

Meeting of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum

Wednesday July 12, 2006

(Mingle over coffee, juice and bagels 9:00 – 9:30)

Clayton Library

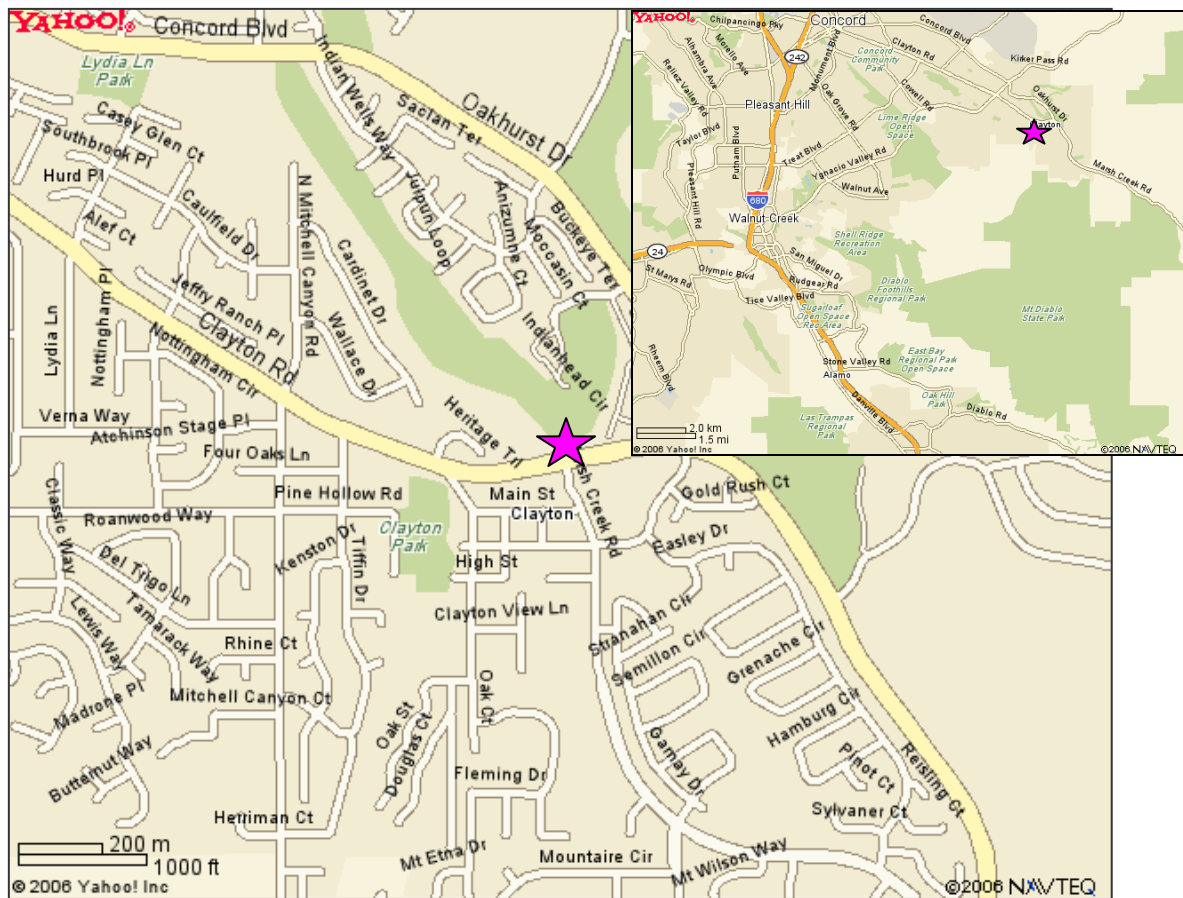
6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA 94517

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda

- 9:00 Coffee, juice and bagels.** The County Community Development Department will bring food, coffee and juice; donations are accepted (*please bring a mug to minimize our use of paper or plastic cups*).
- 9:30 Roundtable news/updates,** including, but not limited to, the following items:
- Welcome from the City of Clayton (Laura Hoffmeister).
 - Executive Committee Report.
 - Update from the Mitigation Subcommittee. Reminder to enter watershed project data into the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture's database.
 - Update on the Grant Funding Situations for the CC Watershed Forum and other organizations.
 - Update on the www.cocowaterweb.org website.
 - Watershed Roundtable. (If you have event information that you want to share with the group, please send it to Kae Ono before July 10th, so everyone can have a paper copy of the info at the meeting).
- 10:10 Update on the Contra Costa County Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program by Abby Fateman** (CCC Community Development Dept.).
- 10:20 Update and continued discussion on coordination between land trusts and organizations working in watersheds in Contra Costa County by BC Capps** (Bay Area Open Space Council) **and John Kopchik** (CCC Community Development Dept.).
- 10:30 Discussion on the proposed Bay Area Watershed Goals initiative and the importance of historical ecology in establishing watershed goals by Robin Grossinger** (San Francisco Estuary Institute).
- 11:00 Watershed Spotlight – Mt. Diablo Creek Watershed by Jessica Hamburger** (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District).
- 11:25 Adjourn to the Next CC Watershed Forum Meeting on September 13, 2006. Optional guided tour of the Mt. Diablo Creek behind the Clayton Library by Julie Pierce** (Clayton City Council).

Agenda items for the next meeting are discussed at the Executive Committee of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum. The next Executive Committee is scheduled for August 9th at lunch time. Anyone is welcome to attend. Should you want to attend this meeting, please contact Kae Ono at 925-335-1230 or kono@cd.cccounty.us. If you would like to obtain the future agendas via e-mail, please contact her also.



