

**Habte Kifle - Re: Sausal Creek: include a SEP to restore habitat restoration**

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I believe that the settlement of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R2-2011-0005 should include a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to support habitat restoration along Sausal Creek. The 25 rainbow trout that were killed in Sausal Creek subsequent to the EBMUD crew's unauthorized discharge on August 5, 2010, accounted for a **major portion of the trout population in the creek and thus significantly depleted a community natural resource**. The Friends of Sausal Creek is a well-known, community-based nonprofit that works closely with the city to maintain and protect the Sausal Creek Watershed. It is entirely appropriate, therefore, that a portion of the EBMUD fine be dedicated to restoring the local habitat that was damaged, as proposed in the Friends of Sausal Creek's SEP.

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