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## WATERSHED LOOKOUT APRIL 2022

Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

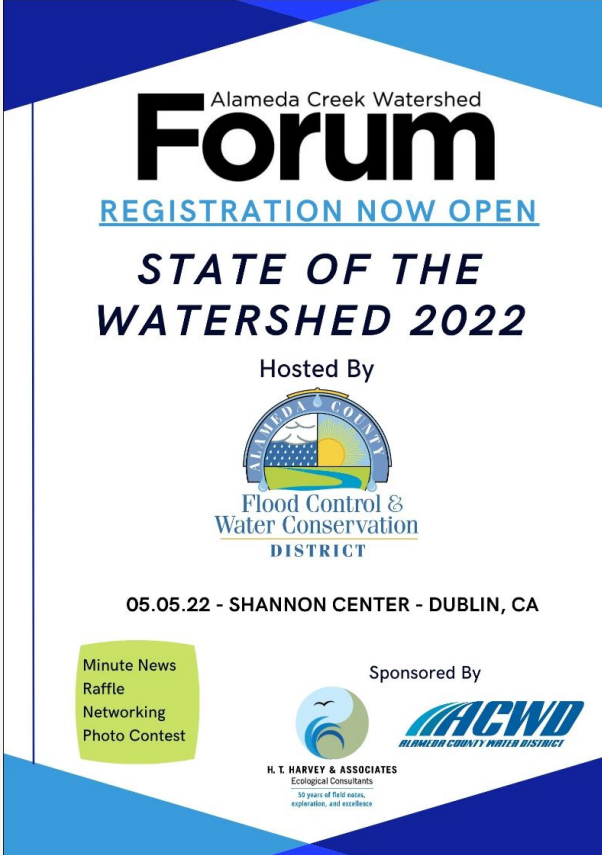
The May 5th State of the Alameda Creek Watershed Conference is less than a month away and we can't wait to see you all there! Registration is open and below you will see the fantastic presentation lineup with the newly added speaker! Check it out and [Register Today!](#)

**There are only 2 exhibitor tables left for purchase. Purchase yours on the registration site before they are gone!**

*Thank you to our conference host and sponsors!!!*


Below read through all the events happening in April and RSVP to join the festivities.

In the news: Less sea level rise for the West Coast? Read about the predications [HERE](#). Scientists are now more confident we should plan for up to a foot of sea-level rise on the Pacific Coast by 2050 than they were the last time they did the math. How will the Bay Area adapt? Read more about that [HERE](#).



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# Alameda Creek Watershed Forum

PRESENTATIONS SPONSORED BY:

## The Lower Alameda Creek Restoration Project, Sediment to the Sea

Sydney Temple P.E., Questa Engineering Corp.



## Using The Three E's to Address Illegal Dumping

Erin Armstrong, Special Assistant to Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley  
Ashley Strasburg, Constituent Liaison & Community Organizer for Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

## Contra Costa & Alameda County Regional Priority Plan: A Wildfire Protection Plan for Open Spaces & Natural Resources

Ben Weise, Agriculture Conservation Manager, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

## Fuels Management in Regional Parks: Creating Fire Resilient Parklands

Kristen Van Dam, Ecologist, EBRPD

## Water Operations & Fisheries Monitoring in Alameda & Calaveras Creeks

Randall Renn, Biologist- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

## Creekside Discoveries: Alameda Creek Public Education at Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve

Ashley Grenier, Supervising Naturalist &amp; Kristina Parkison, Naturalist, EBRPD

## Events

### April 1 - 30 Watershed Self Directed Clean Up

The Earth Day clean-up is an annual event hosted by the Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Clean Water Program, to help keep our waterways free of harmful trash by cleaning up in your neighborhoods and local natural areas.

Cleanups can be on Earth Day, April 22nd, or any day throughout the month of April and will be self-guided and close to home. Local streets, sidewalks, parks, and other natural areas are good choices.

Register today to have your efforts counted!

