Alhambra Watershed Council Agenda

Tuesday, October 6th, 2026
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
ZOOM MEETING LINK:

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Meeting ID: 898 9505 3128
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Attendees: Evan Green, Bob Huttar, Elaine Jackson, Ryan Schultz, Jamie Menasco, Koa Baylosis, Amber Milano, Kristin Tam, Miranda Shuba, Trevor Rice

6:30-7:00 Introductions and Partner Reports

Friends of Alhambra Creek
National Park Service
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)

- Monitoring at Marina Garden - issues with mowing
    - Plan to do community workday to replant mowed section
- Oct 17th - Grayson Creek Cleanup in Pleasant Hill
- Cleanup that same day in Pinole Creek Upper Watershed- "Pinole Y"
- Upcoming workdays at Pinole Library Mitigation
- Upcoming work with SOS Richmond in Pinole - 13 days of work at Creekside Park site

Mt. View Sanitary District
Other member reports

7:00-8:00 Discussion Items:

- Arundo Removal Project Update
- Thriving Earth Exchange (TEX) Project Update
    - Reviewing new project outputs
- Future of the Alhambra Watershed Council
    - Recruiting agency partners—updates?
    - Ideas for restructuring
    - Consideration of new ideas from Marsh Creek groups or elsewhere (field trips, etc.)

8:00 Adjourn

The next meeting of the AWC will be on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

For questions regarding the AWC or to suggest agenda items, please email Evan Green at egreen@ccrcd.org

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.

Meeting Minutes

- Introducing CCRCD's new Climate Action Corps Fellow Koa (they/them)
    - Rounds of introductions
- Lower Alhambra Creek Maintenance Plan
    - $950,000 to start program
    - May be able to dredge
- Contra Costa Health Tobacco Prevention Program
    - Lack of rules about tobacco sales
    - FOAC sent support letter
- FOAC received presentation about TEX project
- Saturday October 10th arundo removal
    - Attacking the patch by senior center
    - Refinery offering free tacos!
- Ryan and Miranda offering to help with arundo on Thursday
    - not able to come until 1pm
- NPS Updates
    - NRM team beginning coverboard surveys of Alameda Whipsnakes
    - NRM wrapped up monarch monitoring
        - Two monarchs found
    - NRM found foxes
    - New interpretive ranger
    - Anza 250 Annual Fandango Concert
    - 63 education programs for 3rd-5th graders
- CCRCD Updates
    - Mowed over stakes at garden site
        - May need to be partially replanted
        - Natives are spreading naturally
        - Collaborating with Ellen at New Leaf
    - McNabney Sept 27th Cleanup 307 lbs. garbage
        - More trash than previous events
        - Awesome bird life!
        - Enthusiastic youth!
    - Grayson Creek Cleanup Oct. 17th 9-12pm
    - Pinole Y Cleanup Oct. 17th 10-12pm
    - Task Order for Pinole Library Mitigation Site
        - Funding from Flood Control to do 4 workdays a year

        - Followup plantings
    - Work with SOS Richmond at Creekside Park Project
- Links from Trevor
    - https://www.kqed.org/science/2002141/an-el-nino-driven-kelvin-wave-could-raise-bay-area-sea-levels-and-flooding-risk
    - https://www.dillonamaya.com/home/ctw
- Arundo
    - Workdays Thursdays and Sundays
    - CCRCD Ecostewards
        - Contract can be extended if needed
- TEX project updates
    - Pamela put together a community guide for TEX
        - Tool to identify concerns in the watershed
        - Community data collection as the next step
        - Community guide is to help community member contribute to the project
            - Input for community suggestions and concerns
    - Fellows put together a Survey 123 for the public to use in combination with the TEX community guide
        - The goal is to use this survey at sites of interest
        - Specifically targeted at culverts and crossings
    - Community Meeting/Training needed
    - Levels
        - Feedback
            - Detailed Observations (community scientists) vs. Reports (general public)
            - Culvert Squeeze Ratio
                - Separate width of culvert and width of channel
            - Is there enough manpower to make actionable data out of this project
            - Motivation: be transparent about goals and include climate resilience in a compelling way
                - Make arcGIS Storymaps
                - Presentation, community meeting
            - Have no required fields
            - More support for citizen science workdays, professionals to guide
            - Partners would be necessary
            - Observations verified by peer scientists?
            - Make sure data is used if it is collected, gaining community trust, set expectations for when data will be used