of "Union City Hillside View Protection, Parks and Senior Services Initiative" although it has nothing to do with protecting the hills or parks.

The development is a bad idea for several reasons: nearby retail and residential centers are underutilized so there is no pressing need for this development; The development is not compatible with the three adjacent historic properties (Dry Creek Regional Park and Cottage, the horse ranch and the Masonic Home); it violates the voter decision to preserve the Hillside Area - in 1996 voters already decided to not develop this area; there's nothing to stop the Masons from increasing the housing density and building even more homes once the land is rezoned; the project will increase traffic and urban runoff to Alameda Creek.

More information at Save Union City Hills <http://www.saveunioncityhills.com/>

## **November 6 - Symposium on Restoration in Alameda Creek Watershed**

The Alameda Creek Watershed Forum invites you to a symposium on November 6, ***Restoration in the Alameda Creek Watershed: Challenges and Solutions***. The symposium will be from 12:30 to 4:45 pm on November 6, at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

Restoration practitioners and watershed enthusiasts (technical staff, land and water agency planners, creek organization members, etc.) are invited to an afternoon dedicated to exploring a range of restoration issues. Topics include: Permitting, Water, Measures of Success, Plants, Long-term Management, Pathogens, Climate and more.

Details at [www.acwForum.org/calendar](http://www.acwForum.org/calendar)

## **Proposition 1 Is a \$14 Billion Scam to Give Away Our Water**

Sign the Food & Water Watch [pledge](#) to Vote No on Prop 1 - California's bad water bond.

The \$7.5 billion Proposition 1 bond measure would use taxpayer money to send more water to corporate agriculture, harm salmon runs, and saddle our state with massive debt. Proposition 1 allocates up to \$3.5 billion for dams and water transfers for corporate agribusinesses. Corporate farmers like Beverly Hills billionaire Stewart Resnick are raking in high profits despite the drought — they should not be receiving more taxpayer-subsidized water for their private benefit!

Proposition 1 would stick California with a whopping \$14.4 billion in total new debt (\$7.5 billion plus interest) by taking \$360 million per year out of our state budget for the next 40 years. The money to fund Prop 1 will come at the expense of other vital public services like education and health care.

## Regional Salmon Restoration News

[\*\*\*San Francisco Can Do Better Than Just Say No to Tuolumne Flow\*\*\*](#)

CSPA blog – October 11, 2014

[\*\*\*OSU Study: Rivers Recover Fast After Dam Removal\*\*\*](#)

KTVZ - October 8, 2014

[\*\*\*The Water Bond: A Classic David and Goliath Battle in California Politics\*\*\*](#)

Daily Kos – October 8, 2014

[\*\*\*'Ebola' Level Threat to Northern California Salmon Forces Release of More Water\*\*\*](#)

CBS – October 6, 2014

[\*\*\*Salmon Near La Grange Spawn Debate\*\*\*](#)

Turlock Bee - October 6, 2014

[\*\*\*Salmon Recovery Plan for Eel River Watershed to Examine Impact of Pot Diversions\*\*\*](#)

Willits News – October 3, 2014

[\*\*\*Court Strikes Down Environmental Review of Controversial Kern Water Bank\*\*\*](#)

Center for Biological Diversity press release - October 3, 2014

[\*\*\*California Drought Prompting Extraordinary Measures to Protect Salmon\*\*\*](#)

Sacramento Bee – October 2, 2014

[\*\*\*Salmon Update: The Fall Run Is On!\*\*\*](#)

South Yuba River Citizens League - October 2, 2014

[\*\*\*Save the American River Association: Vote No on Prop. 1!\*\*\*](#)

Indy Media - October 2, 2014

[\*\*\*Environmentalists Divided Over Water Projects\*\*\*](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - October 2, 2014

[\*\*\*Judge Rejects Agribusiness Lawsuit over Trinity River Flows\*\*\*](#)

Daily Kos – October 2, 2014

[\*\*\*Marijuana Growers Are Threat to Salmon, Biologists Conclude\*\*\*](#)

Oregon Mail-Tribune – September 30, 2014

[\*\*\*Walton Family Foundation Gave \\$9,234,866 to NGOs Backing Water Bond\*\*\*](#)

Daily Kos – September 19, 2014

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