Coming From Martinez:

- Take I-680 South toward San Jose
- Take exit #48/Treat Blvd.
- Turn Left (you are on Pleasant Hill Rd).
- Turn Left immediately again onto Treat Blvd.
- Turn Right on Clayton Road
- The Library is located on your left hand side after you pass Mitchell Canyon Road.

Coming From Pittsburg (Hwy 4)

- Head east from W Leland Rd
- Turn right at Railroad Ave
- Continue on Kirker Pass Rd
- Turn left at Concord Blvd
- Turn right at Clayton Rd.
- The Library is located on your right hand side.

Coming From Oakland (Hwy 24):

- Take I-680 North toward Sacramento
- Take exit #48/Treat Blvd (turn right)
- Turn Right on Clayton Road
- The Library is located on your left hand side after you pass Mitchell Canyon Road.

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Hercules Community Center (Ohlone Center)

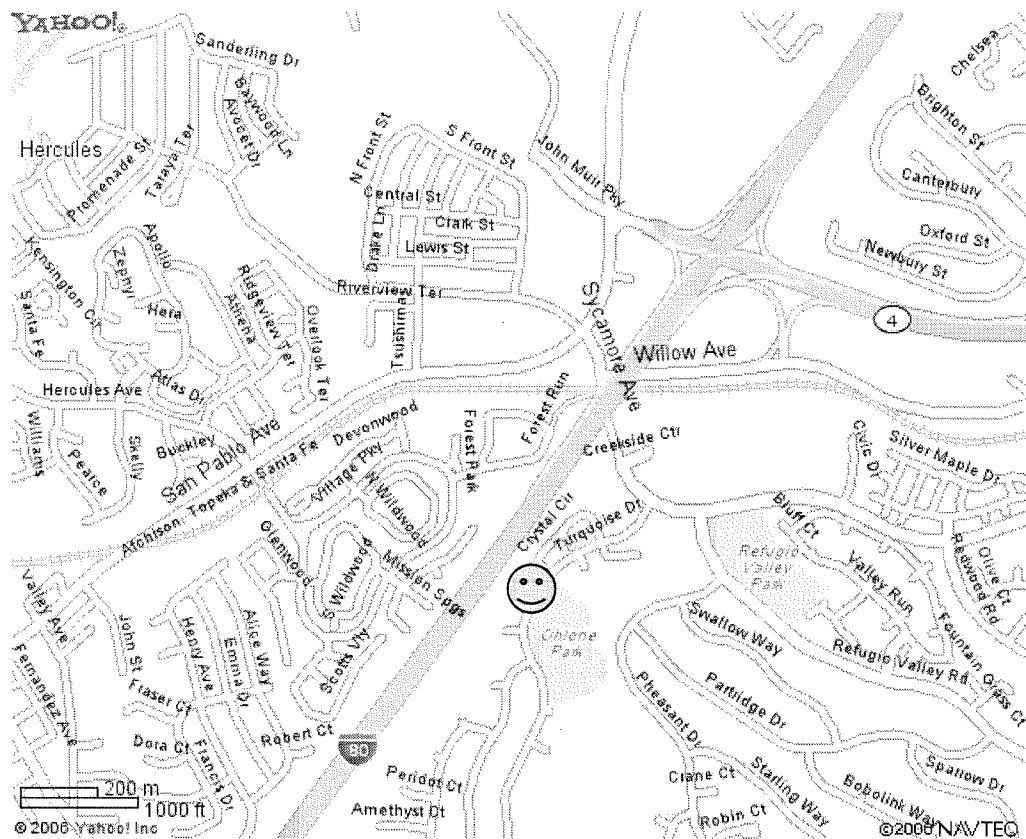
190 Turquoise Drive, Hercules, CA

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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- 9:30 Roundtable news/updates,** including, but not limited to, the following items:
- Welcome from the City of Hercules, Public Works Director & Clean Water Program Manager Erwin Blancaflor (invited).
 - Executive Committee Report.
 - Update from the Mitigation Subcommittee.
 - Update from the Website Subcommittee.
 - Coordination between land trusts and organizations working in watersheds in CCC – update and continued discussion (BC Capps, Bay Area Open Space Council and John Kopchik CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Watershed Roundtable. (If you have event information that you want to share with the group, please send it to Kae Ono before September 11, so everyone can have a paper copy of the info at the meeting).
- 10:00 Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program** – update on the program, staffing, data collection (Abby Fateman and Aspen Madrone, CCC Community Development Dept.) Please remember to schedule monitoring dates after the meeting!
- 10:15 How Can We Further Explore the Historical Ecology of Creeks and Watersheds in CCC?– a follow-up to the presentation that was provided by Robin Grossinger from SFEI at the July meeting, including ideas for future mapping, studies, funding, etc.** (John Kopchik, CCC Community Development Dept).
- 10:30 Presentation on the Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP)** (Tom Dalziel and Mitch Avalon, CCC Flood Control District).
- 11:10 Watershed Spotlight: Rodeo, Refugio and Carquinez Watersheds** (Karin Korda, Friends of RRC Watersheds and Beth Pardieck, Muir Heritage Land Trust)
- 11:30 Adjourn to the Next CC Watershed Forum Meeting on November 8, 2006. Optional guided tour of MHLT's recently acquired Fernandes Ranch by Beth Pardieck (MHLT).**

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From 680 Going North (from Pleasant Hill/Concord)

