

Friends of Five Mile Creek

News of the Creek

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Our Mission Statement

Five Mile Creek is a unique riparian habitat running through the City of Stockton and the County of San Joaquin. Our aim is to restore this natural and historical treasure and protect its future through developing a stewardship by concerned citizens, the City of Stockton, the County of San Joaquin and other governmental agencies that have jurisdiction over the creek

Are there bird watchers who live on the creek?

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Water Hyacinth

How wonderful it is to see reflections in the water again now that most of the hyacinth is cleared out. Clearing the remaining patches of hyacinth west of I-5 is expected to be done around December 19th, according to Laurence Batterson, County Dept. of Public Works. Work days were lost because of recent rains. If we have significant rainfall in the next 3 weeks, the date may be extended. The county is making a punchlist of items to be fixed by the contractor. These items, such as the ruts at the entry to the first bridge east of Alexandria, will be fixed at the end of the contract.

Creek Master Plan

..... In late October Kit Crump arranged for two creek restoration specialists, Rob Burton and Kristy Uschyk-Burton, to spend November 11th with us to go over our data on the creek. They had received an overview of the creek cleanup and restoration project before their visit. We discussed the problems, both current and future, some of which the committee had already identified, and some of our proposed solutions. Then we walked sections of the creek from Rivara and Pacific to the weir at 14-mile Slough.

..... They helped to clarify our future direction by suggesting greater emphasis on water quality and preservation to refine the master plan we have been working on these past months. They reviewed our list of objectives and gave us information about ways to proceed and they gave us sources to contact for additional information. This was extremely helpful but there was more good news to come! They offered to review our plan after more details were added so they could guide us toward suitable sources of funding.

..... It was a wonderful exciting day talking with people who agreed wholeheartedly that Five Mile Creek is a treasure and one worth protecting.



Great Blue Heron