



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NON-AGENDA

March 07, 2025

Board Policy EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board
The BAOs shall inform and support the Board in its work.

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CEO BULLETIN

CEO BULLETIN



To: Board of Directors
From: Melanie Richardson, Interim CEO

Weeks of February 21, 2025 – March 6, 2025

Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:

The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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1. Planned 3-Day Penitencia Water Treatment Plant Shutdown from March 18 to March 20, 2025

Starting March 18, 2025, the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP) will be shut down for three (3) days to perform critical electrical repairs at the wash water recovery system. Performing these repair activities is essential to ensure that the water treatment plant's critical systems and equipment are performing reliably and at full capacity during the upcoming high flow season.

During this period customers who normally get their water from PWTP will be served by the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (STWTP) and are expected to experience little to no change in their water characteristics.

This shutdown schedule has been communicated to the East Pipeline (EPL) retailers. The joint Valley Water-San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Intertie Facility will be placed on standby to provide emergency supply to the EPL should any operational emergencies occur either at STWTP or raw water source.

The PWTP is scheduled to return to service end of day on March 20, 2025.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.

2. Planned 8-Day Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant Shutdown from March 31 to April 8, 2025

Starting March 31, 2025, the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant (STWTP) will be shut down for eight (8) days to perform biennial electrical systems testing and other preventative maintenance and improvement activities. Performing periodic preventive maintenance is essential to ensure that the water treatment plant's critical systems are safe, reliable, and remain in good working order.

During this period, the majority of customers who normally get their water from STWTP will be served by the Penitencia Water Treatment Plant (PWTP), with the exception of the Graystone Turnout which will be offline.

This shutdown schedule has been communicated with the East Pipeline (EPL) retailers. The joint Valley Water-San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Intertie Facility will be placed on standby to provide emergency supply to the EPL should any operational emergencies occur either at PWTP or the raw water source.

STWTP is scheduled to return to service the morning of April 8, 2025.

For further information, please contact Sam Bogale at (408) 630-3505.

3. Safe, Clean Water Refill Station Grant Closeout: PTA California Congress of Parents Teachers & Students, Inc.'s Valley Water Refill Station Project – Pearl Zanker Elementary School

In Fiscal Year 2024, Valley Water awarded the PTA California Congress of Parents Teachers & Students, Inc. a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program F9 Valley Water Refill Station Grant for their Valley Water Refill Station Project (Project) at Pearl Zanker Elementary School. Grantee completed the Project on April 11, 2024, and submitted the final invoice items on April 22, 2024, allowing for grant closeout.

PTA California Congress of Parents Teachers & Students, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims to promote the welfare of children and youth in schools through advocacy, education and collaboration between parents, teachers and the community. The grant funds were used to purchase and install a new water bottle refill station at Pearl Zanker Elementary School in Milpitas. The Project provides access to safe, clean drinking water to more than 600 school-aged students (TK – 6th grade). The station encourages the use of reusable water bottles and reduces the amount of plastic water bottle waste.

Key Outcomes:

- Installed one new water bottle refill station at Pearl Zanker Elementary School to serve more than 600 students.
- Promotes the use of reusable water bottles and reduces the amount of plastic water bottle waste generated by students, staff, and visitors.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2884.

4. Valley Water's public meeting on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project Final Environmental Impact Report

On February 20, 2025, Valley Water held a public meeting to provide an update on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The hybrid event took place at the Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center and was offered through Zoom. It attracted 92 public participants, with 48 people attending in person, including Valley Water Director John Varela who provided opening remarks. Vice Chair Richard Santos and Director Jim Beall, also attended, along with Morgan Hill Mayor Mark Turner, and Morgan Hill councilmembers Soraida Iwanaga and Marilyn Librers. There were 44 online participants, including Director Nai Hsueh.

The presentation covered an update on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project, and an overview on the project and Final EIR. It was followed by a Question-and-Answer session, where Valley Water engaged with community members.

A link to the recording of the public meeting is available on the project website and Valley Water's YouTube channel.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2884.

5. Hsueh

Staff to work with the Water Commission chairperson to schedule discussions of Valley Water's CIP and conservation programs at the upcoming July and October 2025 Water Commission Meetings
R-25-0003

Staff will work with the Water Commission chairperson to schedule updates on Valley Water's CIP and conservation programs at the upcoming July and October Water Commission Meetings.

For further information, please contact Marta Lugo at (408) 630-2237.

A monthly assessment of trends in water supply and use for Santa Clara County, California

Outlook as of March 1, 2025

On February 25, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources announced an increase in State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 20% to 35% of contract amount for 2025. On the same day, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced an initial 2025 south-of-delta Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation of 75% of historic Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use and a 35% agricultural allocation.

Weather

- Rainfall in San José:
 - » Month of February, City of San José = 3.19 inches
 - » Rainfall year total = 7.32 inches or 71% of average to date (rainfall year is July 1 to June 30)
- March 1, 2025, Northern Sierra snowpack was 90% of normal for this date

Local Reservoirs

- Total March 1 storage = 53,158 acre-feet

Reservoir Storage	All Ten Valley Water Reservoirs	All Reservoirs Except Anderson
Storage as % of unrestricted capacity	32%	65%
Storage as % of restricted capacity (1)	85%	84%
Storage as % of the 20-year average for March 1	60%	113%

(1) Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order, the capacity of Anderson Reservoir was restricted to the deadpool storage as of October 1, 2020

- Approximately 56 acre-feet of imported water was delivered into Calero Reservoir during February 2025
- Total estimated releases to streams (local and imported water) during February were 14,860 acre-feet (based on preliminary hydrologic data)

