

Up Your Creek!

The electronic newsletter of the Alameda Creek Alliance

Watch for Steelhead in Alameda Creek

With the latest series of storms, the flow in Alameda Creek is [over 1,400 cubic feet/second](#) in the flood control channel. This weekend and early next week are good times to look for adult steelhead trout in lower Alameda Creek. See our web page on [What to do if you see steelhead or salmon in Alameda Creek](#).

Join the Wildlife Scavenger Hunt in Sunol March 22-23

The Alameda Creek Alliance is organizing a BioBlitz in the Sunol region of Alameda County on the weekend of March 22-23, 2014. What is a BioBlitz? The BioBlitz is a brief biological survey attempting to record all the living species within a designated area – a wildlife scavenger hunt. Volunteers will survey with scientists and naturalists to conduct an intensive field study in Sunol Regional Wilderness and the Sunol general area.

No special expertise is required, and it's a great way to explore and learn more about our local ecology and meet other with similar interests. You can choose to go out on your own during the 2-day event to record observations, or we'll set you up to be part of an expert-guided team. We're also recruiting field biologists, naturalists and taxonomic experts to participate in the BioBlitz. More information about the BioBlitz [here](#).

Everyone who participates is invited to our wrap-up barbecue from 2-5pm on Sunday, March 23 - the final afternoon of the BioBlitz. We'll meet at a picnic area near the visitor center in Sunol Regional Wilderness to enjoy refreshments and discuss our observations and experiences.

Help Collect Signatures to Save Doolan Canyon in Dublin from Urban Sprawl

Signature collecting is now going on to qualify an open space initiative for the Dublin ballot. The Dublin Open Space Initiative of 2014 would set an urban limit line on the east side of Dublin where no city urban growth boundary now exists, protecting important wildlife habitat.

Developer Pacific Union has approached Dublin to annex Doolan Canyon and approve a 2,000-unit senior housing development on 1,450 acres in the canyon. Such a project would destroy the natural values of the area which is designated critical habitat for the California Red-legged Frog and the California Tiger Salamander. The Dublin city council responded by authorizing a general plan amendment study, the first step to annexing the property. Now is the time to protect Doolan Canyon before it's too late.

Signature collecting will take place on weekends at various locations throughout Dublin until the end of April. No previous experience is necessary. It's easy, people sign the petitions readily as they are fed up with the growth going on in Dublin now, and they thank us for doing this.

To sign up or to help in other ways, go to SaveDublinOpenSpace.org and click on the button in the upper right hand corner. For more information, contact Dick Schneider at richs59354@aol.com or by phone at (510) 926-0010.

Stonybrook Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

The Alameda County Resource Conservation District has begun environmental review for the Stonybrook Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. This project consists of fish passage improvements for two county-owned culverts under Palomares Road along lower Stonybrook Creek.

Interactive Dam Removal Map

American Rivers has launched an interactive [dam removal map](#) that shows all known dam removals in the U.S., including a few along Alameda Creek.

Regional Salmon News

[California Ocean Salmon Season Looks Promising](#)

The Fishsniffer – February 27, 2014

[Salmon Forecasts Favorable, Despite Drought Uncertainty](#)

Santa Rosa – Press-Democrat – February 26, 2014

[Federal Fish Biologists Are Right](#)

Sonoma Index-Tribune – February 25, 2014

[California Drought One More Setback for River That Runs Dry](#)

KQED – February 24, 2014

[Marin's Salmon, the Drought, and Us](#)

KQED – February 21, 2014

[Trucking Salmon to the Bay Keeps Numbers Up but Comes With a Cost](#)

Marin Independent-Journal – February 20, 2014

[Saving California's Salmon for the Long Run Will Be an Uphill Battle](#)

KCET – February 19, 2014

[As Hatchery Fish Come To Dominate Rivers on West Coast, Lawsuits Target Impacts on Wild Runs](#)

Daily Reporter – February 18, 2014

[Thousands of Steelhead Die in Pescadero Marsh](#)

Half Moon Bay review – February 10, 2014

[Why and How To Save Native Salmon During A Severe Drought](#)

California Water Blog – February 17, 2014

[California American Water Recognized as 'Company of the Year'](#)

Wall Street Journal – February 10, 2014

[Politics Cloud Water Debate](#)

Los Angeles Times – February 9, 2014

[Drought Blocking Passages to Sea for California Coho Salmon](#)

Los Angeles Times – February 9, 2014

[Group Sues California for Privatizing Massive Water Reserve](#)

CBS – February 6, 2014

[Representative Devin Nunes Versus the 'Stupid' Delta Smelt](#)

KCET – February 7, 2014

[House Passes California Drought Bill and Political Floodgates Open](#)

McClatchy News – February 5, 2014

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