
You're invited! Pre-construction meeting

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Where: Pearl Avenue Branch Library, 4279 Pearl Avenue, SJ. Ca. 95136

May will bring a series of milestones to the next phase of the Upper Guadalupe River Project and the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Santa Clara Valley Water District hope you will be there to mark the occasion.

The May 6 pre-construction meeting offers the public an opportunity to hear from the project teams of both agencies about the upcoming work.

Some of the topics staff from the Army Corps and water district will review include the benefits of the project, construction schedule and traffic and noise impacts. Following the presentation, staff will hold a question and answer session.

Confirm your attendance at this meeting at rsvp@valleywater.org. For more information, contact the project's neighborhood liaison, Tony Mercado at 408-630-2342 or tmercado@valleywater.org.



An example of a wood debris jam structure that will be installed at the Reach 12 location.

About Reach 12

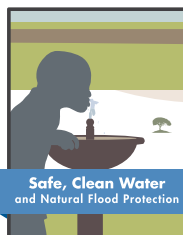
Reach 12 stretches just over a mile between Branham Lane and Blossom Hill Road and is located in the most southerly reach of the larger Upper Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project.

The area is a pivotal component of the project. It has available land to improve 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.

Work on Reach 12 will last about 12 months. It will improve habitat for native fish like steelhead trout and Chinook salmon by establishing native vegetation and trees along an existing channel and stabilizing the low flow channel. It will also improve access to the channel for creek maintenance by adding maintenance access roads and ramps.



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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, these improvements 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 neighborhoods. Floods closed Highway 87 and the parallel light rail line in 1988 and twice in 1995.

The Army Corps and the Santa Clara Valley Water District fund this project. Local dollars come from the Safe, Clean Water measure passed by voters in 2012, which continues the 2000 Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection parcel tax.

The partners

The Santa Clara Valley Water District manages a system that includes supplying clean, safe water, flood protection and stream stewardship to Santa Clara County's 1.8 million residents. It manages 10 dams and reservoirs, three water treatment plants, an advanced recycled water purification center, a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory, nearly 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds and more than 275 miles of streams. The district provides wholesale water and groundwater management to local municipalities and private water retailers who deliver drinking water to homes and businesses in the county. [Visit our website, www.valleywater.org.](http://www.valleywater.org)

The United States Army Corps of Engineers is one of the world's largest public engineering, design and construction management agencies. Although generally associated with dams, canals and flood protection in the United States, the USACE is involved in a wide range of public works throughout the world. [Visit the website, www.spn.usace.army.mil](http://www.spn.usace.army.mil)

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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