



## CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REFUGE

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Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands  
Citizens for Open Space In Alvarado  
Friends of Foster City  
Save our South Bay Wetlands  
Save Wetlands in Mayhews  
Whistling Winds/Pintail Duck Clubs  
Committee for Green Foothills  
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Save San Francisco Bay Association  
Sequoia Audubon Society  
Sportsmen for Equal Access  
Trout Unlimited  
United Anglers of California  
Urban Creeks Council

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**  
Fremont Refuge Headquarters, east end Dumbarton Bridge

We are most grateful that Michelle Orr and Steve Crooks, of Phil Williams Associates, will be with us. They have hands-on experience with Bay salt pond restoration. This is a fine opportunity for us to learn about what is really happening as the art and science of restoration evolves.

On September 10th the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans has scheduled a hearing on H.R. 6479. This bill, with wide support from the Bay Area congressional delegation, gives federal recognition to the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. We feel it's possible that pursuit of an authorization bill solely for local benefit may not be wise when one with a national view could achieve the same and greater result. We have submitted comments.

Lands that were authorized in 1990 for inclusion in the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay NWR are currently the subject of development threats. In Redwood City eventual disposition of 1,433 acres of Cargill crystalizers will be decided by a vote of the people in November. The city council of Fremont is reviewing an EIR on the Patterson Ranch. In Newark, we anticipate environmental documents will be made public, describing the possible fate of Area 4, the once environmentally-rich Pintail and Whistling Wings Duck Clubs.

In November, I think, we will have a bench installation and celebration of Janice Delfino's life. Meanwhile, you may make contributions in her name to CCCR at the above address, or to Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, Attention: Adrienne De Pont, 4901 Breakwater Ave., Hayward 94545.

See you on September 18th,

Florence LaRiviere

**NO MEETING IN OCTOBER.  
WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN NOVEMBER.**

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**Minutes CCCR, August 21, 2008**

**Attendees:** Linda Patterson, Carin High, Florence LaRiviere, Ralph Nobles, Eileen McLaughlin, Wayne Miller, Libby Lucas, Margaret Lewis. **News Notes:** Endangered Species meeting August 25 at the Refuge headquarters to discuss issues in the north and south bay. Discussion on the Refuge Complex Bill, H.R. 6479. Salt Pond Restoration meeting in San Jose September 25. Cargill's levee maintenance Public Notice is out. It lacks mitigation or monitoring information; comments due Monday.

Sand mining in the bay. What is this? Does it have anything to do with my backyard sandbox from the middle of the last century? It appears there is a lot of sand in the delta area and someone is harvesting it and selling it. This means that the sand does not make its way out the Golden Gate and get deposited on coastal beaches. If you do a Google search you will find more info on sand mining.

Representatives from Phil Williams and Associates will be attending our September meeting...Eileen says to order your business cards now...Arthur will be attending a North American waterfowl meeting in Minneapolis. Two and a half days of smoozing with Mallards and Mergansers. After the conference, Arthur will be flying south with the first migration wave...Newsletter articles are due.

**Save Our South Bay Wetlands:** EIR for Newby Island is delayed until September. Next question is, which year? Eileen has been selected to serve on a community advisory committee for the water pollution control plant near Alviso.

**Friends of Charleston Slough:** Still no vegetation to speak of.

**Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshland:** Least terns had a good year; lots of fledglings. Due, no doubt, to the volunteers who kept predators away. Lots of fledglings at the Hayward Shoreline, too.

**Fremont:** Patterson Ranch EIR due at the end of September. Just in time for the spooky Halloween season. Looks like a new traffic analysis is needed.

**Save Wetlands in Mayhews:** Waiting for word on the EIR for Areas 3 and 4. Linda gave a report on her trip to Scotland for the International Concrete Convention. No, she did not see any large marine reptiles.

**Baylands Conservation Committee:** Back again with a discussion of proposed composting facility on park land in Palo Alto.

**Friends of Redwood City:** The Friends ballot measure will appear on the November ballot along with a competing measure put on by the city. Cargill and DMB are busy helping support the U.S. Postal Service by sending out almost daily mailings.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret*