

Alhambra Watershed Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jan 6th, 2025

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85237702240?pwd=MEFIRIRMM2dYclRqTHE5T2hnQIRMdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 3770 2240

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Attendees: Evan Green, Mitch Avalon, Kristin Tam, Miranda Shuba, Ryan Schultz, Amber Milano, Jamie Menasco, Igor Skaredoff, Trevor Rice, Doug Burgess, Suzy Hall-Whitney, Elaine Jackson, Noah Luecke

6:30 Introductions and Partner Reports

CCAC Fellows gave a brief presentation on their various activities with the CCRCD so far

- Trout in the Classroom - teaching students about the steelhead trout life cycle
- Friends of Bay Point
 - New watershed conservation group
 - assisting with outreach
- Laurel Court Community Garden (Rodeo)
- Arundo control effort in Alhambra Creek Watershed
- Habitat Restoration at Pinole Library with SOS Richmond
- Planting workdays with Lisa Damerel (Pollinator plantings)
- Fernandez Ranch prescribed burn
- Igor mentioned that Kiwanis may be able to support Trout in the Classroom in the Alhambra Watershed
- Miranda explained the process of how the two schools were able to join the Trout in the Classroom program (they applied)
- TITC is a program through CDFW

Friends of Alhambra Creek

- No meeting last month (Dec's meeting was joint with AWC), no updates

National Park Service

- Trevor provided an update by email

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)

- Jan 17th - workday with Friends of Pinole Creek Watershed at Pinole Library (10am-12 pm)- ivy removal and removing trash revealed within the ivy
- MLK Day of Service on Richmond Greenway—Jan 19th

7:00 Discussion Items:

- TEX Project updates
 - Developing Project Description
 - The group discussed keeping the TEX discussion at future AWC meetings to just brief updates, having most of the discussion outside of the meetings
 - Suzy gave updates on project progress
 - Put out request to group for cover photo for TEX page
 - Elaine and Doug to look for good photos
 - Jamie showed a photo of Alhambra Creek showing recent erosion, potentially a slump near her house
 - Trevor Rice mentioned that NPS has a decent stock of monitoring photos of the Creek
 - Also mentioned that NPS geomorphologist John Wooster suggested that NPS install creek erosion pins, this is in the works
 - Mitch suggested we resend the TEX project scope out, have everyone take a look at it, get comments back by early next week (or maybe next wednesday?)
 - Arundo removal project—permitting process update (Bob Huttar/Jutta Burger)
 - Issue of planting - developing plant list for landowners? Folks are already asking about replanting
 - Monitoring - is this something we want to train landowners to check (checking for sprouts)
 - Igor mentioned that Bob Huttar, lead on the Arundo effort, will be presenting to Kiwanis Martinez on Arundo control on Jan 22 at 12:00
 - Bob is bringing a stalk of Arundo to share!
 - Noah Luecke mentioned that he works for CC County on Arundo control, asked what our methods are
 - Jamie gave a description of FOAC's methods
 - Local Community Benefits Fund (Benicia, Richmond)—what did we learn from the informational webinar on 10/29?
 - Evan to reach out to Brianne about this
 - 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
 - Mitch talked to Trevor McGuire
 - Do not have CDFW permit yet
 - City has applied for it, are waiting for funding
 - Want to get funding for sediment removal and vegetation management at once, want to do one project not two
 - LACWMP implementation facilitation

8:00 Adjourn

The next meeting of the AWC will be on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Action items:

- **Evan to send out TEX project description for comments in follow up email**
 - **Comments requested by Jan 14th**
- **Evan to send out links about upcoming CCRCD events (MLK Day and Jan 17 in Pinole)**
- **Elaine to track down photo of watershed for cover photo for TEX project page**
- **Doug to look for good photos for cover photo for TEX as well**
- **Evan to print out Arundo fact sheets to bring to FOAC meeting next week**
- **Evan to look into Local Community Benefits Fund - will reach out to Brianne Zorn about it**
 - **If there is a deadline before next meeting, we will adjust accordingly**

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.