

# The Watershed is the Thing

*A watershed is the land area that contributes runoff to a body of water.*



Nearby open space opportunities abound.

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salt marsh harvest mouse

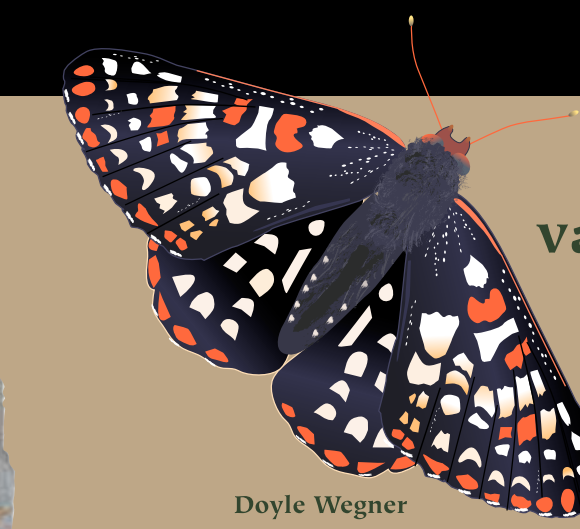
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View across the Carquinez Strait (located behind you): winter, 1700

The channel on your left is Alhambra Creek, the ultimate outflow of the watershed that bears its name. Three hundred years ago, native peoples lived and thrived in this watershed. Today we have a very different relationship with the land. Most of us go in and out of our home watershed as we live our daily lives. Nearly forgotten is the intimate knowledge of the plants, animals and yearly rhythms of the landscape that sustained the first people here.

But don't despair; you can rekindle your relationship with the land. Spend some time exploring your watershed. Stop and take a moment to imagine living entirely within this watershed.



variable checkerspot

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