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WATERSHED LOOKOUT JUNE 2021



Photo: Students Learning in the Alameda Creek Watershed

Dear acwForum stakeholders, partners and friends,

Welcome to a very dry June, a time when public education and outreach become important tools for the Alameda Creek watershed protectors. Read on to learn about the Earth Team's high school internship program as the conclusion to the acwForum strategic goal series. June also marks California's Invasive Species Action Week beginning on Saturday, June 5th. Visit the [CDFW webpage](#) to find out how you can participate. Continue to stay up to date on statewide drought conditions with the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#) map. East Bay Regional Parks 2021 community survey is waiting for your participation [here](#). Finally, remember to **reply now** to share any events, project updates or watershed photos you or your organization have.

If you missed the two May ACWD webinars, you may view them anytime.

Click on the links below to start learning.

1. [Restore Our Earth, One Native Plant At A Time](#)
2. [Prepare to Irrigate Efficiently This Summer](#)

View the recordings for these webinars and other past Alameda County Water District landscape workshops on their [website](#).

Events

Sunday, June 6, 11:00am - 12pm

Water Efficient Gardening:
sponsored by UC Master Gardener
Program of Alameda County

Register

Saturday, June 19, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Watering with Drip Irrigation:
sponsored by UC Master Gardener
Program of Alameda County

Register

Saturday, June 26, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Edible Gardening Basics: presented
by the Alameda Free Library. For more
information click [here](#).



*Are you hosting an event in July?
Make sure to let us know by
replying to this email or sending a
direct message to [Allison Rodacker](#).*

Sundays June 6 and 13, 10:00am -
2:00pm

Green Home Tour—Join garden tour
host Kathy Kramer and electrification
advocate Amy Kiser for the first annual
free virtual Green Home Tour, which will
take place on two Sundays in June. Learn
how you can save money and time, and
improve your health by greening your
home.

Register

Click on the logo to view events and past newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE

2021 STATE OF THE ESTUARY CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21, 2021

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership has decided to proceed with a truncated version of the conference with a free, one-day, virtual Summit.

The Summit will explore timely and important topics including climate adaption planning, regional restoration and reatriation efforts, and environmental justice and community engagement.

Watershed Goal 6: Education & Outreach

June brings us to our sixth and final acwForum goal of public education and outreach, which is a key component of the five previously showcased categories (flood control and storm water quality, recreation, agriculture, natural resources and wildlife, and water supply). One organization doing education and outreach well in the Alameda Creek watershed is Earth Team.

Earth Team was founded 26 years ago, with the mission of empowering urban youth to become lifelong environmental stewards through experiential education, skills development, and the building of community connections. Earth Team is committed to delivering quality service-learning projects by

partnering with local educational, environmental and government organizations. Participating students think globally by using the vast amount of information available in the 21st century, connect regionally by working with students from other nearby communities, and act locally in community based projects. In recent years, Earth Team's Sustainable Youth Internship Program has employed hundreds of Alameda County high school youth in year-long watershed restoration and environmental careers training programs.

The focus of Earth Team's work in Alameda County is watershed restoration and clean water education, specifically litter reduction and water contamination testing. Interns from Skyline High School, Oakland Tech High School, Arroyo High School, San Lorenzo High School, Castro Valley High School and more have worked with trained staff and community partners to quantify and address issues of watershed pollution throughout the county. Students test water for pH, dissolved oxygen, phosphate and nitrate levels and more. They map litter along creek banks and shorelines and around litter hotspots, or high density areas, to understand sources and distribution of litter pollution by type. Action projects utilize data collected to determine the most effective outreach and restoration efforts, and often include campus education, invasive species removal and other restoration activities.

Earth Team plans to continue working with Alameda County public high schools in coming years to provide paid opportunities to local youth, preparing them for post-secondary education and employment in green fields. For more information on Earth Team's programs and specific projects, please visit their [website](#).



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



WHAT ARE YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON THIS SUMMER?

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 June 25th.

Know someone interested in conservation between the ages of 18-28? Applications for the paid 10-and-a-half-month Watershed Stewards Program in partnership with Ameri-Corps are due June 30, 2021. For information and to apply, please visit the [California Conservations Corps website](#).



The Alameda County Clean Water Program hosted its annual Earth Day clean-up event from April 22 - April 30, 2021. The clean-up effort followed the Coastal Commission's COVID model of cleaning up around your own home, neighborhood and local green spaces. Volunteers registered for the event and were given safety protocols and best practices to follow. 42 volunteers registered with additional volunteers participating in clean up pods. From those who reported their efforts, 18 various sized bags of trash were picked up mostly around Hayward and San Leandro.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

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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