Treated Water

- Below average demands of 3,700 acre-feet were delivered in February
- This total is 77% of the five-year average for the month of February
- Year-to-date deliveries are 8,220 acre-feet or 84% of the five-year average

Groundwater

- Groundwater conditions remain healthy throughout the county. Groundwater levels in most of the regional monitoring wells are higher than last month due to normal, seasonal increases. While most of the water levels are lower relative to February 2024, all except one are higher than the prior five-year average for February. The end of 2025 groundwater storage is projected to be in Stage 1 (Normal) of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan

	Santa Clara Subbasin		Llagas Subbasin
	Santa Clara Plain	Coyote Valley	
February 2025 managed recharge estimate	3,900	1,500	1,700
YTD managed recharge estimate	7,400	3,100	3,600
YTD managed recharge as % of five-year average	72%	167%	159%
January 2025 pumping estimate	4,600	900	1,600
January 2025 pumping as % of 5-year average	109%	113%	102%
Current index well groundwater levels compared to February 2024	10 Feet Lower	6 Feet Lower	4 Feet Lower

All volumes are in acre-feet. All data is for 2024 except where noted. YTD = Year-to-date.

Imported Water

- In February (through February 28th), the SWP operated Banks pumping plant with an average daily export of 4,662 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 130,523 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- In February (through February 28th), the CVP operated Jones pumping plant with an average daily export of 8,180 acre-feet, resulting in a total export of 229,028 acre-feet from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the month
- Multiple fish protection thresholds and outflow requirements were triggered at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta export facilities this past month. Project facilities, including delta exports, were operated to maintain flow requirements and water quality standards in the delta for the month of February

WY 2025 Imported Water Allocations	Allocation	Allocation (acre-feet)	Details
SWP	35%	35,000	Allocation increased on 2/25/25
CVP	35% Ag 75% M&I	Approximately 105,000	Allocation announced 2/25/25
State-wide Reservoir Storage	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Average for Date (as of 3/2/25)
Shasta Reservoir	79%	3,594,289	109%
Oroville Reservoir	84%	2,861,040	128%
San Luis Reservoir	82%	1,674,154	101%
Semitropic Groundwater Bank	Capacity	Current Storage (acre-feet)	Date of Data
	87%	304,084	2/28/25
Estimated SFPUC Deliveries	January 2025 (acre-feet)	2025 Total to Date (acre-feet)	Five-Year Annual Average (acre-feet)
	3,267	3,267	46,000

Conserved Water

- Saved 83,174 acre-feet in FY23 through Valley Water's long-term conservation program (baseline year is 1992)
- Long-term program goal is to save nearly 100,000 acre-feet by 2030, 110,000 acre-feet by 2040, and 126,000 acre-feet by 2050
- On June 13, 2023, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to support water conservation as a way of life in Santa Clara County and an ordinance with a set of permanent water waste prohibitions

Recycled Water

- Estimated February 2025 production = 855 acre-feet
- Estimated year-to-date through February = 1,589 acre-feet or 100% of the five-year average
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center produced an estimated 1.6 billion gallons (4,950 acre-feet) of purified water in 2024. Since the beginning of 2025, about 447 acre-feet of purified water has been produced. The purified water is blended with existing tertiary recycled water for South Bay Water Recycling Program customers

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To find out the latest information on Valley Water projects or to submit questions or comments, email info@valleywater.org or use our **Access Valley Water** customer request system at <https://deliver.com/2yukx>.



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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS and Informational Items

Report Name: Board Member Requests

Request	Request Date	Director	BAO/Chief	Staff	Description	20 Days Due Date	Expected Completion Date	Disposition
R-25-0003	01/28/25	Hsueh	Gibson	Lugo	Staff to work with the Water Commission chairperson to schedule discussions of Valley Water's CIP and conservation programs at the upcoming July and October 2025 Water Commission Meetings.	02/17/25		
I-25-0003	02/19/25	Beall	Taylor	Gibson	Staff to provide a status on actual federal capital reimbursement receipts relative to budget for FY 25, and if not yet received, include any insight as to the likelihood of receiving.	03/12/25		
I-25-0001	02/04/25	Hsueh	Taylor	Sun	Staff to answer Director Hsueh's DCP participation questions.	02/24/25		

TO: Board of Directors **FROM:** Aaron Baker, P.E.
SUBJECT: Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Updates **DATE:** February 24, 2025

On October 25, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) released the draft Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan) for public comment¹. Valley Water staff worked with four coalitions to provide comments on the draft, which were submitted to the State Board on January 10, 2025, and January 30, 2025, and are included as Attachments 1-5.

The State Board undertook updates to the Bay-Delta Plan in two phases and started with the San Joaquin River Flow Objectives (Phase 1 Updates). The State Board adopted the Phase 1 Updates in 2018, which will result in requirements for 30-50% of the natural watershed inflow in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries to be released for the protection of fish and wildlife. Now the State Board is considering Phase 2 Updates, which are water quality requirements specific to Sacramento River and its tributaries.

Valley Water has been tracking the potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan because they will affect our imported water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP), the Central Valley Project (CVP), and the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System. The Phase 1 Updates will impact the amount of water available to our county through the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, which makes up about 10% of our supply, and the Phase 2 Updates will impact our supplies from the SWP and the CVP, which make up another 40% of our supply.

