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# Walnut Creek

## Watershed Council

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City of Orinda

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City of Walnut Creek

Town of Danville

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Friends of San Ramon Creek

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Sustainable Walnut Creek

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## **Executive Summary**

Bob Simmons, Chair

This report captures many of the positive things occurring in our diverse watershed. Please enjoy reading what your cities and local friends groups are doing to protect and improve our watershed.

Our signature event this year was the Living Creeks, which was held in Lafayette in October 2016, and focused on native fish. It included an interesting tour of one of the possible restoration sites for Lafayette Creek in Lafayette, and included a presentation on the Napa River flood control and restoration project.



One of our goals for 2017 is to get final approval from the Regional Water Quality Control Board of the mitigation project for Galindo Creek in Newhall Park in Concord. The mitigation proposal has been pending for 16 months time, and we need some completed projects in the watershed to develop more community interest in, and support for, protecting and enhancing our creeks.

We hope to highlight the work being done by the East Bay Regional Park District to develop and implement guidelines for its urban creek grant program, a part of Measure WW, which was approved by the voters of both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in 2008.

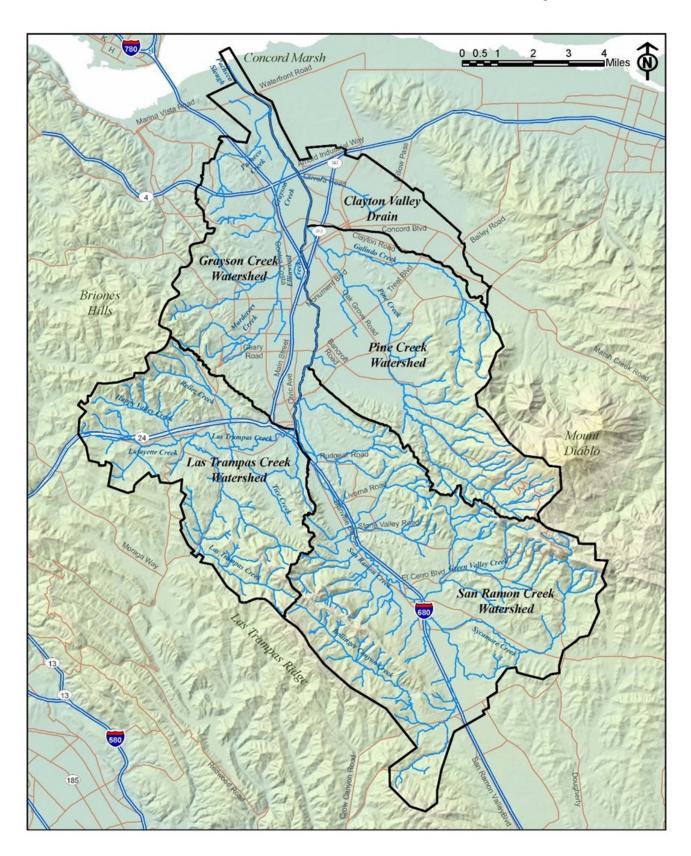
With the passage of Measure AA (a \$12 parcel tax for restoration of the San Francisco Bay), we are hopeful of seeing some support for projects in the Lower Walnut Creek project area.

Finally, one of our other goals for 2017 is to focus attention on green infrastructure projects that benefit our entire watershed. Perhaps one or more of our cities or towns will provide an example that we can highlight as a success in our watershed.

We look forward to our continued involvement in this wonderful watershed in 2017!



# **Walnut Creek Watershed Map**



#### **Overview of the Watershed**

The Walnut Creek Watershed is the largest watershed in Contra Costa County totaling 146 square miles or 96,000 acres, in size. Its 340,000 inhabitants account for over 35% of the County's population. The watershed extends from San Ramon to the south, Martinez to the north, Moraga and Orinda to the west, and Concord to the east. From protected natural lands (Mt. Diablo State Park, East Bay Regional Park District lands, and Walnut Creek Open Space) and grazed lands to suburbs and urban creeks, our watershed has a bit of almost everything.

The Walnut Creek Watershed has 309 miles of creek channels - accounting for almost a quarter of all mapped creek channels in Contra Costa County. Over 70% of the channels (by length) in the watershed are natural, meaning they have no flood control or flow restriction devices. Almost 16% of the creeks are in concrete channels. Another 12% are constructed earth channels. Less than 1% of the channels are riprapped. All of this watershed information is from the *Walnut Creek Watershed Inventory* (Feb 2013).

