



## Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed

# Creek Talk

November 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 MONTH'S MEETING

**December 10th**

**Radback Energy**

Discusses the new energy plant planned to be built in Oakley.



### Next Meeting:

**November 12th**

featuring

**Susan Junfish**

of the

**Parents for a Safer Environment**

Ms. Junfish will discuss safer and cheaper options for mosquito abatement and weed control along creeks for flood control.

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**

## 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)

“Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.”

- William Cullen Bryant



### Interesting Links



Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Water & Pesticide Information Center



Spare the Air Website



Radback Energy Oakley Generating Station



S.F. Green Festival  
Nov 13-14-15



### Contact Us

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## Friends of Marsh Creek Watershed Applies for Tax Exemption Status!

This year has been a pivotal year for FOMCW. In February the Incorporation Committee completed the tasks of writing and filing their Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of California. Last month the committee completed writing the FOMCW Bylaws. At the end of October FOMCW mailed off their application for tax exempt status with the IRS. A request to expedite the application process was sent in with the application in the hopes that we can receive a determination letter soon.

The task of writing these important documents was time consuming. There was a strong commitment to writing governing documents that would be inclusive and allow all people interested in getting involved in FOMCW to be able to participate in all aspects.

Those participating in this committee included: John Alcorn, Diane Burgis, Cathy Case, Brian Curran, Joan Douglas-Fry, Fred Glaser, Mary Grim, Holly Hartman, Leonard Lloyd, Barry Margesson, Sarah Puckett, Pat Sotelo, Dick Vrmeer, and Bob Watt. **A big congratulations to the committee on a job well done!**

To see Bylaw go to [http://www.fomcw.org/files/FOMCW\\_BYLAWS.pdf](http://www.fomcw.org/files/FOMCW_BYLAWS.pdf)

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## Salmon Monitoring Season Approaches!!

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. This year we will be inviting guests to join us to focus on other parts of the watershed like wildlife, water issues and plants.

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.

Are you interested and available to lead walks? **Salmon Walk Training will be this coming Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 11AM.** If you can't make the training but are interested in leading walks call Diane at 925.325.2908. 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!**

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## Activities for November



FOMCW needs gardening tools, gloves and wheelbarrows. If you would like to donate those items please call Barry at 925.550.9899. We accept gift cards and cash donations that can go towards our planting efforts as well.



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### Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **Tour of Brentwood Water Treatment Plant**

Join us as we learn how waste water is treated. RSVP by emailing [info@fomcw.org](mailto:info@fomcw.org) or calling Diane at 925.325.2908.

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **Salmon Walk Training 9AM to 11AM**

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.

**See the article below for information about upcoming walks.**

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **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.

### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **REI Work Day**

Join us as we work 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!](#)



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