[RSVP by April 18](#)

### April 14 5pm-6pm Growing Food the Eco-Friendly Way

Free Webinar

Do you grow food or would like to but not sure where to start? Concerned about water use and pests? Learn how you can successfully grow an abundance of food the eco-friendly way, using water efficiently and managing pest problems without chemicals that can be harmful to water, wildlife, and even your kids and pets. For gardeners of all levels.

[RSVP](#)

### April 16, 17, 30 & May 1 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour

Join the four days of inspiration during 18th annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. It will be held over two weekends both virtually and

### April 22 & 23 Grassland Butterfly Symposium

ACRCD and the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Wildlife Society are hosting a Grassland Butterfly Symposium. The symposium will include a combination virtual lecture and optional field component.

[Register](#)

### Monday, April 25 10:00am - 12:00pm Alameda Creek Fish Passage Improvements Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Alameda County Water District is pleased to announce the completion of the Lower Alameda Creek Fish Passage Improvements Program after more than two decades of coordination, planning and construction of seven fish passage and water supply projects.

Join ACWD for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate this program that represents our commitment to balancing the water supply needs of the people of Fremont, Newark and Union City while protecting the environment and wildlife.

Guests can also tour the completed fish passage facility featuring state-of-the-art fish screens and ladders.

[RSVP by April 18](#)

### April 25 12:00pm Picnic for ACA Streamkeepers & Volunteers

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance for a spring picnic to discuss our upcoming volunteer activities, including fish monitoring. At Niles Community Park, starting at noon on April 25, after the ACWD fish ladder ceremony. More info soon. Please RSVP to [jeff@alamedacreek.org](mailto:jeff@alamedacreek.org)

in-person. The in-person tours will feature nearby on beautiful bird- and butterfly-friendly gardens at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. In addition to the native plant gardens, about a dozen homes with green home features will be showcased.

[Register](#)

### Saturday, April 23 9:00am - 12:00pm Earth Day Clean Up of the Castro Valley Creek Trail

The Alameda County Unincorporated Area's Clean Water Program is hosting an Earth Day cleanup of the Castro Valley Creek Trail in collaboration with the Castro Valley Sanitary District and the Friends of San Lorenzo Creek.

Space is limited, so register today!

[Register by April 14](#)

### Now - May 1 Sunol Wilderness Wildflower Season

Each year from about the end of March to the beginning of May, a rich diversity of wildflowers bloom in Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve and the Ohlone Wilderness. Experience the season here through videos, printable activities and guides, and check out our [Activity Guide](#) for Naturalist guided virtual and in-person programs. Visit us on the Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve Facebook page for more. Enjoy the season!



*Hosting an event?  
so email details to [Allison Rodacker](#)*

### Sunday, May 1 7:00am - 2:00pm Niles Canyon Stroll & Roll

The Niles Canyon Stroll & Roll is a biennial event where Highway 84/Niles Canyon Road is closed to vehicular traffic. This is an opportunity for people to walk and bike safely through the canyon with their friends and family. More information is [HERE](#).

## TOOLBOX

Remember to take advantage of these water rebates to help reach the mandated 15% water conservation goal.

1. <https://www.zone7water.com/rebate-programs>
2. <https://www.acwd.org/145/Rebates>
3. SFPUC Guide

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE ENTRIES! THE CONTEST IS NOW CLOSED.**



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SHOW US YOUR VIEW OF THE  
ALAMEDA CREEK WATERSHED!

**ACWFORUM  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
CONTEST**

The photo contest aims to showcase the expansive and diverse Alameda Creek Watershed and generates original photographs for use by the acwForum. Photographs must be taken within the [Alameda Creek Watershed borders](#) and can capture any aspect of the watershed including creeks, lakes, wetlands, landscapes, plants, and animals. **Photos must be taken on public property unless written approval is given by the landowner for access to privately owned lands.**

*Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place & People's Choice!*

**All entries must be emailed by  
Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Questions? Email  
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