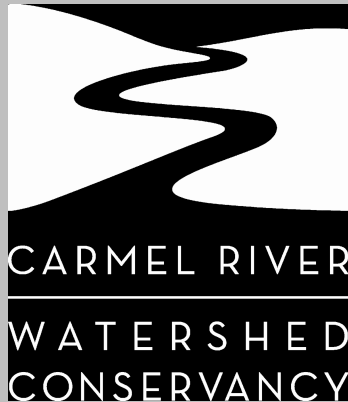


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How will you enjoy the Carmel River Watershed this summer?

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RECAP OF CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE DAY 2022



The fourth annual California Wildlife Day took place on March 19th on a rainy day during the spring equinox. The event was hosted by the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District. The theme for the event was Connecting Communities: Wildlife and Watersheds.

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Members of the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County
and Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe

CRWC-CSUMB PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPS

WATERSHED HEALTH REPORT CARD

This spring the Cal State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Watershed Institute in partnership with CRWC has been updating and developing the Carmel River Watershed Health Report Card. The two new indicators are Aquatic Invasive Species and Wildfire Regime.

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California Red-legged Frog. Photo from Santa Lucia Conservancy

IMPACT OF THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ON THE CARMEL RIVER



Carmel River Wetlands

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For decades, California American Water (CalAm) has been overdrafting the Carmel River, impacting the river's health, surrounding ecosystem, and wildlife. To protect the river for future generations, a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) was enacted on December 31, 2021. The CDO will remain in place until the State Water Resources Control Board agrees to lift it. For the 2021-2022 water year, CalAm has legal rights to pull 4,110 acre-feet. The year after, it will shrink to 3,376 acre-feet of water.

CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED PREPARES FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

We have already seen an early start to fire season throughout California due to ongoing drought and historically low rainfall. Recent data shows January, February, and March were the driest first three months of the year in California

history. These conditions have prompted CAL FIRE to suspend all burn permits in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. It is imperative to take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and others from the threat of wildfire.



River Fire near Salinas, 2021. Photo from Monterey Herald

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2021-2022 WATERSHED EDUCATION PROGRAM



Students visiting the Carmel River Watershed from Mission Park School in Salinas

CRWC directed another successful Watershed Education Program during the 2021-2022 school year, with 27 in person field trips and 9 virtual sessions. Facilitated in partnership with the Santa Lucia Conservancy, the program hosted a total 867 visitors, of which 665 were schoolchildren. The Watershed Education Program served groups from all over the Monterey region, including Carmel and Salinas.

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Thank you for your interest and your support for all we are doing to restore the Carmel River watershed.