Merge onto Highway 4 toward Richmond
 Take the Willow Ave. Exit
 Left onto Willow Avenue, which will become Bayberry
 Turn Left onto Sycamore Avenue
 Right onto Turquoise Drive
 The Ohlone Center is on your left

From Highway 4 (from Pittsburg/Antioch)

Take Highway 4 toward Hercules/Richmond
 Take the Willow Ave. Exit
 Left onto Willow Avenue, which will become Bayberry
 Turn Left onto Sycamore Avenue
 Right onto Turquoise Drive
 The Ohlone Center is on your left

From Highway 80 Going South (from Rodeo/Vallejo)

Take the Hercules Exit (CA 4 West)
 Turn Left onto San Pablo Avenue
 Turn Left onto Sycamore Avenue
 Turn Right onto Turquoise Avenue
 The Ohlone Center is on your left

From 80 Going North (from Richmond)

Take CA-4 exit toward Hercules/Stockton
 Take the Hercules (Right Lane) toward Willow
 Turn Left onto Sycamore
 Right onto Turquoise Drive
 The Ohlone Center is on your left

Meeting of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum

Wednesday November 8, 2006

(Mingle over coffee, juice and bagels 9:00 – 9:30)

Concord Police Station

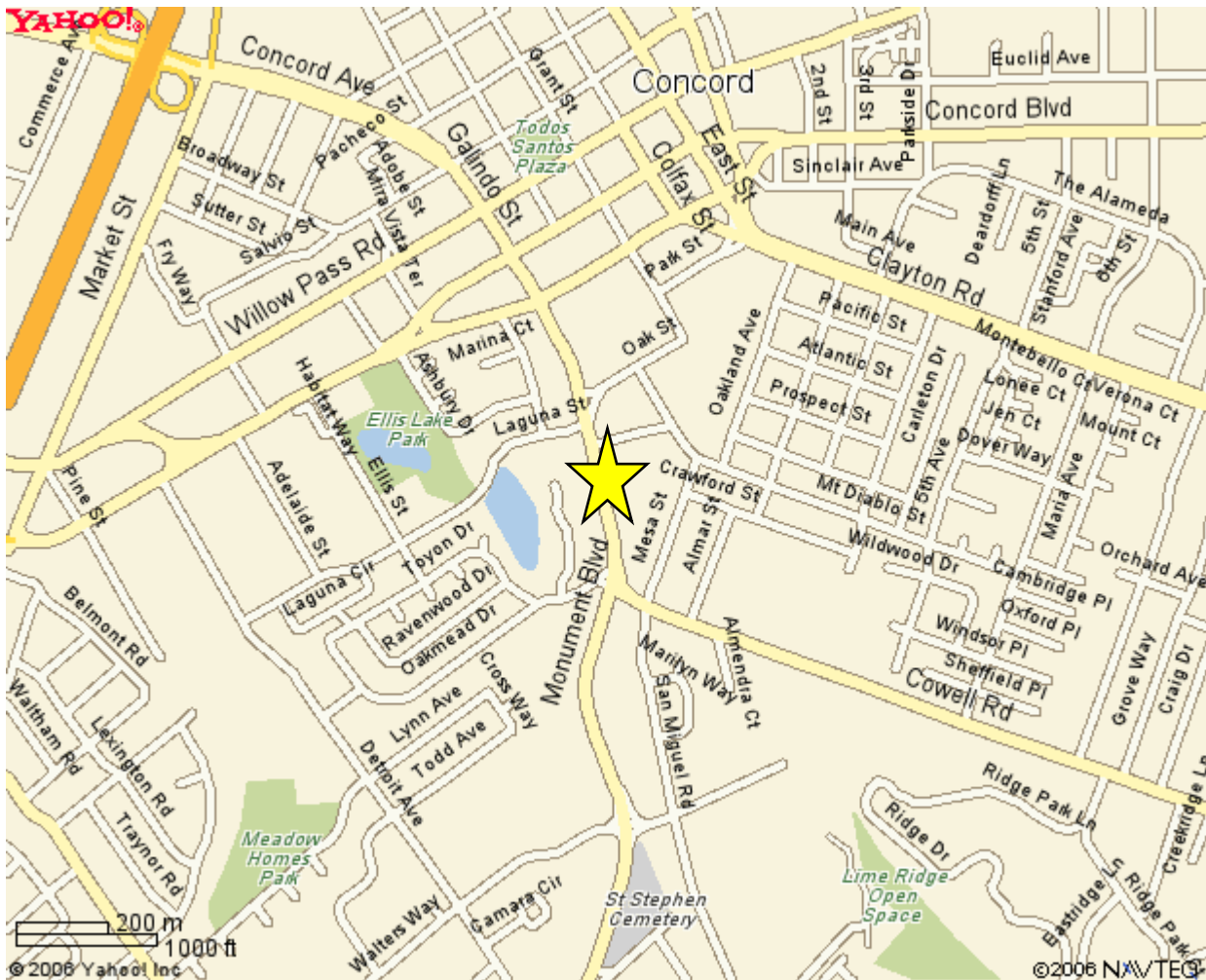
1350 Galindo Street

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda

- 9:00 Coffee, juice and bagels.** The County Community Development Department will bring food, coffee and juice; donations are accepted (*please bring a mug to minimize our use of paper or plastic cups*).
- 9:30 Roundtable news/updates,** including, but not limited to, the following items:
- Welcome from Ric Notini, the Reuse Project Manager (City of Concord).
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Update from the Website Subcommittee.
 - Coordination between land trusts and organizations working in watersheds in CCC – update and continued discussion (BC Capps, Bay Area Open Space Council and John Kopchik CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Watershed Roundtable.
- 9:55 Presentation by Ric Notini, the Reuse Project Manager from the City of Concord on the Concord Community Reuse Project (Planning Process for the Concord Naval Weapons Station).**
- 10:15 Update on the Historical Ecology of CCC Creeks and Watersheds project.** Consider sharing the findings of the project at the 3rd Quadrennial Creek and Watershed Symposium in the fall of 2007. (John Kopchik, CCC Community Development Dept).
