

Upper Guadalupe River - Reach 12

Major milestone reached as contract for work awarded

The Reach 12 segment of the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project hit a major milestone last month when the United States Army Corps of Engineers awarded the construction contract for work to begin.

Marathon Construction Corporation will serve as the contractor for the work that extends roughly a mile, from Branham Lane to Blossom Hill Road.

The project will improve the river shape, riparian and aquatic habitat and access for stream maintenance. It will have gravel placed in the river to fill in deep pools and create more natural pool-riffle structure to benefit steelhead and other native fish.

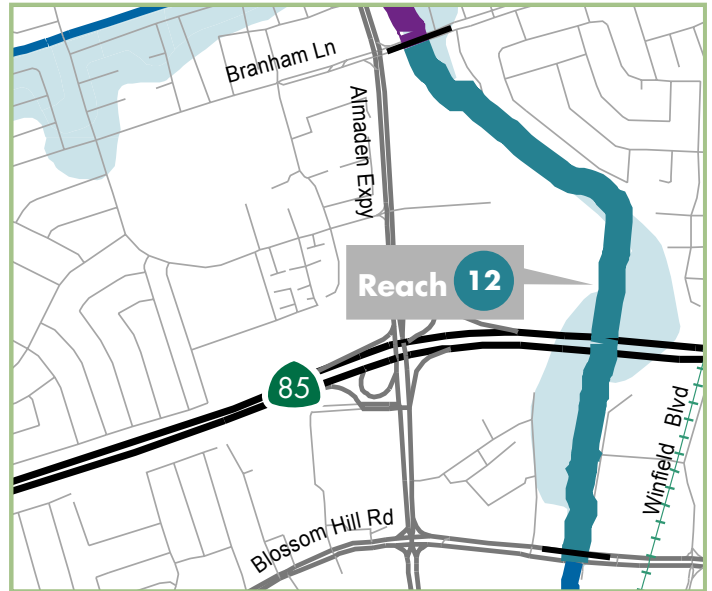
As a partner with the Corps on this project, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is responsible for acquiring and providing the land for construction.

The reach has available land to create additional habitat along the river corridor that can offset the loss of habitat areas further downstream, where widening of the river for the overall flood protection project must occur.

It's anticipated the work will last about two years, with the contractor beginning to mobilize at the site as early as mid-December and conducting some initial vegetation removal as part of channel improvements.

Earthwork in the channel isn't scheduled to begin until summer, 2015.

Funding for the project is coming from the federal government and the Safe, Clean Water measure, which continues a parcel tax initially approved by voters in 2000. The measure, passed in 2012, increased the local funding contribution for the project.



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About the Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project

The Upper Guadalupe River Project is a partnership between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

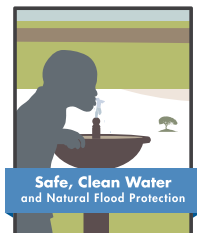
When completed, this improvement will protect more than 7,500 properties along a 5.7 mile stretch of the river from Highway 280 to Blossom Hill Road from the effects of a 100-year-flood. Such an event has a 1 percent probability of occurring in any given year.

Damaging flood events occurred in 1982, 1983, 1986, 1995 and 1998. Severe flooding in 1995 damaged more than 150 homes in the Gardner, Willow Glen and South San Jose residential districts. Floods closed Highway 87 and the parallel light rail line in 1988 and twice in 1995.

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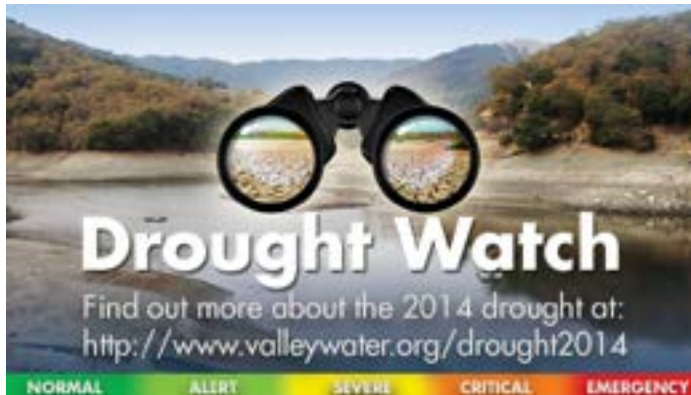
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The Safe, Clean Water measure passed in 2012, continues a parcel tax initially approved by voters in 2000. The measure, passed in 2012, increased the local funding contribution for the project.



You're in a watershed

A watershed is the area of land that drains to a common waterway. In Santa Clara County, our creeks and rivers catch rain and runoff from storm drains and carry the water north to San Francisco Bay or south to Monterey Bay. Along the way, some of the water fills reservoirs for drinking water, replenishes the underground aquifer and creates better habitat for fish and wildlife. This project is in the **Guadalupe Watershed**.



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