

Alhambra Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 7th, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

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Attendees: Igor Skaredoff, Elaine Jackson, Bob Huttar, Jutta Burger, Amber Milano, Ryan Schultz, Miranda Shuba, Kristin Tam, Doug Burgess, Suzy Hall-Whitney

6:30 Introductions and Partner Reports

- CCRCD California Climate Action Corps Fellows
 - Amber Milano
 - Graduated with BS in Environmental Studies from SFSU
 - Worked on climate education at SF State
 - Ryan Schultz
 - graduated from CS East Bay
 - Intern with CCRCD for about a year before this
 - Great interest in watersheds from class in senior year at CCRCD about water on campus
 - Attended FWC Fall Forum last week
 - Came to Pinole Pilot to work with cohort
 - Miranda Shuba
 - Kristin Tam
 - Graduated from UC Davis last year
 - Did plant biodiversity experiments, herp surveys, bird nest box monitoring
 - Have been working on a variety of activities at the RCD, including prescribed burn today
 - BurnBot at John Muir Land Trust
 - Community garden in Rodeo
 - Mulching for Monarch Conservation grant
- Friends of Alhambra Creek
 - Cleanups in September
 - Jamie in Rodeo

- McNabney
- Cleanup with City at Amtrak Station
- Guided tour of Pacheco Marsh
 - Did not pull Dittrichia, went back next day and pulled it
- Jutta mentioned new funding for Weed Management Area?

National Park Service

- Asked to report on any vagrant activity at John Muir Site
 - Report to police
- Weed removal volunteer efforts cannot happen if an NPS employee is

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)

- Updates
 - Crockett Waterfront project - Heidi
 - Peyton Slough - water quality not good in the Marsh - data from sondes
 - Watershed signage - still working on answer to Jamie's questions about Main St sign and how many signs are available
 - Stream typing effort continuing—Fellows to help
 - Greg from UC Davis happy to present about stream typology at future meeting - November or December?
 - Upcoming events
 - Impact of settler colonialism on land stewardship in CA - Oct 23rd, 4-5
 - Landscape and wildfire data for Contra Costa County—Oct 29th, 4-5

Mt. View Sanitary District

Other member reports

7:00 Discussion Items:

- TEX Project—accepted into Fall 2025 cohort!
 - The state of our project idea, next steps, determining project scope, reaching out to FOPCW for advice
 - Evan briefed those new to project on where we stand
 - Igor offered to show folks sites of landslides and gullying
 - Strezel Valley an example of landslides
 - Igor know other similar sites
 - Would the want to consult with folks on how to remediate
 - Gave example of “throwing buckeyes”
 - Bob offered to be involved
 - Mitch will be valuable resource
 - Igor suggested that folks interested in this project form group and create plan - Mitch could be great leader for this group
 - Preparing for Community Fellow assignment on October 20th
 - Igor as 3rd Community Lead?
 - Roles for FOAC vs AWC?

- Igor thinks first step would be to look at scope of the watershed
 - Start looking at sites where erosion is happening, with rain coming up we could see this happening
 - Jamie thought that AWC should do planning, and FOAC should get updates
 - FOAC also pool to recruit volunteers from
 - Bob offered to offer his expertise as a retired wildlife biologist with fieldwork
 - Igor asked to see who would like to be on TEX team with Suzy
- Arundo removal project—permitting and planning
 - Evan relayed results of quarterly meeting with CDFW—Cutting the Green Tape CDFW staff recommended 1602 Notification, not HREA
 - Would not be getting benefits of HREA (CESA take permitting, 401 Cert from Water Board)
 - Evan to check
 - Another step of consultation necessary with CDFW?
 - Double check with CDFW to see if ok for FOAC to apply for 1602 Notification
 - Bob to be lead on writing the LSA 1602 Notification
- Planning for future requests for projects
 - Mitigation projects
 - Supplementary Environmental Projects (SEPs)
 - Developing and organizing Project List
- Vegetation Management between Escobar and Main (behind Roxx on Main)
 - How to facilitate this work with City and CDFW
 - Jamie and Elaine suggested that our strategy be to work on the Arundo control effort, separate from this
 - Idea would be to use up the MRC funding, potentially get more next season
- LACWMP implementation facilitation
- Igor mentioned Shanell Scales-Preston offering money
 - Evan to send this out to group
 - Jamie mentioned that community meetings have already been happening related to this funding

Action items

- **Evan to get updates about Crockett Waterfront and Peyton Slough**
- **Invite Greg to present at November meeting**
 - **Invite FOAC members!**
 - **Mention at FoAC meeting next week**
- **Share old watershed sign list with the group, and share with RCD staff**
- **Evan to reach out to CDFW about Arundo project 1602 notification**
 - **FOAC as applicant ok?**
 - **Another step of consultation necessary with CDFW?**
- **Evan to send out info to group about money offered by Shanell Scales-Preston**
- **Evan to connect Miranda (CCAC Fellow) with Arundo control planning group**

8:00 Adjourn

The next meeting of the AWC will be on **Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, at 6:30 pm.**

For questions regarding the AWC or to suggest agenda items, please email Evan Green at
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The Alhambra Watershed Council is a stakeholder group dedicated to protecting and enhancing the health of our watershed by educating ourselves and the public about the watershed, providing a forum for new ideas and projects, and acting as a community resource.