- 10:30 Discussion on the Third Quadrennial Creek and Watershed Symposium in the fall of 2007.** The last two were held in 1999 and 2003 in Walnut Creek . Consider creating a subcommittee to plan the event (Kae Ono, CCC Community Development Dept).
- 10:40 Presentation on leaning how a do-it-yourself landowner can perform various erosion control methods, using an age old technique, soil bioengineering** (Mike Vukman, Urban Creeks Council).
- 11:10 Discussion on the 2nd Annual Contra Costa Watershed Award Program.** The first award ceremony was held in January of 2006 in Martinez. Consider reviewing the categories of awards. Consider having the award ceremony at the Symposium in the fall of 2007.
- 11:20 Presentation on LifeGarden's mapping project in Walnut Creek (Bradley Owens, Owens Watershed Planning).** Consider having a long presentation session by various watershed groups and agencies that work in the Walnut Creek watershed at the January 2007 meeting.
- 11:30 Adjourn to the January 10, 2007 Contra Costa Watershed Forum meeting.**

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After you park your car, please go through the main entrance of the building and let the police personnel at the counter know that you are attending a meeting in the Community Meeting Room. The room is located just down a short hallway to the left of the main counter and the elevator.

From Martinez/Vallejo

680 South

Take Willow Pass Rd – Exit 51 toward Taylor Blvd.

Turn left on Willow Pass Road (away from the Sun Valley Mall).

Turn right onto Galindo Street. The building is on your left.

From Danville/Walnut Creek

680 North

Merge onto CA 242 N – Exit 50 toward Concord/Pittsburg

Merge onto Clayton Rd. (toward Concord). Go straight on Clayton Road.

Turn Right onto Galindo Street. The building is on your left.

Walking from Concord BART Station (only a few blocks away from the BART station)

Exit at the west side of the track.

Walk southward toward Mt. Diablo Street.

There is a large, fenced parking lot at the corner of Mt. Diablo Street and Laguna Street. Turn Right onto Laguna Street. The building is on your left after the BART extra parking lot and the City's gated staff parking lot.

Meeting of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum
Wednesday March 14, 2007

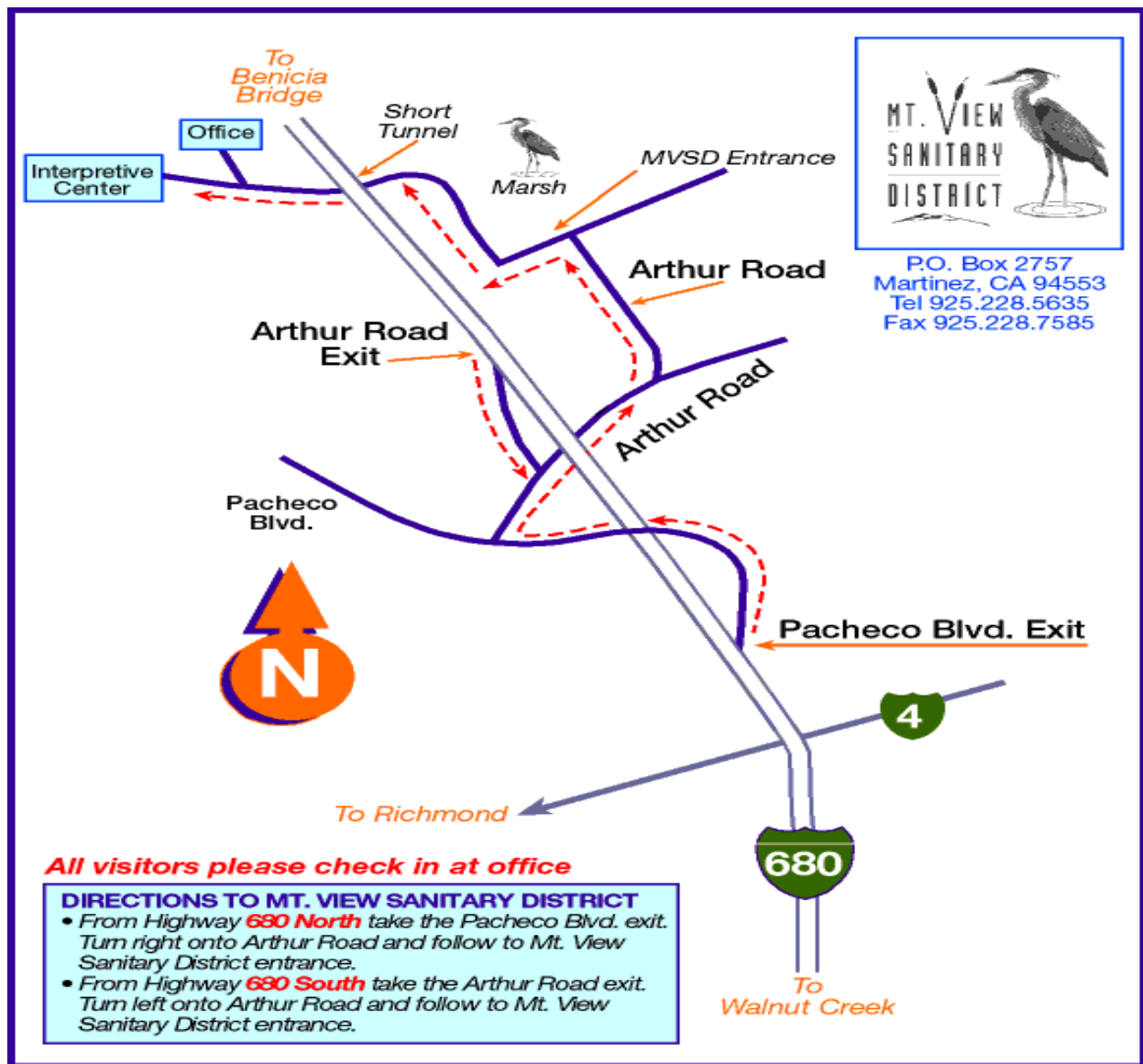
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Mt. View Sanitary District Board Meeting Room in Martinez (map is on the back)
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Agenda

