



## **Haunted by Waters**

*“Eventually, all things merge into one, and a river runs through it . . . I am haunted by waters.” — Norman Maclean*

We are drawn to water. We are mesmerized by water. Water defines and nurtures us in ways we don't completely understand. The word haunted is defined as: preoccupied as within an emotion, or memory, or idea, obsessed. How did we become so haunted and possessed with a substance seemingly so ubiquitous and mundane?

Water of life, water of death. The same water that provides a living for thousands, gathers strength and brings death to thousands more. The same winds that blew ashore in Poppona Beach, Florida for surfers to enjoy blew a storm surge ashore into New Orleans one day later destroying thousands of lives and livelihoods.

Water evokes emotions of delight in one moment, fears in the next. Quiet lakes and rivulets of running creek waters intoxicate us. Storms at sea and flooded rivers fill us with dread. Yet we still find ourselves hypnotized by water. We cannot look away for long. I suspect most humans feel the same. We find ourselves drawn to water, just perhaps because tides of water – the Moon's gravity – pulls ourselves and oceans in the same direction. Then we realize we are all just a body of water, a saltwater sea, an inland sea, a human body, 70 percent water. And, haunted by a spirit. A spirit mesmerized by the ocean or river or just a creek within Lincoln, indeed all waters. We're all haunted by waters.

**All About The Waters In and Around Lincoln  
Educational Forums (including presentations, slide shows,  
displays, models, community tours)  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 9 am – 3 pm  
Lincoln Heritage Theatre, in historic downtown Lincoln**

1. Value of the creek waterways throughout and around Lincoln – Markham Ravine, Auburn Ravine, Doty Ravine.
2. Fish, wildlife, beavers, birds, mosquitoes – how each impacts our creeks and our community (THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY).
3. Water District's efforts to protect the waterways, enhance the use of the creeks, and process for bringing water into and out of the Lincoln area – Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), Nevada Irrigation District (NID), South Sutter Water District (SSWD) – What do they do? How do they work together?

4. Fish & Game (F & G), US Army Corps of Engineers, and other Fed / State / County agencies – how do they protect, preserve and enhance our waterways? How do they work together?
5. Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) just approved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors – it's goals and role related to protection and preservation of our local creeks and open space riparian habitats.
6. Wastewater treatment and conveyance – the significant role of Auburn Ravine.
7. Floodwater conveyance and protection activities.
8. Monitoring water quality.
9. Mapping our Lincoln creek waterway corridors – where does the water come from? Where is the water going?
10. The role of the City of Lincoln in protecting and enhancing our waterways.
11. How is the proposed updated Lincoln General Plan addressing and protecting our creek waterways?
12. How will the Markham Ravine Nature Area (MRNA) Project enhance our Lincoln creeks and make them more accessible and enjoyable, and of value for Lincoln residents.
13. Water is not just water - well water, surface water, running water, still water.
14. Enhancing our backyards located next to creek waterways – consideration of native plant species when planting, preserving creek bank stabilization
15. Presentation of local Lincoln student's projects and models related to waterway protection, preservation, restoration and enhancement.
16. What is it about water which “moves” us, haunts us, and enhances our own lives?
17. Guided bus tours to the scenic creek waterways and riparian habitats located throughout Lincoln.

**PLUS More – A complete schedule of educational workshops and activities will be posted on the Markham Ravine Neighborhood Committee website upon completion.**

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