

November 2009 Grants List

Acterra Young Earth Stewards <i>San Mateo County</i>	\$17,000	Provides high school and middle school students in Redwood City with at least 30 habitat restoration, creek clean-up and similar stewardship activities related to the restoration of Arroyo Ojo de Aga, a tributary to Redwood Creek, plus integration of the field work with classroom activities.
AquAlliance General Support <i>Butte County</i>	\$40,000	Provides seed funding to launch a new organization dedicated to protecting the hydrologic health of the Sacramento River watershed, including both ground water and surface water.
ArcEcology Hunters Point and Candlestick Alternatives <i>San Francisco</i>	\$23,000	Supports promotion of community-based alternatives to the proposed development plans for Hunters Point and Candlestick Point that would preserve shoreline habitat, protect a proposed state park bird sanctuary, create less demand on fresh water and water treatment resources, and generally include watershed management concepts into the development scheme. The Arc alternative would also increase open space, improve transportation and create more jobs for local residents.
The Bay Institute Restoration of the San Joaquin River <i>Marin County</i>	\$16,000	Supports the analysis of the scientific and policy basis for increasing San Joaquin River inflows to the Delta, establishing biological indicators for San Joaquin salmon and steelhead protection, and salinity and contaminant reduction plans – especially downstream of the Merced River confluence.
California Product Stewardship Council General Support <i>Sacramento</i>	\$20,000	Supports an association of local governments and organizations dedicated to promoting the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility as a practical and cost-effective way to reduce the amount of toxics in the consumer waste stream.
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance General Support <i>San Joaquin County</i>	\$54,260	Supports administrative and legal advocacy to challenge water rights allocations (currently water rights that have been issued related to the Delta exceed actual water flows by more than a factor of 10), as well as litigation to challenge the use of the Delta and its tributaries as a giant waste discharge system for agricultural, urban and industrial effluent.
Center for Environmental Health Port and Freight Transport Pollution Mitigation Project <i>Alameda County</i>	\$20,000	Supports continued work with the Ditching Dirty Diesel Collaborative and the Coalition for Clean and Safe Ports to help unite and amplify grassroots voices from communities and watersheds impacted by the largest source of diesel pollution in the Bay Area – the movement of freight and consumer goods by trucks, trains, ships and planes.
Community Water Center AGUA Project <i>Tulare County</i>	\$12,500	Supports work with local environmental justice activists in Tulare and Fresno Counties to reduce pollution from dairies, and train local residents how to effectively participate in local, regional and statewide decision making forums on water quality issues.
Dry Creek Conservancy Secret Ravine Fish Passage Project <i>Placer County</i>	\$30,000	Helps support the removal of a bridge and old pipelines that obstruct Dry Creek, and helps defray costs related to riparian restoration.

EarthTeam Eco-Stewards <i>Alameda County</i>	\$20,000	Supports work with more than 300 students in 13 Contra Costa and Alameda county schools providing classroom presentations, field trips and after-school workshops related to understanding, restoring and monitoring local watersheds.
El Quinto Sol (Fiscal Sponsor: Pesticide Action Network) Pesticide Organizing and Capacity Building <i>Tulare County</i>	\$14,000	Supports extensive training in community organizing of a core El Quinto Sol youth member conducted by a veteran organizer from the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment, as well as overall community education and outreach in Tulare, Kern, Stanislaus and Madera counties to educate community members about pesticide drift issues.
Environmental Water Caucus (Fiscal Sponsor: Friends of the River Foundation) General Support <i>Alameda County</i>	\$60,000	Supports core operations of an association of more than 30 environmental groups and native tribes who have come together to advocate for restoring the ecology of the Bay/Delta Estuary and its fishery resources, as well as strategic outreach to California's 2 million recreational anglers to inform and mobilize them on Delta water quality issues.
Food & Water Watch Marin Desalinization Campaign <i>San Francisco</i>	\$6,750	Supports work with the community to oppose the water quality impacts of a proposed desalinization facility, and to generally raise issues related to the economic and ecological impacts of water conservation vs. energy and wastewater-intensive desalinization.
Foothill Conservancy Wild & Scenic Mokelumne <i>Amador County</i>	\$29,250	Supports efforts to secure permanent protection of more than 60 miles of the North Fork and main stem of the Mokelumne River by securing federal Wild & Scenic River status.
Golden Gate Univ. Environmental Law & Justice Law Clinic San Francisco Bay Protection <i>San Francisco</i>	\$20,000	Supports pro-bono work with the Bayview-Hunters Point Community Advocates to encourage improvements to the City of San Francisco's main sewage treatment plant – one of the largest sources of Bay pollution in the area; as well as engagement to reduce water and air pollution impacts from the nearby Mirant power plant and others that employ antiquated once-through cooling systems.
Kids for the Bay Watershed Action Program <i>Alameda County</i>	\$21,350	Supports work with 24 teachers and 720 students in low-income urban elementary schools in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Each class will each adopt their local watershed and engage in a yearlong cycle of watershed-based classroom lessons, field trips and service learning action projects to conduct shoreline and riparian restoration and promote watershed stewardship.
Ma'at Youth Academy General Support <i>Contra Costa County</i>	\$22,500	Supports multi-cultural, youth-centric programs serving low-income communities of color in the East Bay, especially in the Richmond area. Activities include environmental and outdoor education, in-depth mentoring in the science and policies behind environmental issues, and helping young leaders become involved in planning issues in Richmond and nearby cities.
Restore the Delta (Fiscal Sponsor: Friends of the River Foundation) General Support <i>San Joaquin County</i>	\$30,000	Supports outreach by a broad coalition of business interests, water agencies, boaters, anglers, environmental organizations and religious leaders on Delta fisheries and water quality issues.

San Bruno Mountain Watch Conservancy San Bruno Mountain Ecosystem Protection Project <i>San Mateo County</i>	\$20,000	Supports a CEQA challenge to a proposed large-scale residential development on the mountain's northeast ridge. As currently proposed, the development threatens to increase urban runoff into the watershed and would destroy endangered species habitat.
San Francisco Baykeeper General Support <i>San Francisco</i>	\$75,000	Supports policy advocacy, media outreach and legal efforts to prevent raw sewage spills, reduce urban runoff and industrial and agricultural discharges, control oil spills and invasive species from shipping, and generally promotes the aquatic health of the Bay/Delta ecosystem.
Sierra Fund Mining's Toxic Legacy Initiative <i>Nevada County</i>	\$10,000	Supports ongoing efforts to convene state, federal and tribal governments, and academic, health, environmental and community representatives to examine real solutions to mercury, arsenic, lead and asbestos from leachate and mine tailings from more than 10,000 abandoned mines that have been identified in the Sierra.
Tuolumne River Trust Let the Tuolumne Flow <i>San Francisco</i>	\$20,000	Helps support a strategic opportunity to engage with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to increase river flows while promoting a sustainable water vision of conservation, efficiency and recycling.
Yolo Basin Foundation Discover the Flyway <i>Yolo County</i>	\$6,525	Helps support environmental education programs for approximately 4,000 K-12 students and 1,000 parents from 15 school districts in Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties.