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WATERSHED LOOKOUT MARCH 2022

Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

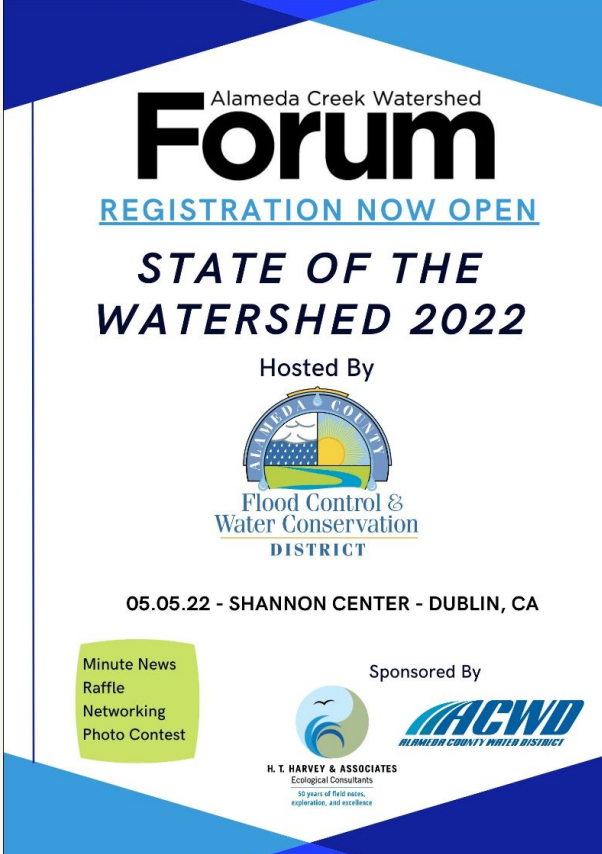
We are excited to announce that the May 5th State of the Alameda Creek Watershed Conference registration is now open and below you will see the fantastic presentation lineup! [Register Today!](#) **There are a limited number of exhibitor tables available for purchase on the registration site.**


The 2022 Photo Contest is in full swing! Please click [HERE](#) for the rules and instructions. We can't wait to see your view of the Alameda Creek Watershed!

Thank you to our conference host and sponsors!!!


The March 1st Statewide Snowpack data was measured. Read the results [HERE](#). How will these results affect the rest of the year in the Alameda Creek Watershed? Write us to let us know how your organization is preparing.

In May 2021 the acwForum hosted a webinar about horizontal levees. Read about this project inspiring others [HERE](#).



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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 & Kristina Parkison, Naturalist, EBRPD

*Additional presentations announced soon...

Events

Saturday, March 5 & March 26 9:00am - 12:00pm Living Arroyos Volunteer Days

Volunteer to remove invasive species from the Arroyo Mocho at the Stanley Reach and from Arroyo Las Positas.

[Register March 5](#)

[Register March 26](#)

Thursday, March 10 5:00pm - 6:00pm Soil Basics

Beautiful, pest-free gardens start in the soil. Learn why healthy soil is beneficial for the growth of your plants, reduction of pests, and the water efficiency of your garden. We will show you how to build & maintain nutrient rich soil whether you're starting with a bare lot or a mature garden. This class is free and for all levels of gardeners.

[Register](#)

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 in-person. The in-person tours will feature nearly [50 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, March 12 9:00am - 12:00pm

LEAF GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAY

Join LEAF as we tackle projects that would benefit from group participation like filling in a compost heap or replenishing mulch in our Food Gardens. We will meet at **LEAF C.R. Stone Garden** (behind Mission Valley Veterinary Clinic) at **55 Mowry Avenue near Mission Blvd in Fremont**. A LEAF [volunteer agreement](#) must be completed for your participation. Signed forms can be sent prior to your arrival via email to volunteers.fremontleaf@gmail.com or can be handed in when you arrive.

April 22 & 23 Grasslands 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. [Registration opens March 7th.](#)



**HOSTING AN
EARTH DAY EVENT?**

*We want to know about it
so email details to [Allison Rodacker](#)*

PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE

FRIDAY, APRIL 1



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SHOW US YOUR VIEW OF THE ALAMEDA CREEK WATERSHED!

ACWFORUM PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

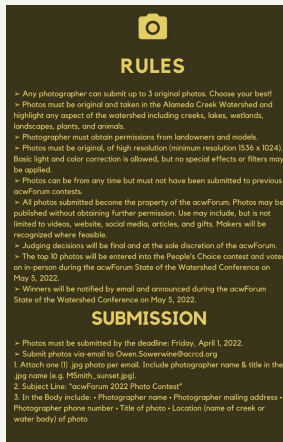
The photo contest aims to showcase the expansive and diverse Alameda Creek Watershed and generate original photographs for use by the acwForum. Photographs must be taken within the Alameda Creek Watershed borders and can capture any aspect of the watershed including creeks, lakes, wetlands, landscapes,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

Photos will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place & People's Choice!

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

Questions? Email: Owen.Sowers@acwd.org

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RULES

- Any photographer can submit up to 3 original photos. Choose your best!
- Photos must be original and taken in the Alameda Creek Watershed and highlight any aspect of the watershed including creeks, lakes, wetlands, landscapes, plants, and animals.
- Photographer must obtain permissions from landowners and models.
- Photos must be original, of high resolution (minimum resolution 1536 x 1024). Basic light and color correction is allowed, but no special effects or filters may be applied.
- Photos can be from any time but must not have been submitted to previous acwForum contests.
- All photos submitted become the property of the acwForum. Photos may be published without allowing further permission. Use may include, but is not limited to videos, website, social media, articles, and gifts. Makers will be recognized where feasible.
- Judging decisions will be final and at the sole discretion of the acwForum.
- The top 10 photos will be entered into the People's Choice contest and voted on in-person during the acwForum State of the Watershed Conference on May 5, 2022.
- Winners will be notified by email and announced during the acwForum State of the Watershed Conference on May 5, 2022.

SUBMISSION

- Photos must be submitted by the deadline: Friday, April 1, 2022.
- Submit photos via-email to Owen.Sowers@acwd.org
- Attach one (1) jpg photo per email. Include photographer name & title in the jpg name (e.g. "Helen.Laurel.jpg").
- Subject Line: "acwForum 2022 Photo Contest"
- In the Body include - Photographer name - Photographer mailing address - Photographer phone number - Title of photo - Location (name of creek or water body) of photo.

TOOLBOX

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

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

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Click on the logo to view events and past newsletters.

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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