

Crews work to deepen and widen Upper Llagas Creek between Llagas Avenue and E. San Martin Avenue in 2025.

About Valley Water

Valley Water manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection, and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County's 2 million residents. Valley Water is the flood protection authority for Santa Clara County, annually preparing creeks for winter rains through levee maintenance, sediment removal, bank repair, and vegetation management. Valley Water has invested more than $1 billion in flood protection efforts to protect nearly 100,000 parcels, with many more projects planned. Valley Water performs work annually under its Stream Maintenance Program to repair damages to creeks to reduce the risk of flooding and keep our communities safe.

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Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project

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Phase E Provide flood protection to homes, businesses, schools, streets and highways



Crews place rocks as a measure to prevent in-channel erosion in a deepened and widened section of Little Llagas Creek in San Martin.

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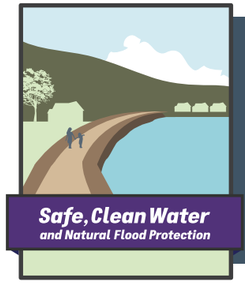
Work is scheduled to start April 15, 2026, and continue through the end of 2026.

Work Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience as we work to complete this critical project. For project questions, contact Jose Villarreal at jvillarreal@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2879.



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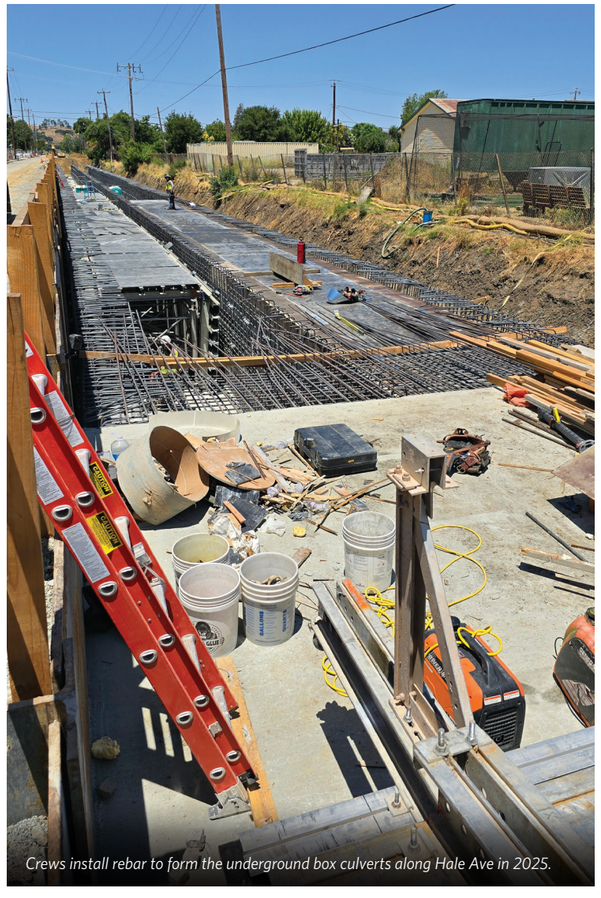
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YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

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Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection



Crews install rebar to form the underground box culverts along Hale Ave in 2025.

The Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project is beginning its last season of in-channel construction. Work is scheduled to start April 15, 2026, and continue through the end of 2026, with some tasks anticipated to be completed in advance. This work season includes flood risk reduction improvements on approximately three miles of West Little Llagas Creek from Watsonville Road upstream (north) to Llagas Road in Morgan Hill.

Residents can expect construction impacts like street and trail closures, and more construction vehicles on designated worksites. The large construction equipment will be used to deepen and widen West Little Llagas Creek. The improved creek channel will have the 100-year capacity to carry more stormwater away from the surrounding neighborhood, thus reducing the risk of flooding.

Neighborhoods near the creek can anticipate:

- Noise from the large construction equipment, haul trucks, and work as crews move within the creek.
- Dust generated by the excavation equipment and when soils are placed in the haul trucks. Water trucks will be used to minimize dust.
- Excavation equipment in use during the day. Trucks will cycle in and out of the creek as they are loaded with excavated material for transport. Road closures are not expected but flaggers will guide trucks in and out of the creek.
- Public trail closures when work is performed along West Little Llagas Creek

Valley Water will monitor noise and dust impacts and take the necessary measures to lessen them. Safety will be a priority as the trucks enter and exit work sites. Please use extra caution when walking or driving near the construction site.

Hale Avenue from Galvan Park to Llagas Road and Wright Avenue Closed Through October

Starting April 15, 2026, through the end of October 2026, Hale Avenue from Galvan Park to Llagas Road and Wright Avenue will be closed.

