



# Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

## Creek Talk

October, 2008

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*"October is a symphony of permanence and change."*

**BONARO W. OVERSTREET**

### **FOMCW VOTES TO ENDORSE MEASURE WW**

At the September meeting FOMCW voted to endorse Measure WW.

We encourage you to read up on this measure:

In July 2008, the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors voted to place Measure WW, a \$500 million park bond extension measure, on the November 4 ballot. The proposition, which has the ballot designation of Measure WW, would replicate and extend the successful \$225 million bond measure (Measure AA) passed in 1988 without raising the present property tax rates above the present rate of \$10 per year, per \$100,000.

Of the \$500 million raised by Measure WW, \$375 million (75%) will fund regional park acquisitions and capital projects, with \$26.2 million (7%) held in reserve for unanticipated future needs and opportunities.

## *Candidate's Nights Brentwood and Oakley THIS MONTH!!*



*FOMCW is proud to partner with the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce to present Candidate's Night.*

*Thank you to the Chamber!*

*For other upcoming events visit the [Brentwood Chamber Website](#)*

**OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6 PM to 9 PM**

**Brentwood  
INDEPENDENCE**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

*MULTIPURPOSE ROOM*

**929 2<sup>ND</sup> Street,**

**Brentwood**

*[Click here for a google map.](#)*

*So far, Mayoral Candidate Teresa Wooten, City Council Candidates Bob Brockman, Roger Short and Erick Stonebarger, State Assembly Candidate Joan Buchanan and House of Representative Candidate Dean Andal have confirmed that they will be participating.*

**Do you have a question for them? Email your questions now so that we can read them to the candidates.**



*FOMCW is proud to partner with the Oakley Chamber of Commerce to present Candidate's Night.*

*Thank You to the Chamber!*

*For other upcoming events visit the [Oakley Chamber Website.](#)*

**OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6 PM to 9 PM**

**Oakley  
OAKLEY CITY HALL**

**3231 Main Street**

**Oakley**

*[Click here for a google map.](#)*

*We are still confirming candidates for this evening- keep an eye out for more details as they become available!*

*Do you have a question for the candidates? Email your questions now so that we can ask them for you!*

*We will be sending out a reminder email as this event gets closer.*

In addition, \$125 million (25%) of proceeds will go to cities, special park and recreation districts, and county service areas for their park and recreation services.

For more information [click here](#)

## Upcoming Speakers:

### November 13

*John Cain, Natural Heritage Institute*

*Tom Williams, Ironhouse Sanitary District*

Discussing the future of creek land in Oakley

### December 11

*JD Wickert, Salmon Habitat Restoration Specialist, Anadromous Fish Restoration Program, United States Fish and Wildlife Service*

Discussing the processes of salmon habitat restoration.

### January 8

*Wayne Reeves, Liberty Union High School District*

Discussing plans to build the new high school on Sellers and its relationship to Marsh Creek.

### February 12

*John Kopchik, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation*

Discussing the Habitat Conservation Plan and the issues around Creek Set Backs

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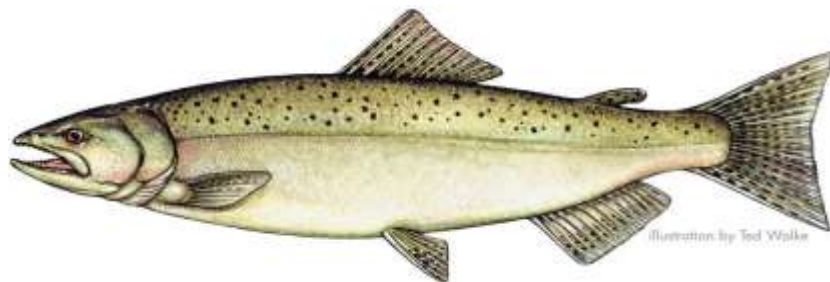
## Creek Cleanup!

On Saturday, September 20, 2008, the collective efforts of 646 volunteers in and around Marsh Creek yielded the disposal of 7,370 lbs. of garbage from the waterways. The volunteers worked for 2 – 4 hours and covered a distance of 11.90 miles of the creek. On top of the garbage collected, about 1000 lbs. of recyclables was kept from entering the landfill. It was a tremendous event that was supported by the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed, the Cities of Brentwood and Oakley and the East Bay Regional Park District.



The number one item collected from Marsh Creek this year was food wrappers, followed closely by plastic beverage bottles.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped make this a wonderful success! If you would like to participate in planning for next year's events email Diane at [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org).



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## Salmon Walks

Fall is here, the rainy season approaches and that means (hopefully) SALMON!!!!

Our community really enjoys coming out and taking advantage of our free walks along Marsh Creek in search of the Spawning Salmon. Along the way, folks learn about the other critters in the creek as well as the importance of our Watershed.

Are you interested in leading some of these walks on the weekend? We have some local classrooms that will be coming out for field trips and are in need of folks that can lead walks during the week, as well!

Walks are typically done December through January. Walk dates haven't been set yet BUT if you have a group (scouts, church group, service club group, etc.) that might want to schedule a walk for sometime in December or January email [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) and indicate when you would like to schedule. We will try to accommodate all requests.

Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the training day for those interested in leading walks. Please email [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) if you are interested in participating or call Diane at 925.325.2908 or Sarah Puckett at 415.693.1300 x113.

To get involved in volunteering with the Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed email [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or call Diane at 925.325.2908

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