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WATERSHED LOOKOUT
SEPTEMBER 2021

**PROTECT
YOUR
HAPPY
PLACE**

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**SEPT.
18TH
AND
SELF-GUIDED
CLEANUPS
ALL
MONTH
LONG**

Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

September marks the 37th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day (Month). Both in-person and individual clean up events are scheduled - sign up to volunteer! Save the date for conferences happening in October. Welcome our new acwForum Steering Committee member and check out the Toolbox for the newly created Collaborative Water Management Guidebook.

Finally, we plan to host a **Spring 2022 photo contest**, so start (or continue) taking photographs of your work or time spent in the Alameda Creek Watershed!

Events

**Thursday, September 9
4pm
Fall Gardening Essentials
Webinar**

Want to learn why fall is the best time to plant? We'll share how to keep your home and garden pest free (no ants, rats or mice!) and ways to prepare your fall garden for an abundant rainy season. This free gardening webinar is part of a series sponsored by the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program. Space is limited.

[Register](#)

**Saturdays in September
Anytime
Coastal Cleanup Month**

Help clean the beach by cleaning up in your neighborhoods and local natural areas. The Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Clean Water Program is supporting volunteers for the 37th annual California Coastal Cleanup effort any day and time during September that works for you! Learn more [HERE](#).

[Register](#)

**Thursday, September 9
Bay Delta Virtual Tour**

This virtual tour takes participants to the heart of California water policy—the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay.

**Saturday, September 18
9:00am - 12pm
Coastal Cleanup Day with the
Clean Water Volunteers**

Be part of the 37th annual Coastal Cleanup Day at the Castro Valley Creek Trail! Volunteers* will participate in a litter pickup

[Register](#)

Saturday, September 11
9:45am - 1pm
Carlos Bee Park Clean Up
& Water Testing Demo

The Clean Water Volunteers and the Hayward Area Parks & Recreation (H.A.R.D.) Volunteers in the Park (VIP) have partnered to help clean up and beautify this park. There will also be a water testing demonstration. For more information click [HERE](#).

[Register](#)

along the creek trail and beautify the trail starting from the Castro Valley Library to Castro Valley Creek Blvd. Learn more and register below.

[Register](#)



*Are you hosting an event in
October/November?
Let us know!
[Allison Rodacker](#)*

October Conferences

Friday, October 1
State of the San Francisco Estuary Summit

The Estuary Partnership will be holding a free, fully virtual, one-day State of the Estuary “Summit” that spotlights environmental justice, community engagement, and climate resilience, amongst other critical and timely topics. Registration will open soon. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Wednesday, October 6 & Thursday, October 7
CASQA 2021 Virtual Conference
Recovery & Resilience: Achieving Sustainable Stormwater Management

The CASQA Annual Conference includes multi-track conference thematic sessions including 78 technical presentations, 8 panels, and 5 training workshops, as well as information about the Plenary Session, Poster Hall, Exhibit Hall and Networking Events. ****Monday, Sep 13, 2021: Early registration discount ends**** Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Welcome new Steering Committee Member
Joe Sullivan, EBRPD