For the Phase 2 Updates, the State Board is considering requirements for releasing a portion of unimpaired flows on the Sacramento River and its tributaries (i.e. releasing 45-65% of watershed flows based on a 7-day average), which would decrease the San Francisco Bay Region's municipal supplies by 10-22%, in addition to water supply cuts anticipated from the Phase 1 Updates. In parallel, the State Board is considering adopting the Voluntary Agreement alternative, as an off-ramp to requiring a percent of unimpaired flows in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento systems. The Voluntary Agreement alternative, which has evolved into the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program, pools financial resources from participating water agencies to provide modest environmental flow contributions, habitat restoration projects, and a region-wide science and monitoring plan.

The Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program, would provide environmental water, including some from foregone SWP and CVP exports. Combined, the SWP and CVP would forgo 125,000 acre-feet (AF) in both Dry and Below-Normal water year types and 175,000 AF in Above-Normal water year types. The foregone exports would impact the San Francisco Bay Area, Central Coast, and Southern California region's municipal supplies by 1-2% on average. In addition to the modest foregone exports, the SWP and CVP would collect an additional fee of \$10 for every acre-foot that is exported from the Delta from their respective contractors to support the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program's water purchase fund, habitat restoration commitments, and implementation of its science and monitoring plan. Valley Water has supported the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program because it balances beneficial uses, maintains water supply reliability, and commits to meaningful habitat restoration actions.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/docs/2024/drft-sacdelta-bdplan-updates.pdf

The State Board held five public workshops to hear feedback on the potential updates to the Bay-Delta Plan, and Valley Water staff gave verbal comments at the workshops on November 20, 2024, November 22, 2024, December 12, 2024, and January 23, 2025. Recordings of the workshops can be accessed online: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/video.html.

The comment letters listed below can be accessed at the following link:
https://fta.valleywater.org/fl/tJWjiAGafo/Bay-Delta_WQ_Control_Plan_Updates_NAM.



Aaron Baker, P.E.
Chief Operating Officer
Water Utility

- Attachment 1: Comment letter from the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority
- Attachment 2: Comment letter from the Parties of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program
- Attachment 3: Comment letter from the Association of California Water Agencies
- Attachment 4: Comment letter from the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority re: Modular Alternatives
- Attachment 5: Comment letter from the State Water Contractors re: Modular Alternatives

TO: Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs**FROM:** Roseryn Bhudsabourg,
Acting Deputy
Administrative Officer**SUBJECT:** Congratulatory Letters to Local Elected
Officials**DATE:** February 18, 2025

The congratulatory letters to elected members of City Councils were mailed out on February 5, 2025, and the congratulatory letters to elected members of School Boards were mailed out on February 14, 2025.

Electronic copies of the congratulatory letters to local elected officials on their election to their respective City Councils and School Boards can be accessed at the link below:

<https://s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/valleywater.org.us-west-1/s3fs-public/2025-02-18%20Non-Agenda%20Memo-Congratulatory%20Letters%20to%20Local%20Elected%20Officials-ATTACHMENT.pdf>



Roseryn Bhudsabourg
Acting Deputy Administrative Officer, Offices of Government Relations and REDI

INCOMING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board Correspondence (open)

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C-25-0039	02/22/25	02/24/25	All	TAMMY CLARK	Email from Tammy Clark to the board, dated 02/20/25, submitting follow-up questions regarding the Anderson Retrofit Meeting held on 02/20/25.	Refer to Staff	Chan	Mccarter	03/04/25	-	n/a	03/10/25
C-25-0040	02/24/25	02/24/25	All	VLADIMIR STAROV	Email from Vladimir Starov to the board, dated 02/24/25, expressing their concerns with the hazardous conditions created by the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.	Refer to Staff	Chan	Mccarter	03/04/25	-	n/a	03/10/25
C-25-0045	02/28/25	02/28/25	All	JUSTIN IMAMURA	Email from Justin Imamura to Nicholas Ingram and the board, dated 02/28/25, providing feedback on their reasons for not	Refer to Staff	Gibson	-	03/08/25	-	n/a	03/14/25

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					applying to the Valley Water Grants that support education and stewardship of local waterways.							

Adelina Del Real

From: Justin Imamura <justin@thetrashpunx.org>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Nicholas Ingram; Board of Directors
Cc: Vanessa@thetrashpunx.org; Valley Water Grants; volunteer
Subject: Re: Valley Water Grants Information

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Hello Nicholas and Valley Water Team,

Our team recently attended a webinar to learn more about Valley Water grants that support education and stewardship of our local waterways. I wanted to share some feedback on why we've decided not to apply, in the hope that Valley Water may consider streamlining the process to better support groups like ours.

The application process is complex, with 58 pages of guidelines—an extensive requirement for organizations that prefer to focus on hands-on events rather than paperwork. Post-event reporting is also demanding, and the multiple layers of approvals, from marketing to execution, create delays that hinder efficiency. As professionals in our field, The Trash Punx prioritize delivering impactful events, ensuring the best outcomes for our organization, our partners, and the environment.

Due to these challenges, we will not be pursuing this grant opportunity. However, we would be happy to discuss our feedback further if desired. We continue to collaborate with the City of San Jose's BeautifySJ Program and ESD, as their streamlined process allows us to focus more on action and less on administrative hurdles.

On Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 2:14 PM Nicholas Ingram <NIngram@valleywater.org> wrote:

Hello Justin and Vanessa!

I hope you are doing well. My name is Nick Ingram, and I coordinate Valley Water's Creek Stewardship Program. We got a chance to meet during the SJSU Earth Day tabling event last spring, and we talked briefly about creek cleanup activities. You all had some questions/sticking points regarding the Valley Water Standard Grant Process. At the time, the Standard Grants Cycle was paused due to a full redesign of the program, and I said I would reach out when it started again. I haven't forgotten about you, and I am happy to announce that the [2025 Standard Grant](#) application period is open.

