

## May 2010 Grants Awarded

<b>California Indian Environmental Alliance</b> <i>Cache Creek Watershed Tribal Sampling and Cleanup Project</i>	\$7,000	Supports Phase 1 of a long-term partnership between several tribal nations and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to train the community to assist in sampling for mercury and other legacy metals contamination from historic gold mining, identify hot-spots and safe areas, protect culturally sensitive sites, and prepare and implement cleanup plans.
<b>California Water Impact Network</b> <i>Economic and Policy Analysis of Hydrologic Alternatives for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta</i>	\$50,000	Supports a collaboration with Delta water agencies to produce a comprehensive analysis of current Delta management policies and alternatives, and analyze the natural resource and economic costs and benefits of each alternative. The report will be widely disseminated to the media, public and governmental decision makers.
<b>Center for Biological Diversity</b> <i>San Francisco Bay and Delta Water Quality Campaign</i>	\$9,000	Supports litigation and advocacy of protecting key indicator species in the Bay and Delta including longfin smelt, the Sacramento splittail, and green sturgeon. CBD seeks protection and recovery plans for these species that will entail significant water quality benefits including reductions in industrial waste, urban runoff and pesticide use.
<b>Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center</b> <i>Tributaries Protection Project</i>	\$13,000	Supports water sampling, volunteer-based hands-on restoration work, and ongoing public education and advocacy to protect four major tributaries to the San Joaquin River – the Stanislaus, Mokelumne, Tuolumne and Merced Rivers – from impacts of clear-cutting, livestock grazing, forest roads and off-road vehicle routes, and development proposals.
<b>Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge</b> <i>General Support</i>	\$20,000	Supports broad-based public outreach and advocacy related to protecting sensitive wetlands and other shoreline habitat in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.
<b>City Slicker Farms</b> <i>General Support – Matching Funds</i>	\$5,000	Supports locally-based food security programs in West Oakland. In addition to receiving national recognition for their programs that involve hundreds of community members in growing thousands of pounds of organic food, City Slickers is transforming bighted empty lots that are magnets for illegal dumping into productive community garden centers, thereby helping to keep litter and toxins out of urban runoff.
<b>Clean Water Fund</b> <i>Reforming the TMDL Process</i>	\$20,000	Supports advocacy and community technical assistance in the development of methyl mercury Total Daily Maximum Load rules the San Francisco Bay watershed, and to prepare recommendations to make the overall TMDL process (a multi-year resource-intensive stakeholder exercise requiring the participation of costly experts) more community-friendly. Also supports a Bay Area clinic-based program in partnership with the UCSF Nursing School, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates and the California Indian Environmental Alliance to reduce mercury exposure to subsistence fishers in low-income communities of color.
<b>Community Alliance with Family Farmers</b> <i>Harmonizing Food Safety and Conservation Practices</i>	\$8,000	Supports the development of model Good Agricultural Practices that are designed for small, minority-owned, organic or limited resource farmers in the Delta, Sacramento Valley and other areas. These model GAPs promote food safety, habitat and climate-friendly farming approaches that emphasize riparian habitat protection, filter strips, grassed waterways and other biological practices to control harmful pests and bacteria rather than “sterilizing” farms through pesticide use and stripping on-farm vegetation.
<b>Coyote Point Museum</b> <i>San Francisco Bay Conservation Programs</i>	\$5,000	Supports programs that involve San Mateo County youth and their families in learning how they can become active stewards over their local watersheds, marshlands, and Bayshore. Includes hands-on exploration of Coyote Point marsh, and utilizes local beaches and marshes as living classrooms.