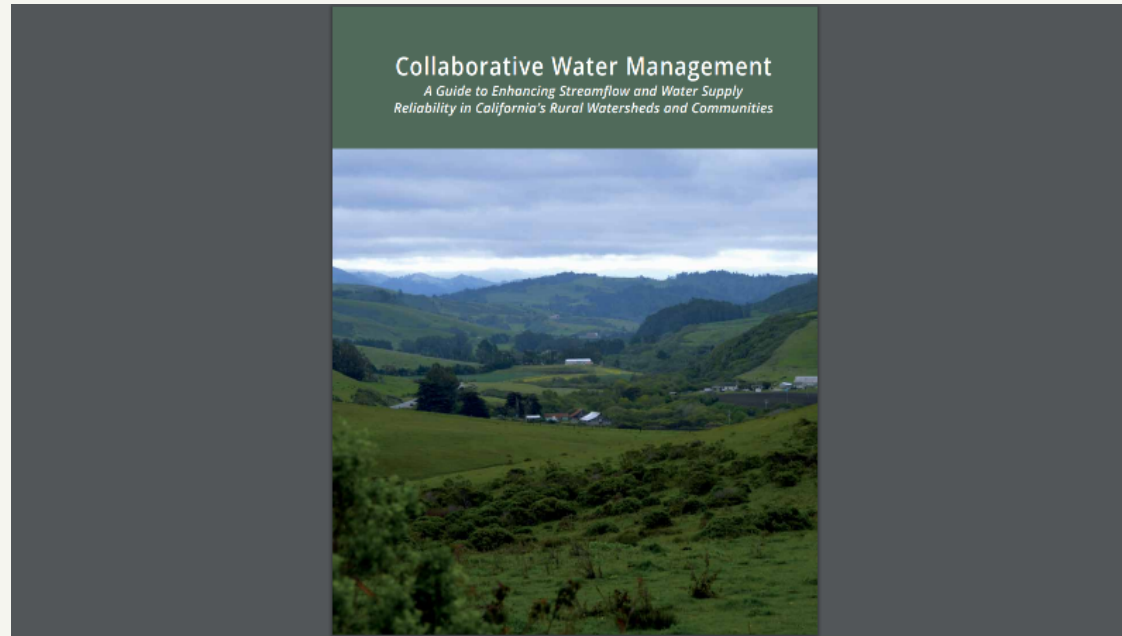


Please welcome the newest acwForum Steering Committee member, Joe Sullivan!

Joe serves as the Fisheries Program Manager for East Bay Regional Parks District and has held the position for 10 years. When asked about his favorite project in the Alameda Creek watershed, he says, “rescuing steelhead that migrate to the BART weir, but can’t go further upstream. We attach radio transmitters, move them upstream and follow their migration path to their spawning locations.”

We are thankful for his willingness to represent EBRPD on the acwForum Steering Committee and for all our Steering Committee members! This group is currently planning the Spring 2022 State of the Alameda Creek Watershed Conference. Stay tuned for details!

TOOLBOX



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Collaborative Water Management Guidebook

The Nature Conservancy, Salmonid Restoration Federation, and Alford Ecological have produced a [Collaborative Water Management Guide](#) to *Enhancing Streamflow and Water Supply Reliability in California's Rural Watersheds and Communities*.

This guidebook outlines the framework for collaborative water management planning that is designed for restoration practitioners, project proponents, and stakeholders interested in sustainably managing limited water resources. Topics include water availability and flow data analysis, communication strategies, water transactions and community-based

prioritization efforts. This guide is informed by successful flow enhancement case studies and initiatives like the California Environmental Flow Framework and the Salmon Habitat and Restoration Prioritization process. The goal of the guidebook is to amplify our collective streamflow enhancement efforts in watersheds experiencing extended dry seasons and insufficient water supplies.

HELP TO REDUCE WATER USEAGE BY 15%

- Zone 7 has launched a new [Conservation Rebate Programs website](#). For more water saving tips visit the [Water Wise Wendy page](#).
- SFPUC is offering free water wise phone consultations to customers along with water saving devices and DIY leak detection how-to guides. Find all that information [here](#).
- ACWD is offering rebates, conservation kits and more [here](#). You can also watch the past Landscape workshop presentations [here](#). Read the recent [Drought Edition](#) newsletter for comprehensive information and FAQ's.
- The Watershed Education Foundation's All Things Drought page is [here](#).

The informed participation of all watershed stakeholders (YOU) is key to the success of watershed protection and enhancement efforts.



LOOKING FOR FALL PROJECT UPDATES, EVENTS & PLANS!

Please reply to this email or send a direct message to [Allison Rodacker](#) to share the good work you are doing. It can be one sentence, paragraph, link or press release with pictures by September 24th.



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. The acwForum will promote collaboration and the sharing of information among all stakeholders.

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