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WATERSHED LOOKOUT DECEMBER 2022



Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

On December 1st the California Coastal Commission released the [2022 recap report](#). The annual litter cleanup efforts by many groups in the Alameda Creek Watershed contributed to these impactful results!

The Toolbox has new additions. Make sure to take a look at those resources, and if you are looking to volunteer this month, there are two opportunities below.

Finally, we are excited to share the Alameda Creek Alliance and CalTrout volunteer fish monitoring program information and look forward to hearing about those results in the spring.

Wishing this wonderful collaborative group a Happy Holidays!

**Share your watershed news by
emailing allison.rodacker@acrcd.org today!**

EVENTS

Saturday, December 17 9:00am - 12:00pm Living Arroyos Volunteer Day

Become a steward of an urban stream and learn about your local watershed! December's volunteer litter cleanup and beautification project is at the Stanley Reach in Livermore. Register to volunteer below.

On November 19th, 31 volunteers, removed 490 gallons of trash from Dublin Creek for the City of Dublin. Thank you to each and everyone of those volunteers!

[Register](#)

Friday, December 16 8:00am - 3:45pm Christmas Bird Count

The 14th annual Eastern Alameda County Christmas bird count will be held on Friday, December 16, 2022. Birders and volunteers with any level of experience can participate in the Christmas Bird Count. To participate please send an email to eac.cbc@gmail.com.

The Christmas Bird Count is an annual nationwide volunteer-based bird survey effort coordinated by the Audubon Society to promote bird conservation and assess long-term trends in winter bird populations. The 15 mile radius count circle is in the vicinity of the towns of Sunol, Pleasanton and Livermore, and includes five East Bay Regional Parks, significant SFPUC watershed lands, and East Bay birding hotspots such as lower Mines Road, Sunol Wilderness, and Sycamore Grove Park. [Learn more about the bird count here.](#)

ALAMEDA CREEK STREAM KEEPER PROGRAM LAUNCHES TO MONITOR SALMON.





The Alameda Creek Alliance and CalTrout have launched a volunteer fish monitoring program for the Alameda Creek watershed. Now that Chinook salmon and steelhead trout will be able to access the watershed for the first time in more than half a century, we will be monitoring for adult fish this fall and winter. Newly trained volunteers will be regularly monitoring through visual observations of fish and spawning beds throughout different reaches of the creek. The volunteer effort will focus on areas that are not currently covered by regular agency fish monitoring and will fill in geographical gaps in the watershed. This monitoring work is crucial to inform future restoration efforts along the creek and to deter poachers.

The volunteer monitoring effort is assisted by the East Bay Regional Park District and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and coordinated with agency fish monitoring programs by the Alameda County Water District and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you to the 75 volunteers signed up for salmon and steelhead monitoring!

TOOLBOX

Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Explore Watersheds Website and KMZ files for Google Earth Pro

<https://acfloodcontrol.org/the-work-we-do/resources/>

Our Water Our World provides information about effective [eco-friendly pest control](#).

Restoration Grant Opportunities

[The California Department of Fish and Wildlife \(CDFW\)](#) is excited to announce new funding opportunities for multi-benefit ecosystem restoration and protection projects through the Watershed Restoration Grants Branch. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

The Water Education Foundation's [Online Water Encyclopedia](#) contains vetted information about the places, people and topics key to water in the West from an objective source.

StopWaste Online Guide to Lawn Conversion. Reduce your landscape water use *and* build soil health. <https://www.lawntogarden.org/>

[SFPUC Rebates](#)

[Zone 7 Rebates](#)

[ACWD Rebates](#)

NOW HIRING

[Stillwater Sciences](#)

Two positions open in Berkeley.
Director of People & Culture and
Environmental Engineer.

[East Bay Regional Parks District](#)

Ecological Services Coordinator
This position will be focused on
identifying and solving water quality
issues and management of water
resources to ensure safe recreational use
and enhancement of natural habitat
function.

Alameda Creek Watershed
Forum

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The acwForum's mission is to protect and enhance water-related beneficial uses and resources in the Alameda Creek Watershed in order to create a healthy and sustainable watershed for the community. The acwForum will promote collaboration and the sharing of information among all stakeholders.

You have received this message because of your interest and relationship with Alameda Creek Watershed Forum (acwForum). The monthly e-News will provide you updates of events, news and activities related to the acwForum, whose mission is to protect and enhance water-related beneficial uses and resources in the Alameda Creek watershed in order to create a healthy and sustainable watershed for the community.

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