Crews will focus on utility relocations and the completion of the final 400 linear feet of two twin underground 10ft x 9ft box culverts to replace West Little Llagas Creek at Wright Avenue. These rectangular-shaped boxes serve as underground tunnels designed to convey a 100-year storm event, which has a 1% chance of occurring every year. A proposed sound wall will be constructed on the east side of Hale Avenue south of Wright Avenue, with the underground relocation of overhead utility lines on the west side. Hale Avenue will be widened and restored, with a new curb and gutter installed along the east side.

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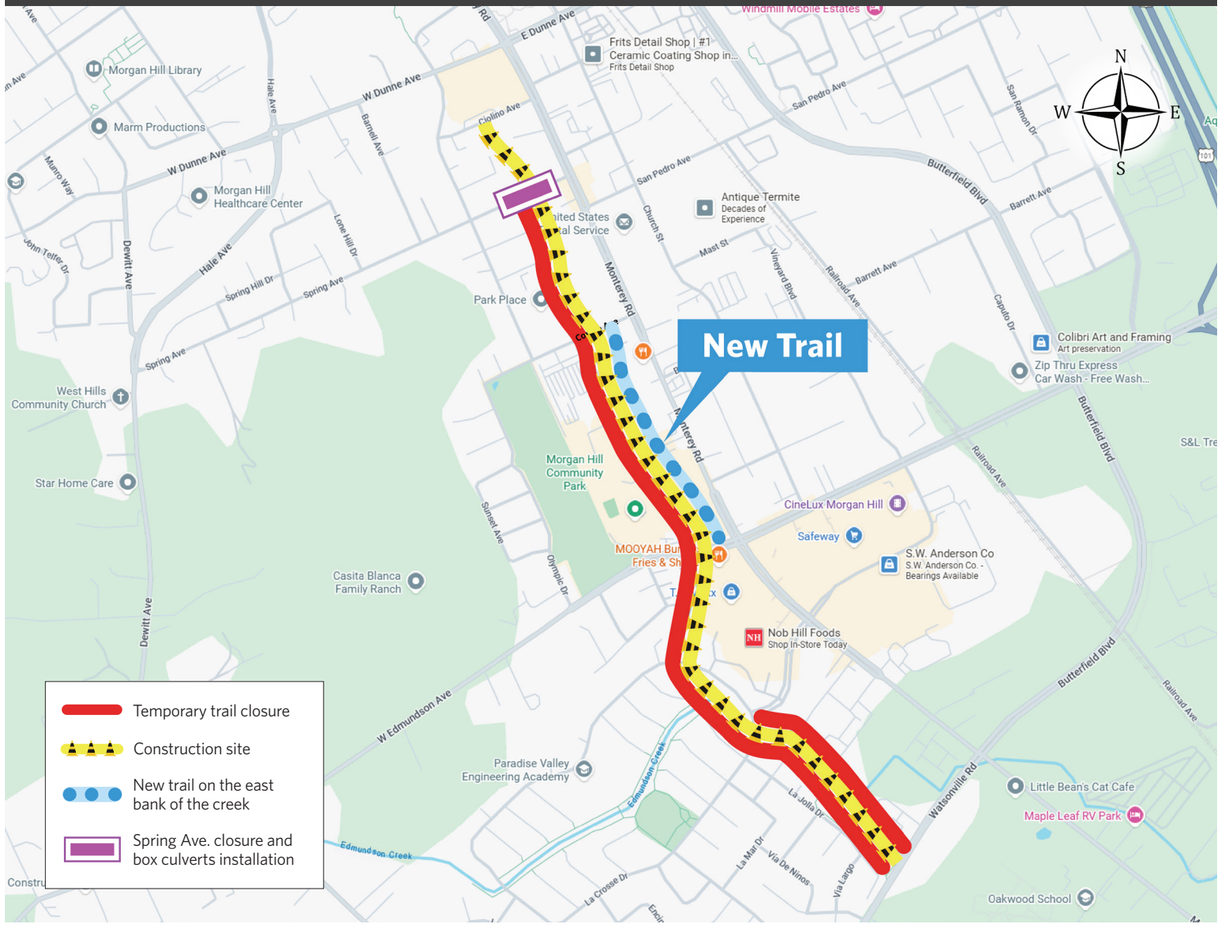
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UPPER LLAGAS CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT

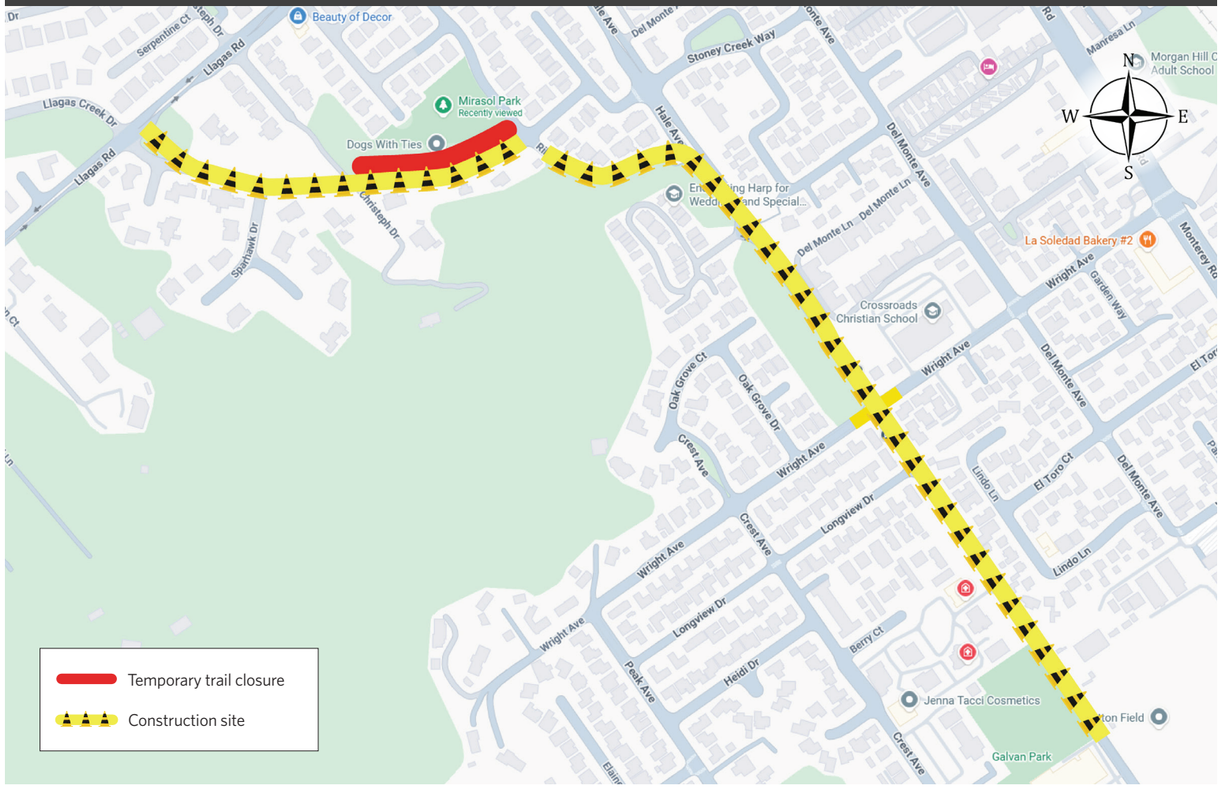
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West Little Llagas Creek



Llagas Creek



New Trail Section and Temporary Closures of West Little Llagas Trail and Spring Avenue

A new trail section will be added to the West Little Llagas Creek Trail, east of the creek from W. Edmundson to Cosmo avenues. Trail users will also have a parallel trail to use along this creek section.

Beginning in May 2026 and continuing to the end of the year, the West Little Llagas Creek trail will be closed on both sides of the creek, from Watsonville Road to Edes Court, to accommodate creek widening and deepening activities.

The trail section from Edes Court to Spring Avenue will be closed in late summer 2026, so crews can complete similar creek work from Edes Court to Ciolino Avenue.

While there may be periods when no work is occurring in the creek or near the trails, please DO NOT enter the closed trail sections, as they and the surrounding area could be unsafe for the public. Please note that Valley Water will be reconstructing these public trails before reopening them.

To accommodate the installation of new box culverts, Spring Avenue will be closed to through traffic at West Little Llagas Creek from late May 2026 to September 2026. Traffic headed to Monterey Road will be diverted to W. Dunne, Ciolino, or Cosmo avenues. The nearby trail will be closed through the end of 2026.

Native Plantings, Healthy Creek

Native plants are being planted to support a healthy, thriving creek ecosystem. When done, over 32,000 native plants will be planted over 46 acres along Llagas Creek. These plants will be maintained for three years, and to ensure they continue to thrive, Valley Water will monitor them for 10 years. Please stay out of the creek and do not ride horses or ATVs, as these unauthorized activities may damage existing irrigation lines and may destroy these new native plants.

Project Completion and Future Flood Insurance Option

Phase 2B marks the completion of all flood reduction measures for the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project, scheduled for Spring 2027 completion. Once completed, approximately 1,100 homes and 500 businesses will be protected from the 100-year flood.

Upon completing the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project, Valley Water will submit the Letter of Map Revisions (LOMR) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which initiates FEMA's review and certification of the project. The LOMR maps properties that will be in a FEMA 100-year floodplain zone. Once FEMA certifies the project (the certification process takes approximately 14 to 16 months per FEMA's schedule), property owners removed from the 100-year floodplain will then have the option to continue with or without flood insurance.

All listed closure dates are based on an anticipated construction schedule that could change due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Project schedules are frequently evaluated to ensure safe, timely completion of tasks to shorten the duration of temporary trail and or road closures.

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