

**Alameda Creek Watershed Council
Meeting Summary of April 22, 2010
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The Alameda Creek Watershed Council (Council) met on April 22, 2010 from 12:20-12:45 pm at 2500 Stanley Blvd. at the Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreational Area in Pleasanton. A field trip followed the meeting. Attendees: Rich Cimino, Ohlone Audubon Society; Dick Quigley, Zone 7 Board President; Pamela Lung, City of Livermore; Barbara Silva, City of Fremont; Carla Schultheis, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Dale Hopkins, Regional Water Quality Control Board; Evan Buckley, ACWD; Carol Mahoney, Zone 7; Cindy Angers, Friends of the Arroyos; Amy Evans, Cynthia Butler, Leslie Koenig, Alameda County Resource Conservation District; Terry Huff and Katie Bergmann, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ralph Johnson and Sharon Gosselin, Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (ACFC&WCD); David Lunn, Fred Jarvis, ACFC&WCD consultant. *Six additional watershed stakeholders attended whose names were not recorded.*

Note: name in italics/parenthesis indicates who is following up on this item

I. Summary of Updates Provided

1. Heard that the 2009 Alameda Creek Watershed Council Annual Report is now available on the website <http://www.acrcd.org/Watershed-Council/About.aspx>
2. The San Francisco Public Utility Commission (*or ACFC&WCD?*) has executed a contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) for SFEI to identify sediment sources in Sinbad and Stoney Brook Creeks.
3. Amy Evans led an Earth Day clean-up of the Council-sponsored adopt a spot stretch of Alameda Creek in Niles.

II. Upcoming Meetings and Projects

1. The next meeting will be held on June 24. *Leslie Koenig* will check with Robin Grossinger from SFEI about whether it would be a good time to have an update on the historical ecology project. It was suggested that the June meeting also include time to hear about other projects, not just Council projects. Interest was also expressed in stormwater harvesting and reuse.
2. Preference was expressed for having the salt marsh meeting and visit in August instead of June.
3. The annual conference will be held in October at the new library in Castro Valley.
4. The watershed map for the City of Livermore is progressing, and Janet Sowers is developing this map.

III. Field Trip Held Following the Council Meeting

1. **Shadow Cliffs Recreational Area.** East Bay Regional Park District staff led the field trip of the park. Anne Rivoire, Park Planner, described the work to develop a land use plan that focuses on Remillard Marsh at the western end of the property. The plan includes regrading to improve and enhance the existing marsh and form a grass transition to Stanley Blvd. The draft land use plan will be available for comment this summer. Funding to implement the plan is currently unavailable. Dave Riensche, Wildlife Resource Analyst, described the ecological value of maintaining habitat along Arroyo del Valle. Pete Alexander, Fisheries Program Manager, described some of the valuable fisheries available in the lake and in the Arroyo del Valle. Most of the bass fishing in the arroyo is catch and release.
2. **Granada Native Gardens and Arroyo Mocho.** Cindy Angers and Rick Camacho led the visit to the Granada Native Gardens. The gardens were developed by Friends of the Arroyos in 2003. Controlling the growth of weeds at the gardens is an ongoing challenge. One of the weed control methods being used is sheet mulching, which is described in the Bay Friendly Landscaping Guide.
Carol Mahoney described Zone 7's interest in overcoming a steelhead passage barrier at the railroad bridge just downstream of Stanley Blvd. The property where the barrier exists is not

owned by Zone 7. A lot of the waterflow in Arroyo Mocho is imported water from the State Water Project; the water is used for groundwater recharge.