<b>EarthJustice</b> <i>Using the Power of Law to Protect the Bay-Delta Ecosystem</i>	\$10,000	Supports legal defense of the biological opinions and related Delta smelt, salmon, steelhead and ecosystem protections that require reduced pumping at the giant Central Valley Project and the State Water Project water diversion facilities.
<b>East Bay Academy for Young Scientists</b> (fiscal sponsor: University of California) <i>Youth Research into Oakland Watersheds</i>	\$5,000	Helps supports hands-on watershed based after school and summer educational programs for 60 underserved youth from ARISE High School and Mills TRIO programs conducted in partnership with UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science. Programs include collecting litter, developing public information signs, and field observations in San Leandro Bay and Lake Merritt, with the data collected regarding water quality, macro invertebrates, plastics, dissolved oxygen, Coliform and Nitrate/Phosphate presented to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
<b>Environmental Justice Coalition for Water</b> <i>Every Drop Counts, Every Voice Counts</i>	\$10,000	Supports outreach and public education in Delta communities about how to apply sustainability and equity concepts in water policy decisions, and to promote the involvement of disadvantaged communities in the Delta in shaping the water polices that affect their lives.
<b>Environmental Law Foundation</b> <i>Anti-degradation and Public Trust Project</i>	\$12,675	Supports the development and dissemination to Delta water quality advocates of legal tools built around the anti-degradation clause of the Clean Water Act and the Public Trust Doctrine through ELF's RiverLaw program. Activities also include legal advocacy related to wastewater discharge affecting the Delta.
<b>Friends of Petaluma River</b> <i>Core Support</i>	\$40,000	Defrays the purchase of two boats and associated overhead. The boats will be the centerpiece of Friends of the Petaluma River's public education efforts to build a strong and vibrant constituency for the long-term stewardship of the Petaluma River estuary, a key tributary to San Francisco Bay, and will be used to facilitate tours for scientists and regional decision makers, help the Coastal Conservancy map and eradicate invasive Spartina grass, and support regular River clean-ups – ferrying dozens of volunteers to riverside sites and hauling tons of garbage away from the river for proper disposal.
<b>Healdsburg Education Foundation</b> <i>Clean Campus Clean Creeks Project</i>	\$23,500	Supports a collaborative project with Healdsburg High School's Construction and Sustainability Academy to create a campus rain garden that will be a living demonstration of how to control stormwater pollution through carefully-designed landscaping, and to develop an associated stormwater education curriculum module based on state science standards.
<b>Madera Oversight Coalition</b> <i>General Support</i>	\$65,000	Supports continued watchdogging and litigation related to large-scale development proposals in Madera County to promote responsible planning, control traffic, and protect farmland and air and water resources.
<b>Natural Resources Defense Council</b> <i>Combating Threats to Endangered Species in the Bay-Delta</i>	\$10,000	Supports public education, media outreach and technical assistance to environmental and fishing groups regarding Bay-Delta water quality policy decisions critical to the future of salmon populations that spawn in the Delta watershed.
<b>Pesticide Watch Education Fund</b> <i>Northern California Community Assistance Project</i>	\$10,000	Supports continued work in the Sacramento Valley and Delta communities to teach media, organizing and outreach skills, and to help local organizations develop strategic plans to guide their advocacy to improve watershed health through reduced pesticide use.
<b>Physicians for Social Responsibility</b> (SF Bay Area Chapter) <i>Clinical Advocacy Training Program</i>	\$35,000	Supports the expansion of a program to train health care professionals as environmental health advocates, and to actively participate in local and state policy and legislative and policy arenas. Training events will reach more than 1,000 clinicians with materials available in both English and Spanish.

<b>Planning and Conservation League Foundation</b> <i>California Water Program</i>	\$11,500	To support public education about the need to ease Delta water conflicts by supporting water neutral development in regional and local development decisions, and to help defray the broad dissemination of "8 Affordable Water Solutions for California," a policy blueprint calling for cost-effective measures to protect the Delta watershed including adopting and enforcing updated flow and water quality standards, promoting the use of recycled water, retiring drainage-impaired lands in the San Joaquin Valley, and analyzing the potential of a smaller Delta diversion tunnel.
<b>Rockridge Community Planning Council</b> <i>Safeway Shopping Center Project</i>	\$10,000	To help defray the costs of technical and legal experts to address the water quality impacts of a proposed "traffic magnet" superstore in the Rockridge district of Oakland. Automobiles are a significant source of oil, grease and toxic metal pollution in stormwater runoff to San Francisco Bay. For example, studies show that up to 80% of the copper pollution in stormwater runoff comes from eroding brake pads.
<b>Save Strawberry Canyon</b> <i>General Support</i>	\$685	To support community based advocacy to protect riparian habitat and reduce sedimentation and other development impacts in the Strawberry Canyon watershed.