

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's Stream Team

# Goleta Creeks Report Card December 2006

| <i>Creek</i>  | <i>Bacteria</i>   | <i>Temperature</i> | <i>Dissolved Oxygen</i> | <i>Turbidity</i> |
|---------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Atascadero    | B   | B                  | C                       | B                |
| Cieneguitas   | F   | C                  | D                       | B                |
| Goleta Slough | B   | B                  | D                       | C                |
| Los Carneros  | C   | C                  | C                       | B                |
| Maria Ygnacio | <b>Site was dry on December event - No Sample Taken</b> |                    |                         |                  |
| San Jose      | D   | D                  | B                       | B                |
| San Pedro     | A   | C                  | F                       | A                |
| Tecolotito    | B   | B                  | D                       | B                |

Grades are assigned based on single samples taken at the beginning of the month and may not remain valid under changing conditions.

E. Coli and Enterococcus are used by public health officials to indicate the possible presence of pathogenic bacteria and viruses.

Temperatures above 72° F (22° C) can be harmful to steelhead trout and other cold-water fish.

Even aquatic creatures need to breathe. The higher the levels of dissolved oxygen, the better.

Muddy or cloudy (turbid) water can clog fish gills and smother plant life, larvae, and eggs.

## THIS MONTH'S TIP:

Be sure to clean up after your pet. Rainy weather washes pet waste into storm drains, creeks and ultimately the ocean and can make people sick.

To volunteer for creek testing, or to find out more about these results and how they were graded, visit our website:

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