

Alameda Creek Watershed Center

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Facility Use Policy

A. Facility Purpose

This document sets forth the policy for the use of the Alameda Creek Watershed Center (ACWC) building and grounds, owned and operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. This policy shall be administered by the Natural Resources and Lands Management Division.

The primary purpose of the ACWC is to support education aligned with the mission of the San Francisco Public Utilities (SFPUC) and the vision of the ACWC.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's mission is to provide our customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that is inclusive of environmental and community interests, and that sustains the resources entrusted to our care.

The vision for the ACWC is to cultivate an increasingly informed public that understands the significance of Alameda Creek and watershed, its role in the SFPUC water supply system, and its biological diversity, and reflects this understanding by conserving water and taking action to protect and restore natural resources. (The Alameda Creek Watershed Center Interpretive Master Plan, 2014)

B. Public Visiting Hours

The ACWC exhibit halls and grounds are free and open to the public to visit during posted hours (Public hours will initially be Thursday to Saturday, 10-3 for the ACWC and 10-4 for the grounds.) No reservation is required, however groups greater than 10 must call ahead to reserve a time. The grounds include the Discovery Garden, the Sunol Watershed Temple, and the Sycamore Grove Trail. Special events, pets, alcohol, fires and BBQs are not permitted. In addition to public visiting hours, the ACWC may host special programs during and after business hours as advertised.

C. School Programs

The ACWC offers school educational programs for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade by reservation several days a week (initially Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Online registration is available at [Facility Details - School Program Booking](#).

D. Muwekma Ohlone Room

The ACWC Muwekma Ohlone Room may be reserved by government agencies and non-profit organizations for SFPUC educational and business purposes (classes, lectures, meetings) that are consistent with the purpose of the ACWC.

Reservations are required for use of the Muwekma Ohlone Room and can be requested online up to six months in advance at [Facility Details - Muwekma Ohlone Room](#), subject to availability. Occupancy ranges from x seated to 95 standing).

Exhibit halls will remain open to the public during meeting times. All meetings must be approved. Priority will be given to SFPUC business and educational needs.

The ACWC and Muwekma Ohlone Room may not be used for political campaigns, fundraising and sales, commercial uses where personal or business profits are the aim of the activity, or social events.

See permit terms and conditions for more detail.

E. Photography

Commercial film, video and still photography on ACWC property requires a Film Permit and fee from the San Francisco Film Commission ([Film SF |](#)) and an SFPUC Access Permit by calling 650-652-3209.

Facility Hours

Tuesday: School Programs Only

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm Open to the public

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday: Closed