



## Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

# Creek Talk

December 2009

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The Mission of Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed is to protect, conserve, and restore Marsh Creek and its tributaries, and to inspire appreciation and conservation of the Marsh Creek Watershed.



### Next Meeting: **December 10th**

featuring

### **Radback Energy**

Discussing the construction of a new generating plant in Oakley.

Meeting will be held from

**6 to 8 PM**

At

**Liberty Union High School District Offices  
20 Oak Street, Brentwood**

**[Click Here for directions](#)**

**RSVPS APPRECIATED**

Radback Energy Oakley Generating Station  
Link

“Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.”

- **John Dewey**

## Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

### **RECEIVES Tax Exemption Status!**

The week of Thanksgiving Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service that confirms that we are OFFICIALLY a tax exempt organization. The IRS informed us that we are a public charity under 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code and a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. We are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

As we approach the end of the year we are pleased to encourage you to consider providing FOMCW with a tax deductible donation. FOMCW has done little to no fundraising until recently for expenses that come with being an independent organization. Your support helps enable us to continue and expand our good works. Donations can be mailed to 2063 Main Street, #311, Oakley, CA 94561.

~ **Thank You for Your Consideration** ~  
**and Happy New Year!!!!**

## NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

January  
14th

### Restoration Design Group

Collaborates with  
FOMCW on the  
design of  
restoration work  
to be done  
adjacent to  
Oakley's  
Creekside Park.

### Need a Christmas Tree?

Check Out the Boy  
Scout Troop 152  
Christmas Tree Lot!  
3460 Main Street,  
Oakley, CA  
(Behind Scheer's)  
For More  
Information call  
**925.625.5391**



### Need a Year End Tax Deduction?

Make a donation to  
FOMCW!! Cash  
donations are  
accepted as well as  
the following items  
are needed:

- Gardening Tools
- A Projector for Presentations
- A storage space for FOMCW supplies.
- Gift cards for office supplies, hardware stores etc.

## Take a Salmon Walk With Us!

Join us for a Salmon Walk! Every late fall through winter, FOMCW conducts salmon monitoring to count and document the presence of the salmon spawning up Marsh Creek. Our monitoring program involves leading public walks on weekends throughout December through January, and sometimes into February. All walks are led by FOMCW volunteers.

It is well known that there has been a decline in salmon populations so severe that salmon fishing seasons were cancelled in past years. It is our hopes that with the possibility of wetter winter we may see more salmon this year. This is a fun and easy walk that people enjoy. These walks provide a great service to the community by helping raise awareness about habitat restoration, preservation of natural resources, water quality and creating pride and interest in a natural feature that runs through our community.

If you or your group is interested in attending a walk you may reserve a date by emailing [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or calling Diane at 925.325.2908.

**Public Walk Dates: 12/5, 12/19, 1/2, 1/16 and 1/30**  
**Want another date? Call or email us and ask!**

## Activities for December

### December 5<sup>th</sup> and Every Saturday through the end of January Salmon Walks

With salmon season approaching FOMCW prepares to lead the popular walks that help educate and inform the community about the wildlife and habitat of Marsh Creek Watershed. All walks are lead by FOMCW volunteers. Join US! RSVP by emailing [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or calling Diane at 925.325.2908.

### December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 10AM to 3PM (Lunch Provided when you RSVP) Save Mount Diablo Marsh Creek Restoration Project

Work with FOMCW volunteers and Save Mt Diablo volunteers on a restoration project along Marsh Creek in the upper watershed. These work days will focus on planting native plants. For more information [CLICK HERE](#) - Remember to RSVP to have lunch provided!

### Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 9AM to 11:30AM

#### Contra Costa County Watershed Forum Meeting

This will be a meeting devoted to Grassland Management in the County. Dr. James Bartolome from the Department of Environmental Science, Policy & Management at UC-Berkeley and Mr. Bob Nuzum, the former public lands and grazing manager for CCWD and EBMUD will be presenting. The meeting will be held in the West Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) of the Dougherty Station Community Center, located at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road in San Ramon.

### Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6PM to 8PM

#### FOMCW Meeting featuring Representatives from Radback Energy

Learn about plans for the new energy plant to be built in Oakley.  
RSVPS encouraged to [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org)

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Help us plan  
future events  
including:

Earth Day  
Events, a  
Fundraiser Run/  
Ride and Creek  
Cleanup

Call Diane if you  
are interested in  
helping!

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**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 9AM to Noon**

**Creekside Park Planting Day**

It is time to plant some gorgeous native grasses! Bring your hand trowels and gardening gloves! RSVP by emailing [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or calling Diane at 925.325.2908.

**Next Month....**

**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> FOMCW MEETING 7PM to 9PM**

**Representatives from the Restoration Design Group will be working with FOMCW on design ideas for the restoration project at Creekside Park in Oakley.**

**Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day of Service**

**Join us to honor the memory of Dr. King by participating in a community service project.**

Join us as we work with REI Volunteer Team on the **Sand Creek Planting Area** (click on link for directions). Work day is 10AM to Noon. RSVP by emailing [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or calling Diane at 925.325.2908. [Click here to check out our REI Page!](#)

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> 10AM to 1PM**

**Delta Water Plans Presented by The Leagues of Women Voters**

A panel from various agencies and organizations will discuss the Delta Water Plans. "As Voters, we need to be informed and direct our government agencies and legislators to work out solutions for ourselves and our future!"

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## Are You a Member?

**Have you renewed your membership this year?**

**FOMCW now collects dues for membership. Regular membership dues are \$30, Family Memberships are \$45 and Students are \$15.**

**To renew your membership or to become a new member fill out a membership card at a meeting or mail your dues and card to**

**2063 Main St, #311,  
Oakley, CA 94561**

**Membership cards can be found on the FOMCW website at  
[http://www.fomcw.org/files/fomcw\\_membership\\_signup.pdf](http://www.fomcw.org/files/fomcw_membership_signup.pdf)**

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