



Alameda Creek Watershed Council

Goals for the Alameda Creek Watershed

Introduction

This current list of goals indicates the scope of issues that the ACWC is actively involved with. It was last reviewed and updated by Council Members in January 2008.

Flood Control and Storm Water Quality

- Provide a quality flood protection program.
- Ensure that storm water entering creeks and San Francisco Bay is of a quality that protects and supports beneficial uses.
- Reduce and maintain erosion and sediment loads at a level that supports a healthy, naturally functioning ecosystem, including native or indigenous fish.

Recreation

- Maintain/enhance existing land- and water-based recreational opportunities.
- Create additional land- and water-based recreational opportunities.
- Integrate education with recreation.
- Provide for diverse recreational experiences.
- Encourage the use of recreational facilities.

Agriculture

- Improve the economic viability of agriculture while sustaining it as a watershed land use.
- Promote land stewardship on non-urban (private and public) lands for the protection and enhancement of water-related resources while maintaining economic viability for agriculture.
- Promote public support for the working landscape through agriculture education.
- Develop a consistent and streamlined regulatory environment that protects and enhances water-related resources and sustains agriculture.

Natural Resources and Wildlife

- Conserve and enhance water-related natural resources in the watershed.
- Protect and enhance high quality, sustainable habitats that promote biodiversity.
- Promote water use in ways that protect or enhance natural resources.

Water Supply

- Make efficient use of water
- Provide adequate, high quality, reliable, and sustainable water supplies at a reasonable price throughout the region.

- Protect and enhance water resources for beneficial use in the watershed, avoiding any activity that could threaten the water supply.
- Promote appropriate reuse of water in ways that protect existing water resources and enhance the water supply.

Public Education and Outreach

The Council has identified goals in five categories that address water quality. An additional goal, public education and outreach, spans all five of these categories and is recognized as a key component of each. The informed participation of all watershed stakeholders is key to the success of watershed protection and enhancement efforts. To achieve success in reaching these goals, efforts in each category will include a strong public education and outreach component.