

RCD Project Receives Award

The Mount Diablo Creek Watershed Management Plan was awarded the Contra Costa Watershed Forum's Public Involvement Project of 2007 at the Quadrennial Watershed Symposium on November 15th. The development of this plan was sponsored and coordinated by the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District through funding provided by the CALFED Watershed Program, The State Water Resources Control Board and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Plan was developed through an extensive two and a half year public planning process that involved over 30 dedicated organizations, agencies and community members. Information from this document is being used to guide future projects throughout the watershed including the Community Reuse Plan for the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

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Inspiring Community Interest... *continued from front cover*

The timing for this project is ideal! The town of Rodeo has been working closely with The Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency on upgrades to their downtown. With the planning process still in progress, our group has been able to bring creek restoration and trail enhancements to the planning table. In the Upper Watershed, the Muir Heritage Land Trust has been working on the Fernandez Ranch project. Through grant funding, they are working to restore a severely incised reach of the creek, as well as building a public access trail and staging area.

The Rodeo Creek Watershed is an asset to both the people of Rodeo and Hercules and to its wildlife! The RCD plans to continue to host events and is pleased to bring community involvement back into the watershed! This planning process is sponsored through funding from grants obtained by the CCRCD from the Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency, the Contra Costa County Watershed Program and from a grant obtained by the Muir Heritage Land Trust. The final meeting will be held in September, when the hard work and efforts of the Vision Planning Team will come to fruition and a draft document of the community's concerns and interests will be compiled — a Vision Plan for the future of the Rodeo Watershed.

Watershed Programs Currently Supported by the Contra Costa RCD

Alhambra Creek Watershed

Active/Involved Since 1996
Watershed Size (Approx.) 16.5 sq. mi.
Current Activities Alhambra Watershed Council

- Implementing Projects Based on the Watershed Plan
- Acting as an Advisory Council for other Alhambra Creek Watershed Groups
- Strentzel Meadow Restoration

 Communities Served Martinez
 Contact: Carol Arnold, Executive Director (925) 672-6522 x106

Lower Marsh Creek Watershed

Active/Involved Since June 2001
Watershed Size (Approx.) 42 sq. mi.
Current Activities Friends Group Established Fall 2004

- Water Quality and Salmon Monitoring
- Creek Cleanups and Watershed Festivals
- Native Plant Demonstration Site
- Adopt-the-Creek Program
- Technical Advisory Group, Mount Diablo Mercury Mine Remediation

 Communities Served Antioch, Brentwood, Knightsen, and Oakley
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Pinole Creek Watershed

Active/Involved Since September 2003
Watershed Size (Approx.) 15 sq. mi.
Completed Projects Sediment Source Analysis and Baseline Water Quality Study

- Pavon Creeks Sub-basin Assessment

 Communities Served Pinole, Hercules, and El Sobrante
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Rodeo Creek Watershed

Active/Involved Since Spring 2006
Watershed Size (Approx.) 10 sq. mi.
Completed Projects Rodeo Creek Watershed Assessment
 Current Activities Rodeo Creek Watershed Vision Planning Process

- Creek Cleanups and Watershed Tours
- Outreach and Educational Activities

 Communities Served Rodeo, Hercules
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East County Delta Drainages and Kellogg and Brushy Creek Watersheds

Active/Involved Since July 2004
Watershed Size (Approx.) 87.8 sq. mi. - East County Delta Drainages
 70.8 sq. mi. - Kellogg and Brushy Creek Watersheds
 Completed Activities Reduce Impact of Runoff from Irrigated Agriculture to the Delta

- Improve Wildlife Habitat of East County Farms
- Workshops for Agricultural Producers on Beneficial Management Practices

 Communities Served Agricultural Producers, Irrigation Districts, Contra Costa Water District, and Reclamation Districts
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Mt. Diablo Creek Watershed

Active/Involved Since January 2005
Watershed Size (Approx.) 37 sq. mi.
Current Activities Technical Advisory Group, CNWS Reuse Planning for Open Space and Wildlife

- Watershed Plan, Watershed Inventory and Watershed Assessment
- Water Quality Monitoring and GPS Mapping
- Creek Cleanups
- Education and Outreach

 Communities Served Clayton, Concord, Clyde
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