In 2011, several individuals representing different organizations began meeting to discuss how to create a community-based group with an interest in improving our watershed. After several months, they decided to create a watershed council and started the organization process. The result is the Walnut Creek Watershed Council (Council), which is a voluntary, non-regulatory stakeholder group that supports a healthy and sustainable watershed. As of the end of 2014, Contra Costa County Flood Control and eight of the nine cities and towns in the watershed, together with several non-profit organizations and other governmental organizations, have expressed their support. The complete list can be seen in the beginning of this report.



#### **Mission**

Our mission is to support community efforts, scientific studies, public education, and restoration projects which protect and enhance beneficial uses and resources in the entire watershed. The Council encourages sharing of information and promotes collaboration among the stakeholders.



#### Vision

#### Adopted June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

We envision a Walnut Creek watershed where the creeks are visible and thriving natural assets that join our communities into a unified whole. Grayson, Las Trampas, Pine, San Ramon, Walnut, and tributary creeks are widely appreciated as places where families gather, children explore, and workers take respite in a creek-side cafe. Our homes, businesses, urban centers, public spaces, and neighborhoods are oriented toward their creeks for enrichment and economic benefit, with enough space to allow for a dynamic channel, natural floodplain habitat, and to protect us from powerful storm hazards. The built environment is constructed to slow down stormwater, capture it in the soil, and release it slowly back to our waterways. Our communities are intertwined with a network of parks and natural areas that provide healthy recreation for the community and habitat corridors for native plants, fish, and wildlife. These corridors connect large natural reserves on the slopes of Mount Diablo and Las Trampas Ridge to the marshes and shoreline of Suisun Bay.

Residents, business owners, and government officials share an ethic of stewardship. Private landowners are respected and rewarded for their contribution to excellent stewardship of these lands. Everyone, young and old, knows the names of their closest waterways, and take joy in spotting a heritage species, such as chinook salmon, river otter, wood duck, or native walnut, that thrive in a resilient and healthy watershed.

Our vision is further defined by the following principles to guide its implementation:

**Quality of Life.** The quality of life is highly valued in local land-use policies, plans, and projects, resulting in communities that reflect the intrinsic natural beauty of the watershed. Residents feel a sense of ownership and connection to their watershed, which they regard as a place of refuge and comfort that they are proud to call home.

**Habitat Preservation and Restoration.** The watershed provides core habitat for major biotic communities, connected by habitat corridors across urban and industrial landscapes, to support thriving populations of native flora and fauna, thereby protecting the unique natural heritage of the watershed.

**Recreation and Public Health.** Everyone in the watershed have ample opportunities for and easy access to healthy recreation in diverse natural environments.

**Community.** Neighborhoods are connected by a network of creeks, providing a sense of community within the watershed. Communities are designed to integrate the creek into their social fabric, and infrastructure is designed to accommodate the creek as a valuable amenity. Local communities are engaged in the well-being of the larger watershed community.

**Economics.** Creeks in the watershed are viewed as an asset. This asset value is improved with each development, investment, or mitigation opportunity by incorporating the creek into the community fabric, thus spurring economic growth and creating lasting prosperity.

**Form and Function.** Natural reaches of creek are preserved and restored to a state of dynamic equilibrium. Creek reaches in urban environments are engineered to provide the form and function necessary to support healthy, natural processes. Urban infrastructure is designed to slow down stormwater, direct it for beneficial purposes, and increase infiltration rates to provide sustainable base flows within the creek system.

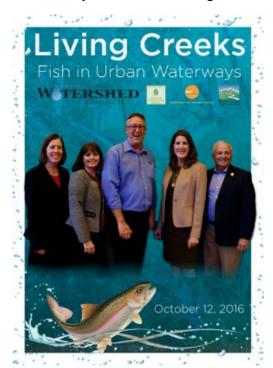
**Resiliency.** Rebuilding the urban landscape and reshaping creek corridors results in a resilient system that provides ongoing, sustainable flood protection and other community benefits that are adaptable to future environmental change. As storms become more intense due to climate change, diversion of run-off to infiltration basins to reduce pollutants and recharge groundwater will become more important.