I have included the official announcement from our grants team below, and I am also copying the grants inbox. Please reach out if you have any questions, and we hope to see you at our upcoming in-person Grants Open House!



Photo courtesy of Marshmallow Minds



Valley Water

Safe, Clean Water Grants & Partnerships Program

Hello Community Partner,

We're excited to announce the launch of Valley Water's **redesigned Standard Grants Program** under the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program! With **\$1.87 million in total funding available** for the 2025 grant cycle, we are committed to supporting community projects promoting safe, clean drinking water, water conservation, flood protection, and environmental stewardship in Santa Clara County.

The 2025 standard grant application period opens on Jan. 23, 2025, and closes on Mar. 28, 2025.

Visit valleywater.org/standardgrants to review the new grant guidelines and access the application.

[View as Webpage](#)

Redesigned Standard Grants Program

The 2025 Standard Grants Program offers up to \$150,000 per project under the following categories:

- **Education Grants** are for educational projects. Examples include presentations, curriculum or material development, educational videos, field trips or tours, including transportation.
- **Planning Grants** are for planning, design, environmental resource investigations, academic research, or feasibility study projects that do not have an implementation element.
- **Stewardship Grants** are for smaller-scale implementation or capital projects such as litter/pollution cleanups, native plant community gardens, water conservation projects, minor native habitat restoration, and minor construction of structures/facilities.

Eligible applicants include local cities, towns, county agencies, nonprofits, government agencies, and educational institutions (schools, community colleges/universities) serving Santa Clara County.

Key Updates:

- Streamlined application processes.
- Removed or reduced match funding requirements.
- Grant project insurance costs are now eligible for reimbursement.
- Simpler reporting and reimbursement requirements, if awarded.

Click here to access the [2025 Standard Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#), which contains important information about the standard grant categories, application requirements, and evaluation criteria.

Upcoming Open House and Workshops

Join us to learn more about the 2025 Standard Grants Program guidelines, application process, and tips for preparing a strong proposal. Participation is strongly recommended but not mandatory.

Open House on Feb. 12

This unique in-person opportunity allows you to learn more about Valley Water, meet with Valley Water grants staff and subject matter experts, and connect with other local organizations. You will also get in-depth information about the grant cycle through two comprehensive workshops:

- Standard Grants Program Overview – An introduction to standard grant categories and the application process.
- Maximizing Your Standard Grant Application – Tips on creating a strong project scope, schedule, and budget.

Join us!

- Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, from 9-11:30 a.m.
- Valley Water Headquarters Building – Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA, 95118
- [Click here to register!](#)

Virtual Workshops on Feb. 18 and Feb. 27

If you can't attend our open house, don't worry! You can attend one of the virtual workshops, which will provide a condensed version of the Standard Grant Program Open House presentations: 1) Standard Grant Program Overview and 2) Maximizing Your Standard Grant Application.

- Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, from noon-1:30 p.m.
 - [Click here to register!](#)
- Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, from 5-6:30 p.m.
 - [Click here to register!](#)

Questions?

Visit us at valleywater.org/grants or contact us at grants@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2080.

Thank you,

Safe, Clean Water Grants & Partnerships Program

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Justin Imamura | President

The Trash Punx

"Cleaning up our World, one piece of trash at a time!"

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From: [Tiffany Howard](#)
To: [Tiffany Howard](#)
Cc: [Board of Directors](#); jonathan.ingleman@sanjoseca.gov; district9@sanjoseca.gov; [Jim Beall](#); mayor@sanjoseca.gov
Subject: Re: Now they are digging trenches and destroying the River Bank
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 11:23:54 PM

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Hello,

I just wanted to send a note to thank you all for your efforts to improve the unhoused situation in our area along the Guadalupe river/creek near Bass Pro/Cherry Avenue. As I have been complaining and begging you to do something, I am so grateful for the changes we have seen in recent weeks. I am happy to report that the beautiful foliage that was there before the unhoused started making the area their literal stomping grounds has returned. It is almost lovely again. We no longer have to look at trash out our windows or hear screaming or generators running all night. I am feeling a little better about walking on the river trail again as it was one of my favorite features of our area but since the height of Covid abandoned it due to safety concerns.

The recent action has made things so much more peaceful and less stressful. I just wanted to say thank you and recognize the efforts and accomplishments of this team.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Howard

On Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 4:55 PM Tiffany Howard [REDACTED] wrote:
Please have someone come out to address the digging of trenches behind Patelco on cherry.

Thank you,

Tiffany Howard

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 13, 2024, at 11:35 PM, Tiffany Howard [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Hello,

> I am a resident of the neighborhood that backs up to the beginning of the Guadalupe River and ever since the City allowed the monstrosity of Almaden Ranch to be built behind our house we have had to endure constant unwanted neighbors behind our home, chipping away at our quality of life and peace of mind that as tax-paying, law-abiding citizens we should have. Instead, this is what we get, constantly. Trash, fighting, profanity, and best of all fires. The constant fires. None of us get really good sleep because we have to listen to them screaming at each other at night, and their dogs barking constantly, My children live under

the stress of having to look at this out their windows. We have had rocks thrown at our windows by these people and had to replace two windows. They have shot arrows at our house, they throw rocks in our pool. The list goes on. You have the power to do something about this, DO IT! Get them off this land. Restore our peace of mind and our respect for those in government held positions of leadership in this city. I know you have heard from many of our neighbors and I have been in contact with Valley Water in the past but tonight was the last straw. There are a few beautiful historic trees that were the only thing that made me NOT hate my home from having to look out the window and see the hideous fish on the Bass Pro Building. Tonight there was another fire and as I have been telling people at Valley Water, it is only a matter of time before the homeless destroyed these historic trees. Well, they finally succeeded. It is also only a matter of time before one of our properties is impacted. In 2021 one of their fires came right up to our fence line and you still did nothing about this. Does someone from our neighborhood have to die before you are going to do anything about this? Even that probably would not matter. These people wander our neighborhood, steal things from our garages, and packages off our porches and yards and you do nothing. I am sure if this was your neighborhood, something would change.