- 9:00 Coffee, juice and bagels.** Mt. View Sanitary District will provide coffee. The County Community Development Department will bring food and juice; donations are accepted (*please bring a mug to minimize our use of paper or plastic cups*).
- 9:30 Roundtable news/updates**, including, but not limited to, the following items:
- Welcome from Mt. View Sanitary District (David Contreras, District Manager)
 - Committee and Project Updates
 - Executive Committee Report
 - Historical Ecology Project Update (John Kopchik, CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Third Quadrennial Creek and Watershed Symposium Subcommittee (Kae Ono, CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Follow-up on Walnut Creek Watershed Panel Discussion from the January meeting (Abby Fateman, CCC Community Development Dept.)
 - Update on the Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program (Michelle Luebke, CCC Community Development Dept.)
 - Watershed Roundtable (all).
- 10:05 Update from the Website Subcommittee. Preview of the New Contra Costa Watershed Forum Website** (Abby Fateman, CCC Community Development Dept. and David Siedband, Wolf & Associates).
- 10:25 Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program 2006 Awards Ceremony** (Michelle Luebke, CCC Community Development Dept.)
- 10:40 A Whirlwind Tour of US Estuaries Outside California, an outgrowth of the December 2006 Estuary Conference in New Orleans** (Susan Schwartz, Friends of Five Creeks).
- 11:10 Watershed Spotlight: East County Watersheds. First Year Results of an Agricultural Beneficial Management Practice to Improve Water Quality** (Mark Lane, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District).
- 11:30 Adjourn to the May 9, 2007 Contra Costa Watershed Forum meeting.**

The CCWF will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to attend CCWF meetings who contact Kae Ono at least 24 hours before the meeting. Agenda items for the CCWF meetings are discussed by the Executive Committee. The next Executive Committee is scheduled for April 11 at lunch time. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Kae Ono, who can be reached at 925-335-1230 or kono@cd.cccounty.us.



- From Concord/Walnut Creek/Antioch /Pittsburg area:
From 680 North: Take the Pacheco Blvd/Arthur Rd exit off Hwy 680. At the first light turn right onto Arthur Road between the Shell and Union 76 gas station. Continue on Arthur Road under the freeway and around the bend to the left. At the chain link fence, turn left onto the Plant Road, continuing along the marsh, through the tunnel and up a small hill. (*Be aware of construction*). Take the right fork to the parking area. Park at the Admin Building parking lot. If that is full, go back to the Plant Road, turn right and follow the yellow sign to the Field Trip Parking area.
- From Benicia Area:
From 680 South: Take the Pacheco Blvd/Arthur Rd. exit off Hwy 680 South. At the bottom of the ramp turn left onto Arthur Road.
From Arthur Road: Continue on Arthur Road under the freeway and around the bend to the left. At the chain link fence, turn left onto the Plant Road, continuing along the marsh, through the tunnel and up a small hill. (*Be aware of construction*). Take the right fork to the parking area. Park at the Admin Building parking lot. If that is full, go back to the Plant Road, turn right and follow the yellow sign to the Field Trip Parking area.

Meeting of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum
Wednesday May 9, 2007

(Mingle over coffee, juice and bagels 9:00 – 9:30)

Hap Magee Ranch Park Swain Room
1025 La Gonda Way, Danville (map is on the back)
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