# Living Creeks: Native Fish in Urban Waterways



The Walnut Creek Watershed Council hosted a community event to explore native fish in urban waterways. It was an evening of education, good food, and volunteerism. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Walnut Creek Watershed Council hosted their second annual event reaching out to the broader community of the watershed; *Living Creeks: Native Fish in Urban Waterways*. Over 90 community members came together to learn about projects throughout California that have



Julie Bueren, Director, CCC Public Works; Supervisor Candace Andersen, CCC District 2; Mike Carlson, CCC Flood Control District; Catherine Baker CA State Assembly; Bob Simmons, Mayor, Walnut Creek

restored habitat for native fish populations. The ability to support native fish populations is a key indicator of a healthy ecosystem, and a topic that is of great interest to those working to restore the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, and a topic that the council was eager to explore.

The crowd was given a warm welcome by Contra Costa Supervisor Candace Andersen, and introductory remarks by Assemblywoman Catherine Baker. Supervisor Andersen recognized the value of organizations of the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, a group representing cities, agencies, and volunteer groups that work together to attain the health of the entire Walnut Creek watershed. Assemblywoman Baker addressed the importance of bringing the community together for a common cause, especially one that educates and inspires people to get outdoors and improve their environment.

Curtis Knight, Central California Program Director for Cal Trout, a non-profit that works on restoration projects throughout the state. He took the audience on a journey from one end of the state to the other, with projects from the L.A. River to the Klamath Basin.
There was also a panel discussion with four speakers from throughout the bay area: Leslie Ferguson, SF Regional
Water Quality Board, Napa River
Project; Ralph Boniello, Alameda
Creek Alliance; Bert Mulchaey,
EBMUD, Pinole Creek Fish Passage
Improvement Project; and Joe Sullivan,
East Bay Regional Park District,
Wildcat Creek Restoration Projects.
The speakers each brought their
individual perspective on how they
addressed the issue of improving habitat
for native fish species in their projects,



**Curtis Knight Central California Program Director** for Cal Trout giving the keynote presentation

from constructing a fish passage to budget-friendly volunteer projects that restore habitat around ponds and waterways, thus increasing the quality of available habitat.

While each project was different, and designed to address different issues, the common thread was that it is possible to maintain a healthy watershed that can maintain fish populations in the urban environment, provide recreation opportunities for the residents, and still maintain flood protection levels.

The evening was a success all around! The audience had the chance to interact with the Walnut Creek Watershed Council Members and sponsors, learning about the projects that the diverse membership offers. The evening kicked off with a tour of the City of Lafayette's Creeks Projects, which was attended by 35 participants wanting to learn what the City planned for their much

Matt Bolender with the Clean Water Program helping to teach the community what stormwater pollution does to our ecosystem.

anticipated downtown creek restoration project.

When you bring together a group of people with a common interest, and the passion to inspire others the product is much greater than its parts. That is what happened at Living Creeks. We look forward to hosting another great event in 2017!



# This year, the City of Concord has supported many new and continuing programs and projects in an effort to promote clean and healthy waterways.

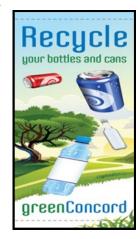
- The City has 21 active Adopt-a-Street locations, wherein volunteers meet bi-monthly to plan cleanup efforts.
- The City approved 7 new projects in 2016 with bio-retention to treat flows and capture trash before it reaches Walnut Creek.
- With 130 new devices in 2016, there are 407 Full Trash Capture Devices in operation and maintained to date, including several projects constructed with Low Impact Development designs incorporating bio-retention facilities that remove pollutants and capture trash removing various loads from Walnut Creek and its tributaries.
- City crews inspected and cleared over 6,000 drop inlet catch basins preventing various loads of debris and trash from reaching the tributaries of Walnut Creek.



- City staff monitors, cleans and measures "hot spot" trash loads in City maintained Walnut Creek tributary locations, including Galindo Creek, Mt. Diablo Creek and Clayton Valley drainage.
- The City is focusing on public education and outreach with the installation of 261 citywide banners on several main

thoroughfares, which include a variety of messages including anti-litter and clean water.

- The City is working to regularly promote "Neighborhood Service Cleanup Days" wherein the City provides dumpsters to neighborhoods and allows citizens to collect and dispose of trash and recyclables free of charge to help eliminate illegal dumping that affects Walnut Creek.
- For Earth Day 2016, the City organized 100 volunteers who cleaned
   Galindo Creek within Newhall Park and removed 1000 gallons of debris.