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> I am sending you photos so you can see what we live with. I am sure it won't make a difference because you have continued to allow this to happen. It is so infuriating that our quality of life, property values, and peace of mind mean nothing to those we entrust to lead our city.

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> I am attaching pictures taken from my daughter's window so you can see what we have to look at and the scene of the fire last night that destroyed these beautiful trees.

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> Disgusted, dismayed and disappointed,

>

> Tiffany Howard

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Adelina Del Real

From: Danny Garza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 7:00 PM
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Cc: Peter Ortiz; Jennifer Maguire
Subject: RE: Branches in the Lower Silver Creek

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Good Evening Jennifer,

Thank You for responding.

Your words are understood.

What is not explained is why The Water District tried to soothingly include an "Area of a Creek next to Barberrry Lane".

Barberrry Lane, That is in District 8.

Plata Arroyo Neighborhood and Park, are next to Lower Silver Creek, in District 5.

They are not even close together. They do not connect except for Lake Cunningham Park, and the 2 Creeks are 5 miles apart.

It seems to Plata Arroyo -

That was just misdirecting gobbeldegook, as far as - why we understand that Flooding explanation was included?

Jennifer,

We are trying to be "proactive" instead of "sorry", in or after - a major Rain Event.

The only reason Lower Silver Creek is in a great 'unstressed attitude', is because we have worked very well together as a team.

We continue to monitor the Creek weekly.

We have watched these branches fall Lower and Lower into the Creek.

This is not the first report.

Thankfully, Tragedy is not for today.

All of the Coyote Creek Improvements that just exploded in cost, are because this type of requested maintenance was not performed.

We are asking for MAYBE -

- A. 4 men.
- B. Two Chain Saws
- C. Rope to pull up cut branches
- D. 1 Extended Cab and Long Bed Pickup Truck
- E. 8 hours for each man
- F. 8 men x \$50.00 per hour = \$400.00 per hour
- G. \$400.00 x 8 hours = \$3,200.00
- H. Future flood protection - \$3,200.00
- I. Flood Wall Sheets / Protection = \$ Millions

Why is the Water District fighting over a miniscule amount of "PENNY COINS".

In closing,

We are looking out for more than just Plata Arroyo Neighborhood.

We are protecting down stream, all the way to the San Francisco Bay, where Coyote Creek empties.

This year may be good for our Creek. Climate changes may have a different COST message sooner, rather than later.

Again, Thank You for responding.

In Community Spirit,
Danny Garza

President
Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C.

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On Mon, Mar 3, 2025 at 4:34 PM, Jennifer Codianne
<JCodianne@valleywater.org> wrote:

Hi Danny,

I know you already emailed the Board with your concerns last week, but I want to assure you that Valley Water staff monitored Lower Silver Creek flows during the last storm event and the creek continues to have sufficient capacity to convey design flows. Minor woody debris was removed during the event at both Murtha Drive and Barberry Lane. We have staff inspect for debris before and during storm events to ensure that no blockages occur within constructed flood protection projects.

The vegetation in the pictures that you took has been assessed by staff post-storm and no action is required at this time. Creek flows are not restricted and little to no debris was seen on the vegetation. The capacity of a creek for which a flood protection project has been completed is verified through a combination of field condition assessments and hydraulic modeling analysis.

Creeks are inspected for changing conditions, such as sedimentation, increased vegetation, or roughness. The amount and type of maintenance performed is based on inspections, past effective maintenance practices, and the results of hydraulic modeling. Channel flow conditions are simulated using a hydraulic model to evaluate conveyance capacity relative to a level of service (LOS) flow rate under reference conditions and a variety of sediment and vegetation maintenance scenarios. Valley Water has prepared stream maintenance guidelines to inform the inspection and maintenance process.

Most stream maintenance guidelines include charts for reaches of a creek to help Valley Water determine if sediment removal and/or vegetation management is needed. These charts are based on hydraulic models that have been vetted based on a combination of engineering judgment and model calibration. The charts provide guidance and help show when maintenance may be needed to restore a creek's design flow conveyance capacity.

Based on recent inspections and validation from stream maintenance guidelines for Lower Silver Creek, routine maintenance actions such as vegetation and sediment removal are planned to ensure design flow capacity this spring and summer/fall. Selective instream vegetation removal started on February 18 from Lake Cunningham to Tully Road. Additionally, sediment removal is planned to occur this upcoming instream season (June 15 – October 15) from Highway 680 to Moss Point Drive.

Please let me know if I can answer further questions, as always, we do appreciate your eyes on the creek, but rest assured we also have our eyes on Lower Silver Creek.

Thanks,

Jen

From: Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:36 AM
To: Jennifer Codianne <JCodianne@valleywater.org>
Subject: FW: Branches in the Lower Silver Creek

Danny, thanks, I sent this forward, Dick

From: Danny Garza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 9:08 AM
To: Richard Santos <rsantos@valleywater.org>
Subject: Branches in the Lower Silver Creek

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Good Morning Director Richard Santos,

As you requested, I am sending you our images of Lower Silver Creek, at Plata Arroyo Park.

Our fears are these branches are hanging in the Water and some are collecting Debris.

