

The View Upstream

Perspectives on the Alameda Creek Watershed: Resources, Restoration and Resilience from Bay to Ridge – and Beyond

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Shannon Community Center, 11600 Shannon Ave, Dublin, CA 94568

9:00	Registration, coffee		
9:30	WELCOME	Elke Rank Ralph Johnson	Associate Water Resources Planner, Zone 7 Water Agency; Chair, Alameda Creek Watershed Council Retired Civil Engineer; Vice Chair, Alameda Creek Watershed Council
10:00	Keeping our heads above water: Sea level rise adaptation at the Corte Madera Baylands Baylands provide the first line of defense against coastal flooding along the San Francisco Bay shoreline, yet are vulnerable to sea level rise. This project sheds new light on the flood protection benefits baylands provide, and the management measures that could be used to proactively improve their resilience to maintain this and other key ecosystem services.	Sarah Richmond	P.G., Coastal Planner, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
10:20	South Bay Salt Pond Restoration: Updates at Eden Landing The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is the largest tidal wetland restoration project on the West Coast. When complete, the project will restore 15,100 acres of industrial salt ponds to a rich mosaic of tidal wetlands and other habitats. This presentation will provide an update of projects completed and in planning for the Eden Landing complex.	John Bourgeois	Executive Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy
10:50	Flood Control 2.0 Rethinking flood management in the Bay Area to achieve multiple objectives.	Caitlin Sweeney	Senior Planner, San Francisco Estuary Partnership
11:00	BREAK (15 minutes)		
11:15	Alameda Creek Watershed Center, Sunol Update on the design and schedule for the construction of the Alameda Creek Watershed Center in Sunol.	Carla Schultheis	Watershed and Environmental Improvement Program Coordinator, SFPUC
11:40	Living Arroyos Partnership A riparian enhancement program involving a public-private partnership among City of Livermore, Zone 7 Water Agency, and Urban Creeks Council.	Carol Mahoney Phil Stevens	Integrated Planning Manager, Zone 7 Water Agency Executive Director, Urban Creeks Council
12:05	www.acwForum.org An introduction to the new acwForum website.	Haley Burgardt	Resource Conservationist, Alameda County RCD
12:20	LUNCH (45 minutes)		
12:45	Interpretive Creek Walk	Herma Lichtenstein	City of Dublin
1:05	Forum Highlights Round-robin updates from Alameda Creek Watershed stakeholders.	Ian Howell	Resource Conservationist, Alameda County RCD
2:05	Steelhead in the Alameda Creek Watershed: A Look Ahead Many important projects will be implemented in the next several years providing steelhead access to Alameda Creek habitat and improving its quality. This presentation summarizes the opportunities and challenges that await the first steelhead to visit the watershed in decades.	Gordon Becker	Senior Scientist, CEMAR
2:20	BREAK (15 minutes)		
2:35	Green Infrastructure: Preventing Stormwater Pollution Around the Bay Jennifer Krebs will provide information on Green Infrastructure Projects that have been built, or are funded to be built shortly, to address stormwater pollution concerns. The role of multi-agency partnerships and identifying appropriate funding sources for such efforts will be highlighted.	Jennifer Krebs	Principal Environmental Planner, San Francisco Estuary Partnership
3:00	Coping with Changing Climate and Land Use in the Alameda Creek Watershed Climate change is threatening water supply and landscapes throughout California. Developing strategies to increase watershed resiliency and mitigate carbon emissions requires an understanding of the response of watersheds to changes in climate and the relative impacts of land use on hydrology and landscapes.	Lorraine Flint	Research Hydrologist, U.S. Geological Survey
3:25	CLOSING REMARKS	Elke Rank	Associate Water Resources Planner, Zone 7 Water Agency; Chair, Alameda Creek Watershed Council

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A Partnership in Transition...

The watershed's stakeholders have been working together as the Alameda Creek Watershed Council (ACWC) since 2007, and are currently re-branding as the new acwForum. While the Council's website continues to operate at www.acrcd.org/WatershedCouncil.aspx, our new website, www.acwforum.org, will host the most current information about ACWC and the acwForum.

Mission Statement

The Alameda Creek Watershed Council's mission and that of the acwForum 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 Council will promote collaboration and the sharing of information among all stakeholders.

Stayed Tuned for the acwForum Summer 2014 Symposium!

In late Summer 2014 acwForum will hold its next technical symposium - *Monitoring, Modeling and Measuring: Technical tools in use and for consideration in Alameda Creek Watershed*. acwForum is interested in your suggestions! Contribute on the feedback easels at today's Annual Conference, or contact: Ian Howell, Resource Conservation, Alameda County Resource Conservation District at ian.howell@acrcd.org. Stay informed at www.acwforum.org.

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