Celebrating Contra Costa County's WATERSHEDS

2006 Calendar

Working Together to Keep Our Watersheds Healthy

Welcome to the 2006 edition of the Contra Costa County Watershed Program's award winning Watershed Calendar.

The theme this year is water within our county watersheds and the wondrous variety of plants, wildlife and recreation it supports. We think this year's calendar will inspire you. We owe a debt of thanks to all the photographers who have contributed their beautiful work. We hope you will explore and learn how to protect your local watershed.

Each month you will find stewardship activities in which to participate and practical ways to protect and improve our water quality. A healthy watershed makes for a healthy community for us all.

Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

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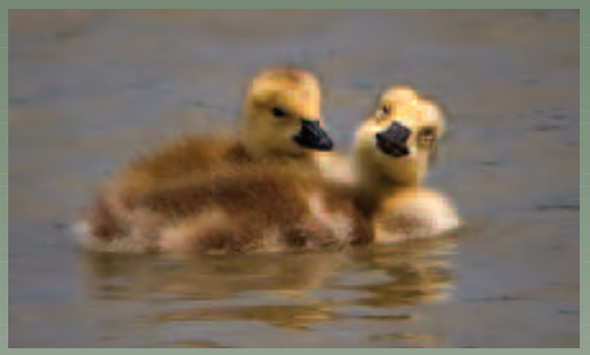

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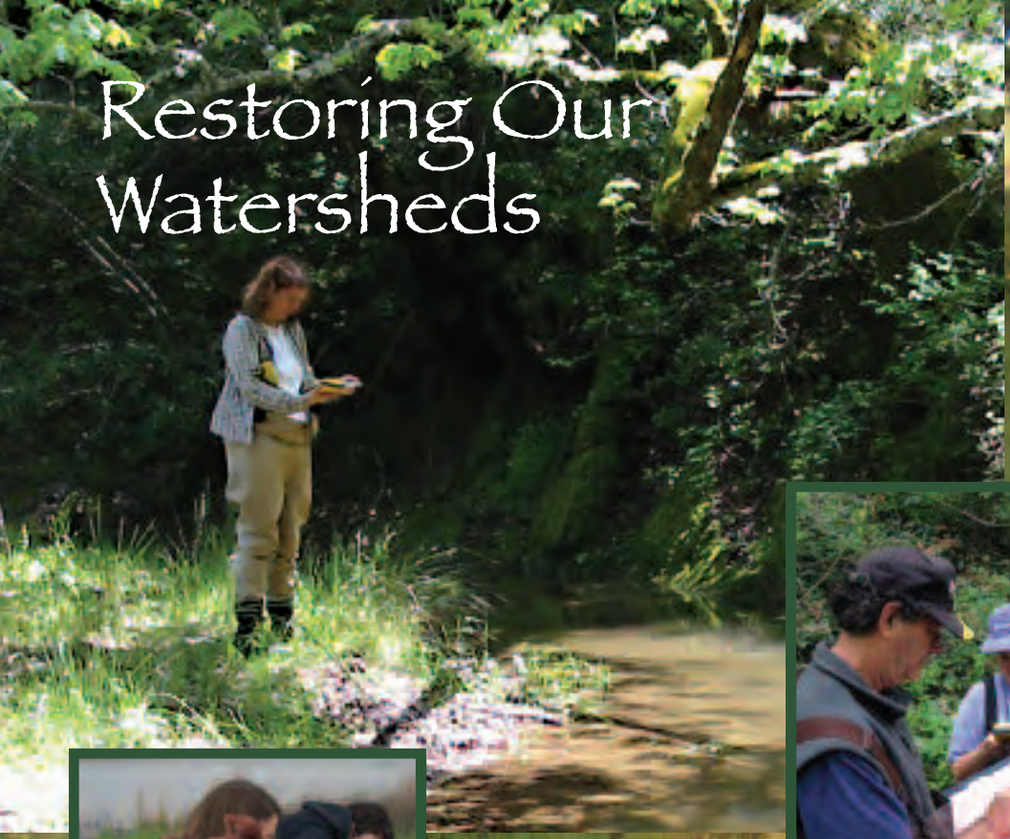
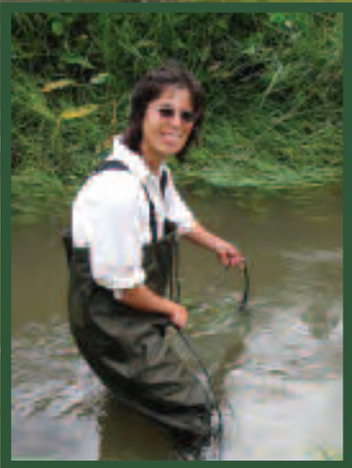