As I explained, this is very worrisome to our Community. The remote possibility that these Limbs might soon fall off in a raging Creek is our anxiety.

The branch may become dislodged here at Plata Arroyo Park, but our concern is for the Families and Communities "DOWN STREAM".

Every real idea that the branch or branches might create a Dam is troubling to everyone, including the Water District.

It is our hope that these Creek Safety Issues are corrected, to prevent whole trees from being washed into the Creek and assisting a Flood Situation in a future 'Rain Event'.











Thank you for reviewing our Photos

In Community Spirit,

Danny Garza

President

Plata Arroyo Neighborhood Association and Gateway East N.A.C.

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OUTGOING BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

From: [Candice Kwok-Smith](#) on behalf of [Board Correspondence](#)
To: [Jennifer Codianne](#); [Shanika Richards](#); [Christopher Hakes](#)
Cc: [Max Overland](#); [Board of Directors](#)
Subject: FW: Alamitos creek, shore erosion, potential for a landslide
Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 10:38:00 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[FAQ Sheet Permitting Info for Creek Maintenance.pdf](#)
[Fact Sheet Stream Maintenance and Property Management.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good morning,

C-25-0041 is complete.

Thanks,
Candice

From: Candice Kwok-Smith **On Behalf Of** Board of Directors
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 10:37 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Alamitos creek, shore erosion, potential for a landslide

Sent on Behalf of Director Beall:

Dear Daniel Miakotkin,

Thank you for reaching out to Valley Water to share your concerns about erosion adjacent to your property along Alamitos Creek.

Valley Water owns and manages 333 of the more than 800 miles of creeks in Santa Clara County and maintains property where it has built flood protection projects and possesses land rights. The remaining stretches of creeks are owned by Santa Clara County, private entities, cities in which the creeks are located, and other public agencies. Property owners whose land extends into the creek have a primary role in stream maintenance. I have attached a fact sheet that identifies Valley Water's role in stream maintenance, and you may review Valley Water ownership on our website by using the following link: <https://gis.valleywater.org/FeeEasement/>. The green areas show lands owned in fee title; the yellow areas show land held in easement. Activities in the creek regardless of ownership are further regulated by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Valley Water does not possess land rights on the section of Alamitos Creek adjacent to your property where you have indicated erosion exists. Since this reach of Alamitos Creek is privately-owned land, Valley Water is not responsible for repairing erosion here. Erosion repair work to protect privately-owned property is the responsibility of the property owner, as outlined on the attached Stream Maintenance and Property Management fact sheet.

Work within the creek, including on the streambanks, typically requires permits to be obtained from multiple regulatory agencies, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Please see the attached fact sheet on Permitting Info for Creek Maintenance for additional information on state and federal regulatory agencies. While a permit from Valley Water is not required to complete a bank repair at this site as Valley Water does not have land rights here, Valley Water provides its [Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams](#) as a technical and procedural support manual to guide property owners through the process of designing, obtaining a permit for, and constructing bank repairs along a stream. For more information, Valley Water invites property owners to connect with Valley Water's Community Projects Review Unit (CPRU). CPRU may be reached by phone at (408) 630-2650 or by email at CPRU@valleywater.org.

With respect to financial support, Valley Water is in the process of establishing a Creekside Neighbor Rebate Program for watershed stewardship activities conducted by private property owners that provide community benefits. This potential rebate program would extend for a period of 15 years and is being established as part of Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program under Project F9: Grants and Partnerships for Safe, Clean Water, Flood Protection and Environmental Stewardship. As the Creekside Neighbor Rebate Program is still in the early development phase, rebates for private property owners under the program would not likely be available for at least a year, but repairing the bank erosion along Alamitos Creek may be an activity that would qualify for financial assistance under this program.

Thanks again for contacting us.

Sincerely,



Jim Beall
Director, District 4

C-25-0041

From: D.M. [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2025 6:08:14 PM
To: Jim Beall <JBeall@valleywater.org>
Subject: Alamitos creek, shore erosion, potential for a landslide

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Hello Mr. Beall! I found your contact information [here](#).

My house is adjacent to flood zone A on the Alamos creek, the address is [REDACTED] **Bertram Rd, San Jose, CA 95120.**

I have a pretty high drop to the creek and the creek bank is deteriorating, especially after recent rains. I'm afraid a part of my deck and a fence can fall down into the creek soon, then my house will follow.

The house was built about 100 years ago and now I see that the lot has been reduced by small landslides over time.

Please advise, where I can get help with that?

<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?>

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Thanks,
Daniel Miakotkin

[REDACTED]

Stream Maintenance by Valley Water and Others

There is not a singular entity in charge of creeks. Valley Water owns or has access to maintain approximately 333 of the 800 miles of creeks in the urbanized valley areas of Santa Clara County. The remaining stretches of creeks are owned by private property owners whose lands extend into the creek, and by public agencies including Santa Clara County, and cities in which the creeks are located. Of these 333 miles, Valley Water has built flood protection projects (improved channels) on 185 miles; the remaining 148 miles are natural channels (unmodified channels with no design flow capacity). Valley Water maintains property where it has built flood protection projects (capital improvement projects) and possesses land rights. Routine work activities are defined and permitted under a Stream Maintenance Program (SMP), a multi-year program approved by seven state and federal regulatory agencies.

Valley Water maintenance as a Landowner

Valley Water performs work on properties it owns in fee title or where otherwise obligated by permit or agreement.

Activities performed may include weed abatement, downed tree management, hazardous tree removal, pruning for access, care of planted mitigation sites, fence and erosion repair, and graffiti, trash, and debris removal including encampment management activities.



