



**Watershed Size/Location:** 11 square miles, located in Sacramento County, within City of Folsom Sphere of Influence

**Receiving Water:** Lower American River/Lake Natoma

**Project Summary:** Engage and educate watershed stakeholders, conduct a watershed assessment, prepare a watershed management plan, and complete stewardship activities.

**Vision:** A protected, healthy creek and riparian corridor with recreational, educational and interpretive opportunities for existing and future community residents and local schools (*as described in the grant application; subject to refinement by stakeholder group*)

**Funding:** CALFED/State Department of Water Resources Grant (Proposition 50) provided to City of Folsom, Department of Public Works

**Schedule:** January 2007 – June 2009

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## Major Tasks

- Establish a stakeholder advisory team. Conduct an interest-based planning process whereby the assessment work and final watershed management plan reflect the interests of all stakeholders.
- Define interests, develop goals and a common vision for Alder Creek Watershed management amongst all the stakeholders using an interest-based process. It is expected that goals will be in terms of water quality, ecosystem, recreation, agriculture, water supply and sustainable land use planning.
- Conduct an environmental assessment of the creek and watershed resources to address water quality, hydraulics/ hydrology, creek geomorphology, fish/aquatic invertebrate populations, habitat, and land use practices (current and future).
- Complete a watershed management plan for the watershed that identifies recommended potential management actions related to protection, restoration, enhancement and/or stewardship and a preliminary implementation strategy (schedule and roles/responsibilities). Include indicators for evaluating and assessing the effectiveness of plan implementation.



## Accomplishments (as of June 2007):

- The City of Folsom selected a proposal team through a competitive bid process in December 2006 and began the project in January 2007.
- Conducted the first stakeholder meeting in March 2007 and two watershed tours in April and May.
- Compiled and reviewed all historical data and conducted field monitoring work at selected creek locations in spring 2007.
- The City met with REI (a major business in the watershed) and hopes to partner with them on future watershed stewardship activities.
- Sponsored “The Great Water Mystery” classroom assembly for the 3-5 grades at Gold Ridge Elementary in fall 2006.



## Watershed Stakeholders

The watershed is currently about 75% undeveloped, and many of the stakeholders are landowners/developers (or their representatives) who wish to develop the land into residential and commercial uses in the next 5-20 years. The agencies which will be reviewing and permitting that development are also involved.

- City of Folsom\* – Departments of Public Works; Community Development; Parks
- County of Sacramento\* - Departments of Regional Parks, Recreation and Open Space; Planning and Community Development; Water Resources
- US Bureau of Reclamation
- State Parks\*
- Caltrans District 3
- USGS\*
- Regulatory agencies: Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- GenCorp Realty Investments\*
- Folsom Auto Mall Dealers Association\* – represented by ERT Consultants
- Landowners/developers in the upper watershed south of Hwy 50 (City of Folsom Sphere of Influence)\* – represented by the Hodgson Company and MacKay and Soms Engineers
- Sacramento Chapter of Urban Creeks Council\*
- Church of Latter Day Saints (Sacramento Temple)\*
- Schools located in and near the watershed: Gold Ridge Elementary, Folsom High School, Folsom Lake College
- Residents (e.g., Willow Springs and Broadstone neighborhoods)
- Businesses in the developed portion of the watershed north of Hwy 50 (City of Folsom): REI, Costco, etc.

\*Indicates entity that participated in one or more stakeholder meetings/watershed tours in spring 2007.