For more information about the City of Concord's Activities Please Visit Our Website at:

www.ci.concord.ca.us



## **City of Lafayette Creeks Committee**

The Lafayette Creeks Committee encourages beautification of Lafayette's more than 16-miles of creeks and improves residents' awareness of creek maintenance and pollution prevention policies. The committee helps the City's staff ensure compliance with public education requirements under its Storm Water Permit.

Our major achievement this year is related to our work on developing a Lafayette Downtown Creeks Preservation, Restoration and Development Plan. Committee members worked alongside a consultant and City staff to develop a Draft Plan this year. As part of the process, we participated in meetings with various stakeholders including creek-side property owners and regulatory agencies, and took the lead role in holding two community meetings.



The Committee also presented the Draft Plan to City commissions and committees and gathered their feedback. We are now finalizing the incorporation of our responses to the stakeholder input in preparation of creating the Final Plan. We have also crafted amendments to other City planning documents that will allow and promote implementation of the creeks projects outlined in the Downtown Creeks Plan.

Also, related to the Creeks Plan project, Committee members staffed an informational booth at Lafayette's Earth Day and hosted two community walks that visited sites of several projects proposed in the draft Downtown Creeks Plan. We were proud to have lead a well-attended tour of one of the Downtown Creek Plan project sites for the Walnut Creek Watershed Council's "Living Creeks" event in October 2016. This project highlighted the possibilities for the future of the Walnut Creek Watershed. We are looking forward to a great 2017 in the watershed!

Please Visit our Website at:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us/city-hall/city-departments/public-works/creeks/creeks-committee

## The City of Walnut Creek & Friends of the Creeks



#### **Pollinator Garden 2016**



Volunteers Maintaining the Walnut Creek Pollinator Garden in Civic Park

Since 2014, volunteers have maintained the Creek Walk, Oak Demonstration Garden, and Pollinator Garden. In 2016 a new teaching area was created under an oak tree on the East Side of the pollinator garden. Weeds were cleared from the hillside by volunteers, and city staff created seating using logs.

We continue clearing the back area of the Pollinator garden near the Iron Horse Trail. This is last section of the garden to be designed. A portion of this space will remain natural, meaning it will not be weeded or cleaned; this is to ensure that pollinators and beneficial insects such as lady bugs and native bees have spaces to overwinter.

Part of the design includes creating a hedgerow, which is a critical component of habitat gardens as it provides the following for wildlife: cover for birds and other wildlife and it creates a natural shelter from winds-something pollinators and butterflies need.

Weekly volunteers continue to support the mission of this garden area. In 2016 volunteers included a group who works each Wednesday morning, members of the Church of Latter Day Saints, students from Springstone School in Lafayette, and Walnut Christian Academy. Our activities included general maintenance, pruning, and propagating new plants for the gardens.

Volunteers continue to be the heart of this project. Since the project's inception in 2014, they have logged 4,782 hours for the Civic Park gardens that include: Creek Walk, Oak Woodland and Pollinator.

Funding for this project is made possible by a grant from Fish and Wildlife, City of Walnut Creek Clean Water Program, the City of Walnut Creek Parks Department and Friends of the Creeks.

# The City of Walnut Creek & Friends of the Creeks



## **Pollinator Garden 2016 Continued**

200 students used this area as an outdoor classroom area during the spring and fall while participating in the Watershed Watchers program for 4th and 5th graders that is sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek's Clean Water Program.

Through a series of hands-on activities, students were introduced to local watersheds in Contra Costa County; they mapped their watershed, discovered habitats and the importance of native plants, and tested Walnut Creek for water quality.





Sample Poems Written by Grade 4th Students from Seven Hills School

Walnut Creek muddy, rocky testing, exploring, mapping Old trees and native flowers Watershed Water
Dirty, Clean
Jumping, Slapping, Smelling
It is so beautiful
Interesting

Turtles Slow, Gigantic Swimming, Amazing, Sunning Awesome Cool Turtles Galore Reptiles Creeks
Sunny, Fun
Exploring, Stunning, Testing
Finding Insect Galls and Fish
Habitat



During 2016, the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District expanded the use of digital and social media platforms to strengthen relationships with leaders and citizens, and to improve community involvement. Through the use of volunteer events, tours, annual programs, and new projects the District hopes to inspire individuals and groups to develop innovative ways of keeping our watersheds healthy. Here is a look at our 2016 achievements:

#### **Events:**



Our fourth annual Giving the Natives a Chance planting event was held in December, with over 30 volunteers.