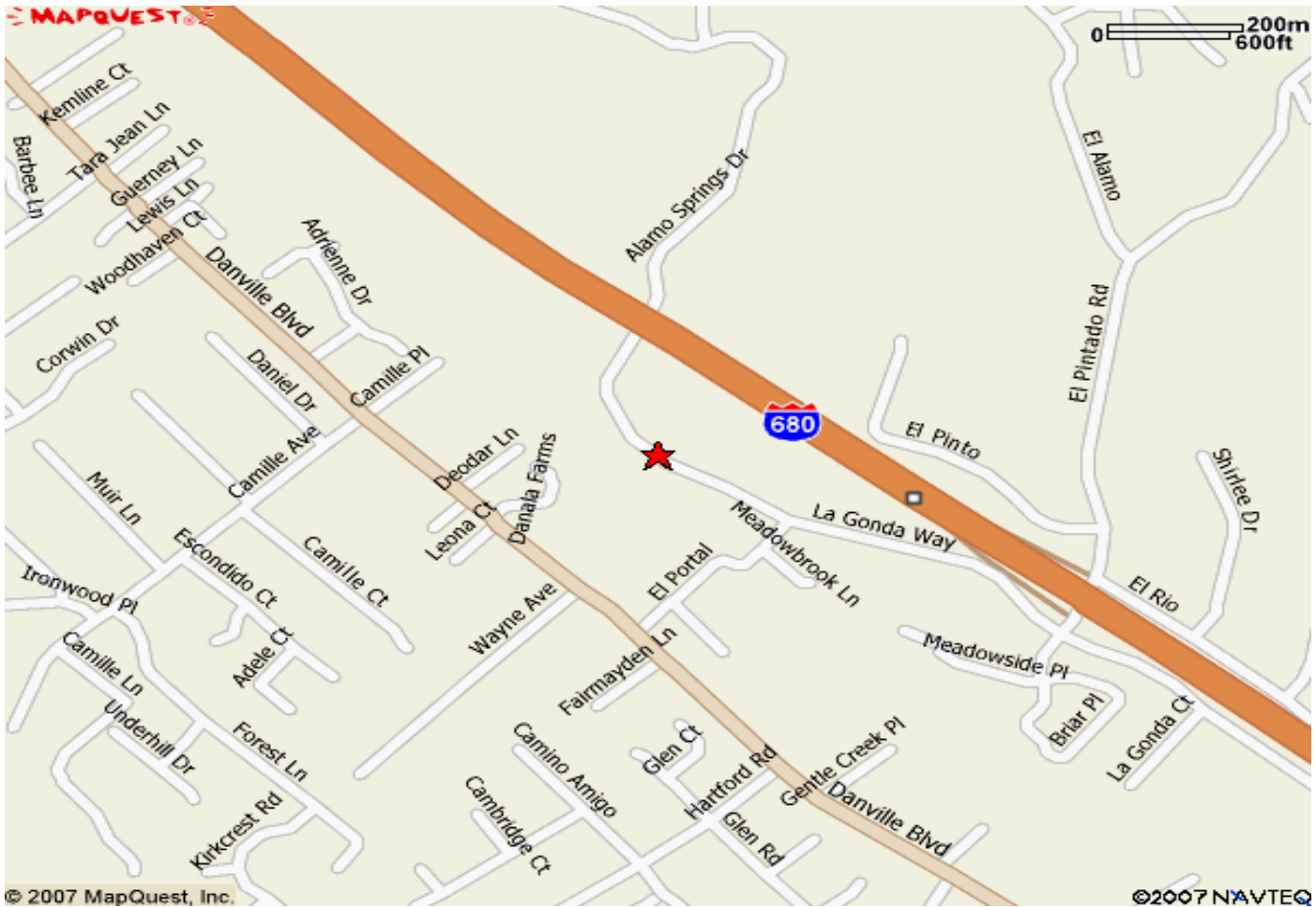
Agenda

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- 9:30 Roundtable news/updates**, including, but not limited to, the following items:
- Welcome from the Town of Danville (Chris McCann, Stormwater Pollution Control Program) -- confirmed
 - Watershed Roundtable (all).
 - Committee and Project Updates
 - Executive Committee Report.
 - Historical Ecology Project Update (John Kopchik, CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Third Quadrennial Creek and Watershed Symposium Subcommittee to be held on Thursday November 15, 2007. Location TBA (Kae Ono, CCC Community Development Dept).
 - Update on the Volunteer Creek Monitoring Program (Michelle Luebke, CCC Community Development Dept.)
 - Update from the Website Subcommittee (Abby Fateman, CCC Community Development Dept.).
 - Planning the Contra Costa Watershed Award Ceremony in Nov 2007 (Kae Ono, CCC Community Development Dept).
- 10:15 Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Coordination – Mitch Avalon (CCC Flood Control District).**
- 10:40 East Branch Alamo Creek (Windemere Development, Dougherty Valley) -- Jeff Haltiner (Phil Williams Associates) and Teri Rie (Contra Costa County Public Works Dept).**
- 11:05 Wildfire in My Watershed -- Maria Morales (Diablo Firesafe Council).**
- 11:30 Adjourn to the July 11, 2007 Contra Costa Watershed Forum meeting in San Pablo (location confirmed).**

Optional Field Trip to the East Branch Alamo Creek restoration site (may need to drive ten minutes or more to this site from this meeting location).

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Hap Magee Ranch Park Swain Room
1025 La Gonda Way, Danville



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680 South (From Sacramento)

Exit El Pintado Rd (Ext 41).
Turn Right at El Pinto.
Turn Right at La Gonda Way.

I 680 North (From San Jose)

Exit El Cerro Blvd toward El Pintado Rd.
Turn Left at El Cerro Blvd.
Turn Right at La Gonda Way.

