



## Monthly Meeting, January 16, 2002

You won't want to miss this meeting because FoSC member Tim Reed will do a presentation on watershed mapping and we'll watch the conclusion of the stream restoration video we started in November. In addition, we will discuss the Dimond Canyon project, the Lower Watershed Assessment Project, the Kodak Greenways grant, and brainstorm topics for the next six meetings. So if you have any input on what you want to have addressed at the monthly meeting now is the time to voice it! Please join us.

## New Opportunities to Plant in Dimond Canyon and Grow Plants at the Nursery

The month of December was unusually rainy, reducing the number of volunteers coming out on Saturdays. That means we need to put a lot of plants into Dimond Canyon this month in order to assure they receive enough rain to establish their root systems, enabling them to live through the dry summer months. We are holding workdays every Saturday from 9 am to noon and in January we will have workdays on Sundays from 10 am to 1 pm. We need at least 50 volunteers each weekend to finish planting on schedule. Individuals are welcome to drop in on the planting, but large groups of people need to schedule ahead of time by calling Stuart Richardson at (510) 912-7792.

Can't volunteer on weekends? Sue Morgan leads groups of school children every Wednesday, 9 am to noon. She will be alternating between planting in Dimond Canyon (1/9, 1/23, 2/6, etc.) and plant propagation in our Joaquin Miller Park Nursery (1/16, 1/30, etc.) Or, if Thursday mornings are better for you, Robin North will be doing plant propagation at our Joaquin Miller Park Nursery every other Thursday from 9 am to noon starting January 24. If you want to volunteer on these days, drop on in or call Sue Morgan at (510) 531-6293 for more information.

-Charlotte Bell

## Clearing Brush

Not to be outdone by the creek restoration, the upper Bridgeview Trail is sprucing up.

The East Bay Conservation Corps, under City of Oakland guidance has cleared away massive amounts of brush near the trail. Low growing limbs from oak trees and entire acacia trees were removed to minimize any fire hazard and to maximize the fire break capacity of the trail, which is really an old fire road. Invasive pampas grass and fennel fields were cut too. Perhaps you've also noticed brush cleared from the edge of Dimond Canyon along Park Boulevard. Same purpose—to minimize fire hazard. Taken together, all the projects in the canyon this year have removed tons of flammable biomass and lowered the threat of a fast-spreading fire. -Mark Rauzon

## Bay Area Creek Groups Meeting

Monday, February 4 at 800 Hearst in Berkeley (offices of Moore Iacofano Goltsman; close to the University Ave. exit from the freeway).

If you attended the creek-group meetings hosted two years ago by Friends of Five Creeks or Friends of Sausal Creek, you know what a joy it was to get together. Now we want to do it again-

We'll start at 6:30 pm with a poster session/social hour, followed at 7:30 by an open panel discussion on how we can better share information and resources, collaborate, or otherwise help each other work for creeks and watersheds.

Please pass on this invitation to members and others. And please help us two other ways:

—We hope many of you will bring a poster summarizing recent activities, goals and dreams, or how you can help. It doesn't have to be anything fancy; it's just a way to tell others what you're doing and spark conversation. If you'd like to bring a poster, please let us know.  
—To focus the panel discussion, please tell us how creek and watershed organizations can work together, or how they are working together. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Varied Thrush

## A Tour of Marin's Creeks with SPAWN

A group of FoSC members decided to spend one Sunday to join SPAWN (the Salmon Protection and Watershed Awareness Network) for a tour of their creeks in Marin County. The beautiful drive through Marin's lush landscape was combined with even more spectacular hikes along some of Marin's creeks to check up on some of the salmon spawning in the creek bed after traveling upstream from the Pacific Ocean. SPAWN's tour included a visit to several creeks along Sir Francis Drake Blvd. as well as a discussion of the spawning behavior of the salmon in the creeks.

SPAWN will continue to give tours of their creeks until the end of the month. For more information, contact, Reuven Walder at (415) 488-0370. It's well-worth the experience. -Govind Acharya



Hermit Thrush

### Who to Call for

#### Dumping and Spills in the Creek

- For a dumping in progress, call 911.
- For sewer backups and spills and storm drain flooding, call 615- 5566.
- For other spills and dumping in Oakland creeks, storm drains, and waterways, call 238-6600.

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

### Monthly Meetings

- Wednesday, January 16
- Wednesday, February 20
- Wednesday, March 20  
7pm - 9pm, Dimond Library  
3565 Fruitvale Avenue

### Dimond Canyon Planting

- Wednesday, January 9
- Wednesday, January 23
- Every Saturday  
9am - noon
- Every Sunday in January  
10 am - 1 pm  
At the El Centro Trailhead in Dimond Park. For more info contact Stuart Richardson at 912-7792.

### Plant Propagation

- Wednesday, January 16
- Thursday, January 24
- Wednesday, January 30  
9am- noon, at the Joaquin Miller Park nursery. For info call Sue Morgan at 531-6293.

### Bird Monitoring

- Saturday, February 9
- Saturday, March 9
- Saturday, April 13  
7:30am - 9:30am Call Martha Lowe at 530-7923 for location.

### Oyster Monitoring

- Saturday, February 2
- Saturday, March 2
- Saturday, April 6  
9am - 12pm at the Fruitvale Bridge. For more info, contact Charlotte Bell at 339-8168.

### Lower Watershed Water Monitoring

- Saturday, February 9
- Saturday, March 9
- Saturday, April 13  
10am - 1pm, meet at the Unity Council. For more info, call Halima O'Neil at 633-1826.

### Book Club

February 8, 7:30 pm.  
Call Anne Hayes for location, 237-0663.

### Aquatic Insect Sampling

- Sunday, February 17
- Sunday, March 17
- Sunday, April 21  
9:30am - 12:00pm. Call Emma Brown at 527-2507 or send e-mail to lightbrown@onemail.com for info.

### Sausal Creek on the Web

- For up to date information about events go to [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org), click on the search page, enter your zip code and Sausal Creek as the keyword.
- If you want the newsletter sent as an attachment (.pdf) instead of in the mail, call Charlotte Bell at 339-8168 or e-mail [bell\\_charlotte@hotmail.com](mailto:bell_charlotte@hotmail.com).
- Add yourself to the FoSC listserve: Send a message to [listproc@envirolink.org](mailto:listproc@envirolink.org) with SUBSCRIBE FOOSC <your name> as the only thing in the body.

**Please attend our monthly meeting!**

**Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm, at the Dimond Library**