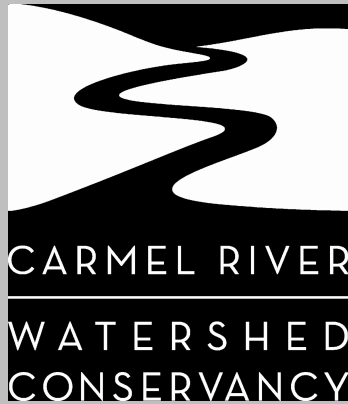


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This holiday season, keep the Carmel River on your list. Help us protect the river and watershed through research, outreach, advocacy, and education. Your contribution is important.

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CRWC SELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBER: ALIX SOLIMAN



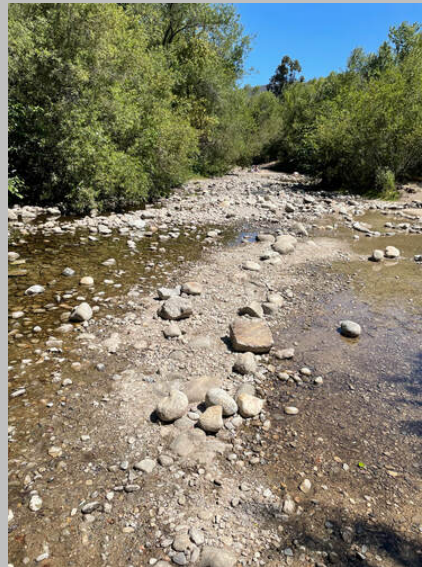
The CRWC Board of Directors is proud to welcome their newest Member, Alix Soliman. Passionate about effective science communication and community building, Alix works as the Communications & Outreach Coordinator at the Santa Lucia Conservancy where she oversees the Environmental Education Program, develops online and print resources, hosts naturalist events, builds partnerships, and manages digital media platforms.

A warm welcome to Alix!

[Read more here from our website](#)

DESALINATION FACILITY'S APPROVAL PROMISES TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON CARMEL RIVER

On November 17th, the California Coastal Commission discussed and reviewed a permit application for a new desalination plant to be located in the Monterey Bay. With a vote of 8-2, the permit was approved, despite environmental and equity concerns which the water utility was required to address during this resubmittal. After 3 years of worsening drought and a mandated reduction on pumping water from the Carmel River, desalination brings an alternative source of water to the Monterey Peninsula.



After three years of intense drought, the Monterey Peninsula is one step closer to desalination.

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WATERSHED HEALTH REPORT CARD UPDATED SCORE AND INDICATORS

CRWC is working closely with CSUMB's Watershed Institute to produce an updated Watershed Health Report Card for the Carmel River Watershed. The Report Card is a public facing tool that uses 13 biological, chemical, and ecological indicators to track key watershed health metrics to identify priority restoration efforts. In the fall of 2022, significant modifications were made to the Report Card to improve and update watershed assessment practices. A new indicator for nutrients and pesticides was added, previous indicators were updated, and a new methodology for overall streamflow was implemented.

Overall Carmel River Watershed Grade Table		
EEAs	Overall Condition for Each Category	Total Grade of Carmel River Watershed
Chemical & Physical	79	67
Biotic & Ecological	66	
Landscape	82	
Natural Disturbance	29	

Read more on our [website](#), and check back soon for a user-friendly

SAVE THE DATE FOR CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE DAY 2023!

Join us for California Wildlife Day 2023 as we celebrate our state's wildlife and open spaces! The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will host the annual CWD event on March 26, 2023, from 10AM - 3PM at Palo Corona Regional Park. Students are encouraged to submit their original work to participate! Guidelines are linked here: [Art and Poetry](#) and [Scientific Posters](#). More information and a detailed agenda to come! Follow the [CWD website](#) for more.



Falconer Antonio Balestreri at CWD 2022

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Thank you for your interest and your support for all we are doing to restore the Carmel River watershed.

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