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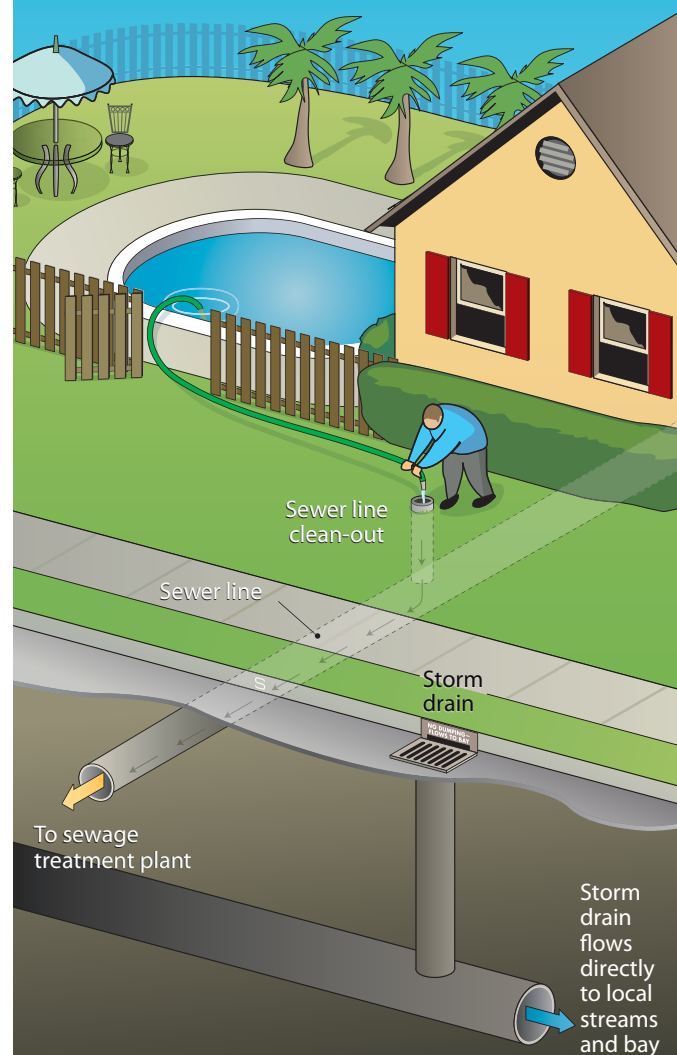
PRIORITY MAIL

Contra Costa Clean Water Program
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553



DRAINING POOLS & SPAS

Keep pool, spa and
fountain water out of
storm drains, creeks and
the Bay.



Storm drains flow directly
into our creeks and
the Bay.

Did you know...?

- Draining pools, spas and fountains to storm drains can pollute creeks, the Delta and the Bay with copper, chlorine, sediments and other contaminants. Storm drains flow directly into our creeks, Delta and the Bay without treatment.
- Pools, spas and fountains should only be discharged to the sanitary sewer and only after obtaining permission from your local wastewater treatment authority.
- Copper is a pollutant that threatens aquatic life in our creeks, Delta and the Bay. It is used as an algaecide in pools, spas and fountains and copper pipes commonly used in pool plumbing.
- Wastewater treatment plants remove some, but not all, copper from sewage. It's essential to reduce or eliminate the use of copper in pools, spas and fountains so that disposal of pool water to the sanitary system is possible.



A properly maintained pool,
spa and fountain will reduce
the need for draining.

Maintaining

- Prevent algae problems and reduce the need for draining by: cleaning regularly, maintaining proper chlorine levels and maintaining water filtration and circulation.
- Manage pH and water hardness to minimize copper pipe corrosion that can stain your pool and potentially end up in our creeks, Delta and the Bay.
- Resolve persistent algae problems without copper algaecides. Use chlorine or other copper-free alternatives. Ask your pool maintenance service or pool chemical supplier for help. Or search for environmentally-friendly algaecides on the internet.

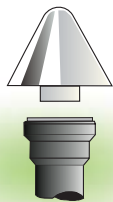
Filter Cleaning

- Never clean a filter in the street, gutter, or in or near a storm drain.
- Rinse cartridge filters with water onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil.
- Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area. Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash. Keep backwash discharges out of the street and storm drain.
- If you don't have a suitable dirt area, contact your local wastewater treatment authority listed in this brochure for instructions on discharging to the sanitary sewer.
- Contact your local household hazardous waste facility regarding proper disposal of pool chemicals. <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle/options/v5951.htm>

Draining

- Contact local wastewater treatment authority to properly dispose.
- Don't drain into a street, gutter or storm drain.
- Discharge water to a sanitary sewer cleanout.
- If you are on a septic system or have no sanitary sewer clean-out, contact your wastewater treatment authority listed in this brochure for guidance.

What does a sanitary sewer clean-out look like?



Look on your property for a small circular cap on a pipe, with a raised square or mushroom-shaped cone on it, sticking out of your house or out of the ground. These caps often cover clean-outs.



OR...
Look on your property for a concrete or metal cover marked "SEWER," "C.O." or "S." Clean-outs are often located under them.