Property Owner's Responsibility for Creek Maintenance

Every landowner has a duty to maintain their property in a reasonably safe condition that does not interfere with a neighbor's ability to enjoy their property. A landowner's creek maintenance duties may include vegetation management, erosion repair, and removal of graffiti, trash, debris, and downed trees. Some activities are subject to permitting by local, state, and federal regulatory agencies prior to work. A property owner is not required to enlarge or increase the capacity of a creek for flood protection purposes.



Valley Water maintenance on Easements

Valley Water performs limited work on properties owned by others where Valley Water has an easement on a natural or unmodified channel. Easements are generally acquired for flood protection or water management and storm drainage purposes and grant Valley Water the right, but not the obligation, to take actions in accordance with those purposes.

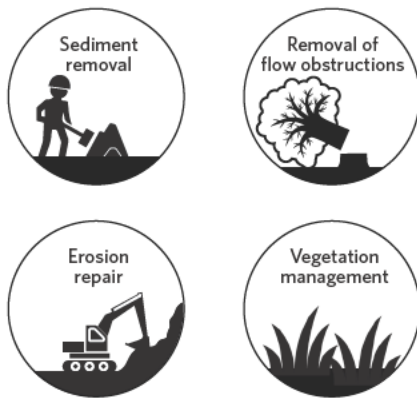
Valley Water may perform flood protection activities such as downed tree management or removal of other obstructions to flow. While activities conducted on natural channels may have a flow conveyance benefit, work is not conducted to meet a defined flow conveyance target as no such threshold or stream maintenance guidelines exist for natural channels. For Valley Water to determine that removal of a debris blockage needs to occur in a natural channel under typical flood protection-related easement language, the debris would have to be blocking the main channel across most of the cross-section and be significant enough to push the water over the banks.

Valley Water does not perform activities such as weed abatement, erosion repair, graffiti or trash removal, or encampment management activities on easements as these are landowner responsibilities. Unless otherwise stated, erosion repair on easements is a property owner responsibility.

The landowner retains rights to use the easement but cannot take actions, such as construction of a building, that conflict with the Valley Water easement right. A typical easement deed requires a property owner to seek Valley Water's approval for certain construction activities, such as grading and fencing.

Valley Water maintenance of Capital Projects on Improved Channels

Capital projects are large-scale projects that maintain or improve capital assets. They involve a planning, design and approval process that includes public review, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, funding, and land and regulatory permit acquisition. Valley Water maintains these constructed and improved channels to ensure the structural and functional integrity of these projects to protect the significant investment in infrastructure, and to provide the flood protection benefits as intended by the project's design and construction. In areas where capital improvement projects occur outside of the regulated channel and Valley Water does not possess land rights, it remains the landowner's duty to maintain the property as referenced above.



Erosion is a natural process; Valley Water is not obligated to keep a creek "in place". Rather, Valley Water is obligated (considering the availability of resources) to preserve the functional and structural integrity of flood protection projects built or accepted by Valley Water.

Activities Performed

Capital project maintenance activities include removal of sediment, vegetation, and other obstructions to flow, erosion repair, and vegetation management for maintenance access and inspection purposes. To ensure the continued reliability and functionality of the flood protection infrastructure built for capital projects, other activities, such as removal of safety hazards and graffiti, may also be conducted.

Activities Not Performed

For portions of capital projects built on easement, Valley Water will only perform vegetation management, hazardous tree removal, graffiti abatement, trash removal, or encampment management activities as necessary to maintain the flood protection infrastructure itself. Otherwise, these activities are landowner responsibilities.

Flood Protection Projects on Improved Channels

The design flow conveyance of a completed flood protection project, reflected in as-builts or record drawings, establishes an expected level of service (LOS). Work planning and prioritization to assess maintenance needs on flood protection projects relies on data from the projects' as-built plans, stream maintenance guidelines, and associated flow data, including cross-sections, where they exist. In addition, data from Valley Water hydraulic models and the corresponding geographic information system (GIS) flooding and facility data are used. These documents provide: a quantitative approach to identifying deficiencies that would trigger maintenance actions; channel dimensions and type (e.g., natural, concrete, levee) on a reach-by-reach basis; and dimensions and types of other in-channel features such as culverts and bridges.

Exceptions and Joint Efforts

There are limited situations where Valley Water may conduct work on private or other public agency-owned property. Work may be conducted, subject to agreements, on other public agency-owned property or on private property, with permission, during emergencies or for limited stream stewardship purposes.

Flood Protection Infrastructure on Natural Channels

Valley Water activities on Coyote Creek between Montague Expressway and Tully Road are limited to maintenance and inspection of the constructed flood protection infrastructure, which is not located within the natural channel. The responsibility for maintenance of the natural channel remains with the individual property owners.

Emergency Work

Valley Water may perform urgent and emergency flood protection work on other public or private property where a public purpose is endangered, subject to written permission to enter from the property owner. Staff availability and priorities will likely limit Valley Water's response in an urgent or emergency situation.

Stream Stewardship

Valley Water may perform stream stewardship activities such as the removal of invasive plants along streams. This work may occur on Valley Water fee title property and easements. Given the importance of eradicating invasive plants along a creek on a watershed-wide basis and with the Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program providing funding for this activity, Valley Water may also perform this work on private property with permission from the property owner.

Responsibility for Creek Maintenance

Every property owner has a duty to maintain their property in a reasonably safe condition that does not interfere with a neighbor's ability to enjoy their property. A property owner is not required to enlarge or increase the capacity of a creek for flood protection purposes. Maintenance duties may include vegetation management, erosion repair, and removal of graffiti, trash, debris, and fallen trees. Some activities are subject to permitting by local, state and federal regulatory agencies prior to performing the work. Avoidance and minimizations of impacts to regulated habitat and species must be considered.

