



Trinidad Bay Watershed News

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~Working together to improve the watersheds from the hills to the Trinidad Bay~

The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council (TBWC) is pleased to share all the latest news from the Trinidad Bay Watersheds and to celebrate with you at the Trinidad Fish Festival. Right now, we're focused on fish and clean water. We can prevent pollution by adopting good habits for car care and yard work, by picking up after our pets, maintaining our septic systems and keeping trash in its proper place.

It takes all of us to keep our watersheds beautiful, the waters clean and the fish plentiful.

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Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

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City of Trinidad

Stormwater Project Construction Underway

We've all noticed the many construction projects going on in Trinidad and Westhaven lately. Now a new one—digging up the City again for the Stormwater Project.

The construction project to address stormwater discharges to the Trinidad Bay Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS), funded by the State Water Resources Control Board, is now underway, with the goal of reducing polluted stormwater runoff from entering into the ASBS. This will be accomplished by the installation of structures to collect, treat and infiltrate the City stormwater runoff in the upper portion of Trinidad, and in so doing help the City meet the requirements of the California Ocean Plan's prohibition of discharge into the kelp beds in Trinidad Bay.

To keep the community members and its valued businesses informed of the status of this construction project and what to expect, the City has developed a weekly project email update, which will continue until the project's completion this August. If you would like to receive these weekly email updates, please contact Becky Price-Hall at:

rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov or by phone at (707) 499-6454.

TRINIDAD BAY STORM DRAIN CHALK ART



Prevent Water Pollution —> Create Storm Drain Art



The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council is helping the City with the labeling of Trinidad's Storm Drains. We want the labels to be beautiful and to have some fun so we're putting on a series of Storm Drain Chalk Art Events. If you are interested in helping, please contact Becky Price-Hall at rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov, (707) 499-6454.

What's your Stormwater Message?

The mission of the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council is to work collaboratively to improve and maintain the watersheds, coastal waters and communities in the Trinidad and Westhaven area for the benefit of all community members.



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TBWC Calendar

Trinidad Fish Festival June 15, 2014

TBWC 2014 Quarterly Meetings

Monday July 21, 2014

Monday October 20, 2014

All are welcome to join our meetings.

For more information contact:

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Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

says THANK YOU to all our partners!

- ◇ City of Trinidad
- ◇ Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria
- ◇ GHD
- ◇ Redwood Community Action Agency
- ◇ Streamline Planning
- ◇ Madrone Enterprises
- ◇ Green Diamond Resource Company
- ◇ Trinidad Coastal Land Trust
- ◇ CA State Parks
- ◇ Bureau of Land Management
- ◇ Humboldt State University & Telonicher Marine Lab

TBWC Featured Watershed Partner:

Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

The Rancheria recognizes the importance of reaching out to local organizations and will continue working with the Trinidad Bay Watershed Council to maintain Trinidad's clean beaches and a healthy ocean.

Creation of a Marine Resources Department

The Trinidad Rancheria has recently established a marine resources department, which will be working closely with state and federal agencies to advance common conservation and environmental stewardship goals. Trinidad Rancheria continues to have an active role in the Marine Life Protection Act process, and is currently a partner in the marine baseline monitoring project, which will use traditional ecological knowledge and data to help the state of California assess the effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas.

Trinidad Pier Reconstruction/ Harbor Improvement

The Trinidad Rancheria has completed reconstruction of the Trinidad Pier. The entire harbor project is slated for completion by spring 2017. The Trinidad Pier Reconstruction Project was undertaken to correct the structural deficiencies of the pier and to improve water quality and protect beneficial uses within the Trinidad Head ASBS. All storm water runoff from the new pier is now treated and percolated into the ground, effectively eliminating direct discharges from the pier decking to the ASBS. In spring of 2015 the Rancheria will begin the demolition and reconstruction of existing structures near the launch facility. All future developments in the harbor will be completed using principles of Low Impact Development (LID).

Scenic Drive Improvement Project

Using funds from a Non Point Source Pollution reduction and elimination grant, the Rancheria has completed design and engineering for a slope protection project on Scenic Dr. Improperly routed storm water has eroded a section of hill slope adjacent to Scenic Drive, which is threatening to slide. The project will improve stormwater management and slope protections to keep the hill stabilized and prevent sediment pollution into the stream networks that discharge directly to the ocean.

Water Main Improvement Project and Water System Upgrade

The City of Trinidad and the Trinidad Rancheria have teamed up to complete two Water System Projects with funding from the Indian Health Services and the Department of Public Health. Approximately 2300 ft of 6-inch diameter domestic water transmission line is being installed to replace an existing 3-inch main. Improvements are being constructed at the Water Plant to upgrade the filtration and disinfection systems, plus some other improvements.

The Trinidad Bay Watershed Council is supported in part through grants awarded by the CA Department of Conservation Watershed Program and the CA State Water Resources Control Board Prop 84 Area of Special Biological Significance Grant Program.