

Fly Fishing in Orinda

While that may be a nice attention grabber as a headline, fly fishing in Orinda is not going to happen soon. But it could happen someday, because a mess of debris has just been removed from a sluice gate in the East Bay Municipal Utility District's 12-foot-high dam on San Pablo Creek. The gate is part of a structure that was built in the 1960s to keep clean water flowing into San Pablo Reservoir.

For years, the all-volunteer Friends of Orinda Creek has been advocating to clear the structure and allow fish passage. "Over one hundred rainbow trout 10 to 14 inches long have been seen near the Orinda filter plant," said Brian Waters, a board member of the group. It's the first time trout have been upstream in the creek in 20 years. The local press has reported that in the late 1800s, people would fish for salmon, steelhead, or other trout where the creek runs through downtown Orinda.

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