Not all creek maintenance work requires permitting. Subject to best management practices to prevent pollution, activities such as hand removal of trash or graffiti removal would not require permits.

Additional creek maintenance work could require permitting from the following agencies:

- Local municipality
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)

Local and County Planning Departments

Prior to beginning work (e.g., **vegetation and/or tree removal, grading, building**, etc.), property owners are responsible for contacting their respective jurisdiction's planning department to secure any applicable permits. Contact your local municipality (your city or Santa Clara County) planning department to determine if the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is necessary for your proposed creek maintenance activities. The planning department can also help property owners comply with CEQA, which requires state and local government agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed activities.

Visit Santa Clara County Planning and Development's website: plandev.sccgov.org/home

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The CDFW manages California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public. **All creeks, lakes, and ponds as well as associated riparian vegetation**, are subject to CDFW jurisdiction.



Upper Penitencia-Creek

Fish and Game Code Section 1602 regulates projects that alter the flow, bed, banks or channel of rivers, streams and lakes. Section 1602 requires project proponents to notify and potentially enter into a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) with CDFW before beginning any activity that may divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow; change or use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake; or result in disposal or deposition of debris or waste. Any river, stream, or lake includes those that are dry part of the year.

Prior to performing any work around creeks, lakes, ponds, and associated riparian vegetation, property owners are responsible for notifying CDFW and entering into a LSAA, if determined necessary. Visit wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review/LSA for more information.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The USACE administers and enforces Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Under RHA Section 10, a permit is required for **work or structures in, over or under navigable waters of the United States**. Under CWA Section 404, a permit is required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into "waters of the United States" (WOTUS). Many waterbodies and wetlands in the nation are waters of the United States and are subject to USACE regulatory authority. The USACE evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in the nation's waters, including wetlands.

The San Francisco District uses the WOTUS definition when making permit decisions and providing landowners written determinations of the limits of federal jurisdiction on their property. The limits of USACE jurisdiction extend to the **ordinary high-water mark in non-tidal waters and also include adjacent**

wetlands. The landward limits of USACE jurisdiction in tidal waters extends to the high tide line. Visit www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx for more information.

If the USACE is issuing a permit, the USACE may consult with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to ensure that an action will not jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in adverse modification of designated critical habitat. ESA Section 9 prohibits the take of any fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened unless otherwise authorized by federal regulations. Take means "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." "Harm" is defined as "any act that kills or injures the species, including significant habitat modification."

USFWS is dedicated to the conservation, protection, and enhancement of fish, wildlife and plants, and their habitats. USFWS is responsible for protection of listed plants and wildlife other than marine species and anadromous fishes. Native bird species are protected by Migratory Bird Treaty Act. USFWS enforces the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, which provides protection of bald eagle and golden eagle by prohibiting taking, possession, and commerce of such birds. Visit fws.gov for more information.

NMFS is responsible for protection of federally listed marine species and anadromous fishes. Federally threatened or endangered species determined to occur in Santa Clara County include steelhead and green sturgeon. Visit fisheries.noaa.gov for more information.

Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB)

The Porter-Cologne Act established the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and divided California into nine regions, each overseen by a RWQCB. The SWRCB and its nine RWQCBs have jurisdiction over the **bed and banks of a stream channel and its beneficial uses**. Each RWQCB makes critical water quality decisions for its region, including setting standards, issuing waste discharge requirements, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions.

There are two regional water quality control boards that have jurisdiction in Santa Clara County.

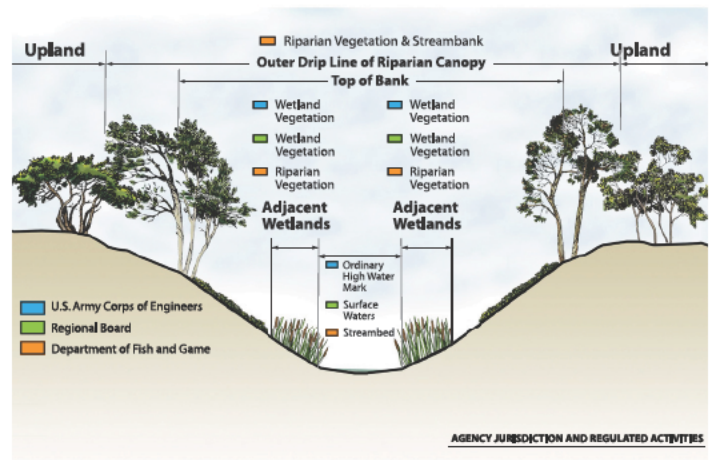
San Francisco Bay RWQCB (Region 2) oversees watersheds draining to San Francisco Bay. Visit waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay for more information.

Central Coast RWQCB (Region 3) oversees watersheds draining to Pajaro River and then to Monterey Bay. Visit waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast for more information.

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

BCDC has regulatory responsibility over development in San Francisco Bay and along Bay's nine-county shoreline. It is necessary to obtain BCDC approval prior to undertaking work in the Bay or within 100 feet of the shoreline, including filling, dredging, shoreline development and other work.

Maintenance activities that are conducted within tidal waters of South San Francisco Bay or areas determined to be within shoreline band may also require BCDC permit. Visit bcdc.ca.gov for more information.



Questions?

Please contact Public Information Representative Jennifer Codianne via email at jcodianne@valleywater.org or by calling 408-630-3876.

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