Partnered with Friends of the Creeks for Walnut Creek's Community Service Day, and a volunteer clean-up in concord along Walnut Creek.

Partnered with Save Mt. Diablo to pick up litter in the Walnut Creek Channel before the rain season started.

#### **Programs:**

Students at Walnut Creek Intermediate School held their second successful school wide Stay Out, Stay Alive! campaign, which received positive media coverage.



#### **Outreach and Education:**

We visited with our representatives at the State Capitol in April and led several legislative tours of District projects in their jurisdictions.

With grant funds, we installed three new stream gauges in several communities, including Walnut Creek and Danville to increase flood emergency awareness and response.



Critical winter preparedness information went out to County residents in December as part of our media and community outreach campaign. We created a short video to introduce and show how to use the 7-5-3-2 Flood! forecasting protocol with the interactive online RainMap tool.



For more information on the Flood Control District please like us on Facebook.com/CCCFCD

or go to our website www.cccounty.us/FloodControl

# LOWER WALNUT CREEK

The County Flood Control District has been working for many years on ways to make Lower Walnut Creek more sustainable. 2016 witnessed big milestones in our local community-based restoration planning process that brought us closer to that goal.

In 2016, the District – with their technical consultant, Environmental Science Associates – completed a comprehensive geomorphic analysis to ensure restored wetlands can use the available sediment to keep up with sea level rise. Other analyses focused on floodplain hydraulics and public access feasibility (including a number of alternative alignments for a 6 mile extension of the Iron Horse Trail).

Much of the 2016 work focused on identifying and evaluating preliminary alternatives and soliciting feedback from stakeholders and the public. The team held three stakeholder meetings and a well-attended public workshop. The team also continued a popular series of site tours for stakeholders and the public, and District staff spoke about the restoration project at many events, both locally and statewide, including Floodplain Management Conference in Sacramento.

The District partnered with the San Francisco Estuary Institute, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, and others on the region-wide Flood Control 2.0 project. Lower Walnut Creek served as one of the three pilot projects, and regional science experts helped inform many parts of the District's ultimate plan for Lower Walnut Creek Restoration. Much of the Flood Control 2.0 work was summarized in the "Resilient Landscape Vision for Lower Walnut Creek" published in November. More information on Lower Walnut Creek and Flood Control 2.0 can be found at the project website at: floodcontrol.sfei.org.

One of the highlights of the year was the enthusiastic reception of the District's video mini-series, *Lower Walnut Creek Adventures*, available on our Facebook page and on YouTube. Eight episodes were released, and more are on the way.

Another highlight was the December announcement that the project will be awarded a \$537,000 Proposition 1 grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the next phase of the project: CEQA, permitting and design. This next phase kicks of later in 2017.

To learn more about the project like us on Facebook.com/LWCRestoration or go to the project website at www.LowerWalnutCreek.org





#### Friends of the Creeks

**Salmon**: In keeping with the Watershed Council's salmon theme for the year, we engaged in several activities to further explore bringing back a breeding population of salmon in our watershed. We did two sampling surveys last winter in the area above the #1 drop structure to see if conditions would allow salmon to use the area for breeding if they were able to reach it. Based on those, it seems likely that the water would remain cold enough for long enough to allow the eggs to hatch. In the fall a professional geomorphologist taught us how to do pebble counts to assess the quality of salmon nesting habitat. The news was not good – there wasn't any. The salmon run was larger this year than for the past



Volunteers pick up trash at the cleanup for the salmon



Learning to read data from the water temperature probe

several years. A CCSF professor took samples from three fish to see if DNA analysis could determine their origin.

**Habitat Restoration**: Our Creekwalk restoration project is going well. Last winter's plantings are prospering and we have some volunteer native plants where seeds dropped. We sheet mulched the adjoining area in March for planting in 2017. On Community Service Day we removed ivy from trees in the creek channel south of

downtown Walnut Creek. We also

had three arundo removal days.

Creek cleanups: We had an overflow crowd of 360 at the annual downtown creek cleanup. Our second creek cleanup this year, which we did in conjunction with Flood Control, was in the area where the salmon come to spawn. We picked up a lot of trash. There was everything from suitcases and bedding to cigarette butts, but there were few if any plastic bags.



Part of the overflow crowd of 146 at the Rossmoor talk on Tice Creek

**Outreach**: After a very successful Earth Day event, Sustainable Rossmoor asked us to participate in a talk on Tice Creek and help with two creek walks. These events were very well attended, and met with enthusiasm.

For more information about Friends of the Creeks
Please Visit Our Website at www.friendsofthecreeks.org



#### **Friends of San Ramon Creek**

The Friends of San Ramon Creek support programs and projects which promote a healthy San Ramon Creek and the 54-square mile San Ramon Creek watershed.

**Programs:** In cooperation with the Danville Library, we advertised and helped present four Naturalist speakers in the Library. We participate in activities of the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, including help with the Living Creeks meeting on October 12, 2016. Heidi Petty and Elissa Robinson of the RCD provided staff assistance.



Kevin Carty organized Scouts to remove a stand of arundo along SR Creek.



Scout Luke Elissiry organized work parties near Osage Park in Danville

**Earth Day:** Working with several Danville groups and individuals, we had a table at Earth Day on April 23 next to San Ramon Creek.

Creek Work: Arundo was removed in two locations by Eagle Scout candidates. One Scout has returned several times to check on re-growth since his project was so late in the season. A third scout performed digital mapping of a section of creek in downtown Danville, locating stands of invasive species (arundo and Tree of Heaven) with GPS readings. Creek stewards were encouraged to address their parts of the creek.

Marty Buxton, Dick Heron & Beverly Lane



Scouts led by Cole Pike take GPS readings of invasive species along San Ramon Creek.



Please Visit our Website to Learn More about Friends of San Ramon Creek

www.ccrcd.org/FOSRC

# **Town of Danville**



# 2016 Watershed Activity Report FOR THE WALNUT CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL



Protecting our environment, preserving our history and retaining Danville's special character

# 547 Drain Inlets Cleaned

The Town's Maintenance Services Department cleaned 547 drain inlets in 2016, working to keep garbage and litter from entering the watershed.

# Natural Pond Maintenance

The Town of Danville has maintained a natural pond located at Oak Hill Park for over 20 years. The Town uses freeze-dried microbes that are put into the pond to minimize algae growth naturally.

#### No Pesticides

The Town of Danville is committed to not using pesticides in creeks. All Town creek maintenance was completed through hand weeding.

# Education & Public Outreach

The Town funds the "Kids for the Bay" environmental education program. The 2016 Earth Day event on April 23 featured numerous booths and activities. Danville's plastic bag ban also affects restaurants in order to help keep our creeks clean.



## **Contra Costa Resource Conservation District**

Since 2013, the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) and the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District have worked together to provide staff support to the Council, expand public outreach for creek stewardship and educational activities, and assist with new initiatives within the watershed. One of our biggest achievements this year was *Living Creeks: Native Fish in Urban Waterways*, an event that celebrated the achievements and activities in the Walnut Creek Watershed, and explored the possibilities for native fish in the Walnut Creek watershed, as well as throughout California.

Heidi Petty is serving as the coordinator for the Walnut Creek Watershed. She has helped to organize, publicize and inform the public about the activities and opportunities in the Walnut Creek Watershed. She has acted as staff to the Council and creek group coordinator for over two years now and will continue to work with the Walnut Creek watershed creek groups to build capacity and bring the community together toward the common goal of healthy waterways.

Elissa Robinson has assisted with both the Council and creek group events. She is committed to bringing new opportunities and ideas to the Walnut Creek watershed and its Council. She will be the new Walnut Creek watershed coordinator in 2017, and will continue to build on the foundation CCRCD and the WCWC have built since their partnership began in 2013.



Ben Wallace, Executive Director, is currently a member of the Walnut Creek



Watershed Council's Executive Committee. He is committed to the continued progress of the council and its role in facilitating collaboration between agencies, organizations, and individuals working toward a healthier, more natural watershed. Ben will continue to play a vital role in the Walnut Creek Watershed Council and assist in finding opportunities for the Council to become more involved in the community.

The Council would like to say a special thank you to Lisa Anich who served

as coordinator for the Council from 2013 through 2016. Lisa worked hard to help build participation through outreach and event organization. She provided support to the Council and its members, ensuring that information and services was available to both the community and agencies. Thank you for your service, and your commitment to our watersheds, best of luck on your next adventure.



The Contra Costa Resource Conservation District prepared this Achievements

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For Further Information on our Programs and Services, please see our website at www.CCRCD.org



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