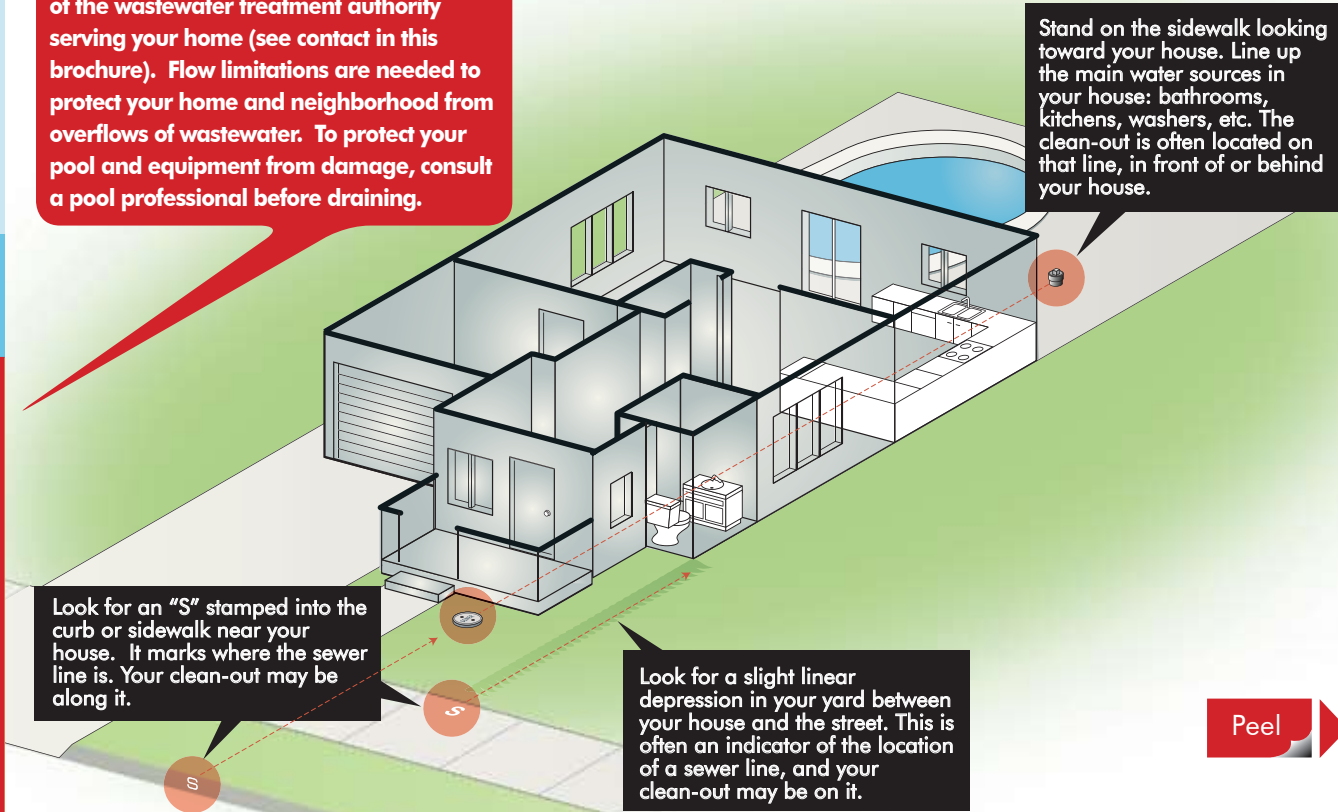
In either case, remove the cap and place the hose in the pipe to drain. To prevent backflow, don't let the end of the hose touch the bottom of the sewer pipe while draining.



Tips for finding your clean-out

Not all cities use the same method to mark their sewer systems. If you have trouble locating your clean-out, contact your local wastewater treatment authority. See "Contacts" list at right.

PLEASE NOTE: Use of a clean-out to discharge pool water needs approval of the wastewater treatment authority serving your home (see contact in this brochure). Flow limitations are needed to protect your home and neighborhood from overflows of wastewater. To protect your pool and equipment from damage, consult a pool professional before draining.



There are a number of places to look for your sanitary sewer clean-out. Start by checking to see if there's an "S" stamped into the concrete of your curb or sidewalk. This marks the location of the sewer line, and your clean-out may be aligned with this marking.

Check on outside walls of the kitchen or baths, or somewhere on your property that is aligned with the drains of your kitchen or baths.

Finally, check to see if there is a slight depression in the ground leading out to the street. It may mark the location of the sewer line, and the clean-out may be along that line.

Sanitary sewer clean-outs are most often found along the sewer line, which is usually aligned with the sewer lines for the house.

Contacts

For information about draining pools or spas:

Alamo	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Antioch	Delta Diablo Sanitation District
Bay Point	Delta Diablo Sanitation District
Bethel Island	Ironhouse Sanitary District
Brentwood	City Of Brentwood
Byron	Byron Sanitary District
Clayton	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Clyde	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Concord	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Crockett	Crockett Sanitary Department
Danville/Blackhawk	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Diablo	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Discovery Bay	Town of Discovery Bay CSD
El Cerrito	East Bay Municipal Utility District
El Sobrante	West County Wastewater District
Hercules	City of Pinole
Kensington	East Bay Municipal Utility District
Knighten	Ironhouse Sanitary District
Lafayette	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Martinez	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
	Mt. View Sanitary District
Moraga	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Oakley	Ironhouse Sanitary District
Orinda	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Pacheco	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Pinole	City of Pinole
	West County Wastewater District
Pittsburg	Delta Diablo Sanitation District
Pleasant Hill	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
Port Costa	Crockett Sanitary Department
Richmond	City of Richmond
	West County Wastewater District
	East Bay Municipal Utility District
Rodeo	Rodeo Sanitary District
San Pablo	West County Wastewater District
San Ramon	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
	Dublin San Ramon Services District
Walnut Creek	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District

Keep your pool, spa and fountain water out of storm drains. Discharge water to a sanitary sewer clean-out with approval from your Wastewater Treatment Authority.

For more information:
www.ccleanwater.org

PLEASE STICK THIS REMINDER ON YOUR PUMP EQUIPMENT.

Wastewater Treatment Authorities	
Byron Sanitary District	(925) 634-5560
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	(925) 229-7288
City of Brentwood	(925) 516-6060
City of Hercules	(510) 724-8963
City of Pinole	(510) 724-8963
City of Richmond	(510) 412-2062
Crockett Sanitary Department	(510) 787-2992
Delta Diablo Sanitation District	(925) 756-1900
Dublin San Ramon Services District	(925) 875-2336
East Bay Municipal Utility District	(510) 287-1651
Ironhouse Sanitary District	(925) 625-2279
Mt. View Sanitary District	(925) 228-5635
Rodeo Sanitary District	(510) 799-2970
Town of Discovery Bay CSD	(925) 634-1131
West County Wastewater District	(510) 237-6603