Collecting Seed

Collecting Creek Data

Planting native grasses



Monitoring Temperature

Collecting Aquatic Life

Throughout Contra Costa County creek and watershed stewardship groups work to protect our creeks and open spaces from non-native plant and animal species, toxic chemicals, and other impacts such as illegal dumping and soil erosion. Volunteers of all ages, working with experts, remove invasive plants and replace them with native species to create healthy habitat for our wildlife and to stabilize creek banks. They also collect and analyze water quality data and conduct litter and debris clean-up projects.

In this 2006 calendar you'll find listings each month of the meetings and work parties for many of these groups. Please contact them to learn how you can participate, or to find out which group is working in your community. Call the Citizen's Monitoring Program at (925) 335-1315 or visit www.cocowaterweb.org

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Contra Costa County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Centers

FOR RESIDENTS OF: Alamo, Blackhawk, Clayton, Concord, Clyde, Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, and other Central County unincorporated areas within the service area, contact:

Central Contra Costa HHW Collection Program at 1-800-646-1431 or online at www.centralsan.org.

FOR RESIDENTS OF: Antioch, Bay Point, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Oakley, and Pittsburg, contact:

Delta Diablo Sanitation District Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at (925) 756-1990 or online at www.ddsd.org.

FOR RESIDENTS OF: Crockett, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Kensington, Pinole, Port Costa, Richmond, Rodeo, and San Pablo, contact:

West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority at 1 (888) 412-9277 or online at www.recyclemore.org.

Contra Costa County Watershed-Related Information — Educational and Volunteer Opportunities

Bio-Integral Resource Center (BIRC)
www.birc.org
(510) 524-2567

Contra Costa Clean Water Program
www.cccleanwater.org
(925) 313-2360

Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee
www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/water/FWC/
(925) 335-1230

Contra Costa County Recycling Hotline
www.cccrecycle.org
(800) 750-4096

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
www.ccrcd.org
(925) 672-6522 x106

Contra Costa Water District
www.ccwater.com
(925) 688-8000

Contra Costa Watershed Forum
www.cocowaterweb.org
(925) 335-1230

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
www.EBMUD.com
(866) 403-2683

Ecology Center – Creek Groups/Links
www.ecologycenter.org/erc/creeks/creekreport.html

East Bay Regional Park District
www.ebparks.org
(510) 635-0135

Friends of the San Francisco Estuary
www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/sfep/about/friends. html
(510) 622-2337

Gardens at Heather Farm
www.gardenshf.org
(925) 947-1678

LifeGarden
www.LifeGarden.org
(925) 937-3044

Lindsay Wildlife Museum
www.wildlife-museum.org
(925) 935-1978

Natural Heritage Institute
www.n-h-i.org
(415) 693-3000

San Francisco Bay Estuary Institute
www.sfei.org/
(510) 746-7334

San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
www.sfbayjv.org
(415) 833-3850

State Water Resources Control Board – Clean Water Team
www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/volunteer.html
(510) 622-2470

Save Mount Diablo
www.savemountdiablo.org
(925) 947-3535

UC Coop Extension – Master Gardeners
http://ccmg.ucdavis.edu/
(925) 646-6586

Urban Creeks Council
www.urbancreeks.org
(510) 540-6669

The Watershed Project
www.thewatershedproject.org
(510) 665-3546

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Contra Costa County Numbers:

Animal Services: (925) 335-8300

Assessor's Office: (925) 313-7400

Building Inspection: (925) 646-4108

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors: (925) 335-1900

Community Development: (925) 335-1290

Contra Costa County Watershed Program: (925) 313-2000

Environmental Health: (925) 646-5225

Flood Control and Water Conservation District: (925) 313-2000

Permit Center: (925) 335-1360

Public Works: (925) 313-2000

Recorders Office: (925) 646-2360

Road Maintenance: (925) 313-7000

Sheriff: non-emergency (925) 335-1500

Tax Collector: (925) 646-4122

Vector Control (mosquitos and other pests, traps): (925) 685-9301

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