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Subject: 2011 Notification of Proposed Work Report

Dear: Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Wilson, and Lt Col. DiCiro:

Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is pleased to submit for your review and comment, the multi-year Stream Maintenance Program Annual Notification of Proposed Work Report for 2011 (Report), to the San Francisco Bay Region California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB), US Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development (BCDC) commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Department of Fish and Game. The report has been prepared and submitted in accordance with RWQCB Order # R2-2002-0028, provision D-41, and CCRWQCB order # R3-2002-0008, provision D-1, United States Army Corps of Engineers permit # 22525 S, special condition 5, and Department of Fish & Game 1601 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement # 1600-2009-0361-R3, condition 25 b. These permits were issued to the District in 2002 based on the August 2001 multi-year stream maintenance program (SMP) permit package submitted to the agencies.

Summary of Proposed Work:

The report includes the proposed sediment removal, vegetation management, and bank protection work to alleviate local flooding problems. The work planned for 2011 includes:

Pajaro River Basin:

- Construction of 2,026 linear feet (0.38 miles) of bank protection
- Removal of approximately 4,300 cubic yards of sediment
- Performing 29.29 miles of vegetation management

Santa Clara Basin:

- Removal of approximately 53,063 cubic yards of sediment
- Performing 155.84 miles of vegetation management
- Construction of 4,011 linear feet (0.76 miles) of bank protection

In total, the District is proposing: 57,363 cubic yards of sediment removal, 185.13 miles of vegetation management, and 1.14 linear miles of bank protection. More than 50% of the bank protection projects proposed is considered softscape (0:1 or 1:1 mitigation ratio). The proposed projects may be reduced depending on changed field conditions, changes in priorities, budget considerations, identification of contaminated conditions, or changes to scheduled activities.

Notification Report:

As specified in the permits, this report provides the following information:

- Sum totals for all major categories of work projected (Section 1);
- Tables for each location of projected work, including creek name, type of work, length, and whether work has been conducted in previous years under SMP (Sections 2 through 4);
- Projected sediment removal sites and map. (Section 2);
- Projected amount, method of vegetation management, and map (hand removal and herbicide treatment), (Section 3);
- Method of bank protection along with amount of impact, amount and location of mitigation (if required), monitoring sites, and map (Section 4);
- Bank protection designs (plan view and cross-section), photographs, repair method selected and why, possible cause of erosion and description of mitigation (Section 5)
- Current status of Mitigation Projects (Section 6)

Pre-work conferences:

The District is scheduling a pre-construction field tour to present the details of the proposed work and discuss concerns from your agency and other interested parties. The pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday May 18, 2011.

Please review the attached Report and provide us with your comments. We look forward to beginning work on June 15, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Shree Dharasker at (408)265-2607 ext. 3037.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: 2011 Notification of Proposed Work

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