

WATERSHED LOOKOUT SEPTEMBER 2022



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Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

Labor Day is forecast to be hot and talk of drought is all around us. Below are tools from our water agencies to help conserve water, one hands-on learning event, along with Alameda Creek Alliance's 25th anniversary party, the 38th annual Coastal Cleanup Day, announcements, job openings, and a request for help - have you observed fill kills?



We are here to share your stories, project updates and events happening in the Alameda Creek Watershed!
Email allison.rodacker@acred.org with your news today!

EVENTS

Saturday, September 3 11am - 12pm Growing California Native Plants

Join the UC Master Gardeners at the Quarry Lakes Demo Garden for a talk on native plants that are wired to thrive in your soil and in your climate without adding fertilizers, soil amendments, pesticides, or copious amounts of precious water. And they support local pollinators!

[Register](#)

Saturday, September 17 9am - 12pm Coastal Cleanup with Living Arroyos

Join Living Arroyos at one of their four Livermore locations for the Creeks to Bay Clean-up. These events are a part of the statewide Coastal Clean-up Day. Click below to view locations and register.

[Information & Registration](#)

Saturday, September 17 9am - 12pm Coastal Cleanup Day

Join the Clean Water Volunteers for the 38th annual Coastal Cleanup Day at the Castro Valley Creek Trail! This effort is part of the statewide Coastal Cleanup Day and is made possible by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water

Sunday, September 25 10am - 1pm

Lawn to Garden Learning Party

Zone 7 is partnering with StopWaste to help transform a Pleasanton resident's lawn into a water-wise garden! This free event is a great opportunity to get hands-on experience with removing a lawn with the sheet mulching method. Can't make this event but still interest in lawn conversion? See information below in our "Toolbox."

[Information & Registration](#)

Saturday, October 1 9:00am - 12:00pm Living Arroyos Volunteer Day

Become a steward of an urban stream and learn about your local watershed! October's volunteer day will be focused on removing trash from the Arroyo Mocho at the Stanley Reach. Register to volunteer below.

[Information & Registration](#)

Tuesday, October 18 8:00am - 3:45pm Central Coast Rangeland Coalition Fall Meeting & Workshop

Calling all ranchers, land managers, scientists, educators, regulators, and conservation professionals. Please join the CCRC to learn the steps taken to achieve pond restoration work – including planning, partnership, permitting, implementation, monitoring, and feasibility. You will hear panelists' perspectives about their roles in pond maintenance as ranchers, regulators, and

[Information & Registration](#)

Saturday, September 24
2pm - 6pm
It's a Party!

Join the Alameda Creek Alliance for our 25th anniversary. We will commemorate the recent completion of fish ladders in the lower creek and a quarter century of restoration progress on Alameda Creek. Join us for an afternoon of wine tasting and an early dinner at Westover Winery.

[Information & Tickets](#)[Register](#)

BARBARA SILVA RETIRES



Barbara Silva has been a long standing active member of the acwForum Steering Committee and will be missed! Barbara retired at the beginning of the summer after 22 years with the City of Fremont. When asked about her favorite Alameda Creek Watershed project she said, "My all time favorite project, while it is just outside the Alameda Creek Watershed, is the Sabercat Historical Park. In 2008, the City was awarded a 1.2 million dollar grant from the California River Parkways Grant Program. This project provided public access, ADA access, an underpass trail connector below Paseo Padre Parkway to connect two existing trail segments, and biotechnical bank stabilization including native planting and removal of exotics."

We are wishing Barbara more time outdoors in the watershed!

**LIVING
ARROYOS**

We're excited to announce that the [Living Arroyos program](#) has joined the Alameda County Resource Conservation District. Living Arroyos is a multi-agency partnership to enhance and maintain the urban streams and streamside habitats of the Livermore-Amador valley, while continuing to protect drinking water supplies and prevent flooding. The program relies on the support and participation of the community to create beautiful, safe, natural areas that serve the needs of people and other living things. Please join us at one of our community workdays as we rebuild our urban streams from the ground up!

ACTION REQUESTED



San Francisco Bay is experiencing a harmful algal bloom (HAB) of *Heterosigma akashiwo*, an organism that has caused fish kills in other estuaries. While fish mortality events were not observed during this event's early stages, fish-kill reports began emerging around August 22nd, shared by researchers studying the bloom and Bay Area residents.

To assess the HAB event's impacts on Bay wildlife, documentation of fish mortality is urgently needed over the coming days and weeks. However, the Bay's size makes data-gathering a daunting challenge – one that calls for an 'all-hands' approach. Visit the [SFEI website](#) to read about how you can help now.

TOOLBOX



The Tri-Valley Water Partners have launched www.trivalleywater.org, a **new website focused on the region's water supply reliability**. The partners are a collaborative effort between the Tri-Valley's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7), and local water retailers California Water Service (Cal Water), the City of Livermore, the City of Pleasanton, and Dublin San Ramon Services District. The website will educate users about their water's journey to homes and businesses. The site also covers water supply challenges, and potential solutions. Visit the website and [watch this video](#) for more information.

[Bay Nature: A Former National Parks Director's Guide to Not Wasting Your Precious Greywater](#)

[Watershed Education Foundation posts a collection of top water news from around California and the West compiled each weekday.](#)

The **City of Livermore** is now offering its residents [free recycled water](#), which can be used for hand watering landscaping at residential properties. Using this fill station allows residents to reduce the amount of drinking water they use for irrigation during our current drought.

[SFPUC Rebates](#)

[Zone 7 Rebates](#)

Can't make the 9/25 Lawn to Garden Party (see Events, above) but still interested in lawn conversion? StopWaste has a comprehensive online guide to lawn conversion with sheet-mulching. Reduce your landscape water use *and* build soil health. <https://www.lawntogarden.org/>

NOW HIRING

[Swain Biological](#)

Mid to Senior Level Biologists

[Kids for the Bay](#)

Program Manager Environmental Educator

[City of Fremont](#)

Environmental Specialist II
Urban Runoff/Stormwater

Forum

Alameda Creek Watershed

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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