

# Watersheds - Operations and Maintenance Report

June 15th – July 15th, 2022

## Projects and Permit Process Status

This report provides a holistic view of Watersheds O&M Division operations, including Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) activities and work underway or performed on both Water Utility Facilities and other maintenance activities that are not permitted under SMP.

As required under the SMP permitting, Valley Water submitted its annual Notice of Proposed Work (NPW) on April 15, 2022. As of July 25, 2022, complete agency approvals have been received for a total of 96 projects. This project list included: 15 bank stabilizations, 11 sediment removals, 1 animal damage management project, 2 revegetation mitigation projects and 67 vegetation management projects.

The third iteration of SMP (SMP3) is currently being developed through scoping with regulatory permitting agencies and manual revisions. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for CEQA was released for comment and a public meeting was held on June 16, 2022.

The Countywide Invasive Plant Management Program (IIPMP) was approved by the Board of Directors on July 12, 2022. The IIPMP is currently in the early scoping stages and will cover CEQA, permits and a manual production before being implemented in ~2025. This program is funded by the Water Enterprise Fund, and Safe Clean Water's Priority D2.

**Work Status: The following includes select projects and work activities either completed and/or ongoing during this reporting period.**

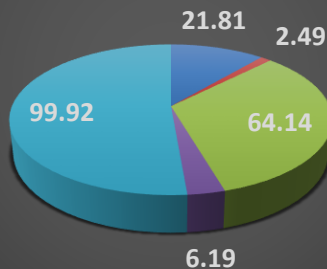
| WORK TYPE                    | LOCATION                                  | MUNICIPALITY | DISTRICT (DIRECTOR) | STATUS                             |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sediment removal             | Calabazas Creek downstream of Comer Drive | Saratoga     | 5 (Hsueh)           | Completed 7/7/22 (started 6/15/22) |
| Instream habitat improvement | Uvas Creek Upstream of Miller Avenue      | Gilroy       | 1 (Varela)          | Ongoing; started 6/15/22           |
| Bank protection              | Ross Creek downstream of Leigh Avenue     | San Jose     | 4 (LeZotte)         | Ongoing; started 6/21/22           |

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| Bank protection         | Regnart Creek downstream of Antoinette Drive | Cupertino | 5 (Hsueh)     | Ongoing; started 6/23/22 |
| Bank (levee) protection | Canoas Creek downstream of Nightingale Drive | San Jose  | 6 (Estremera) | Ongoing; started 6/24/22 |
| Bank (levee) protection | Coyote Creek upstream of McCarthy Boulevard  | Milpitas  | 3 (Santos)    | Ongoing; started 6/27/22 |

## Safe Clean Water Priority D1: Management of Riparian Planting and Invasive Plant Removal

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■ LOWER PENINSULA ■ WEST VALLEY ■ GUADALUPE ■ COYOTE ■ UVAS/LLAGAS

1. Maintain a minimum of 300 acres of riparian planting projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and conditions.

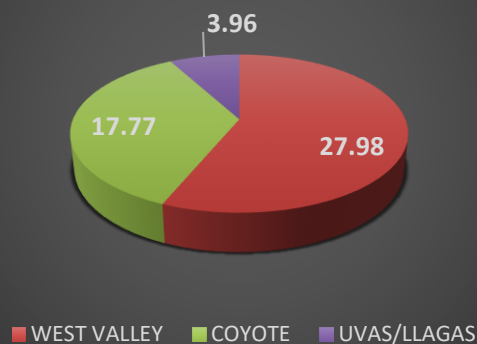
2. Maintain a minimum of 200 acres of invasive plant management projects annually to meet regulatory requirements and condition.

3. Remove 25 acres of *Arundo donax* throughout the county over a 15-year period.

The chart at left shows the work completed between June 15 - July 15, 2022

## Safe Clean Water Priority F1: Vegetation Control for Capacity

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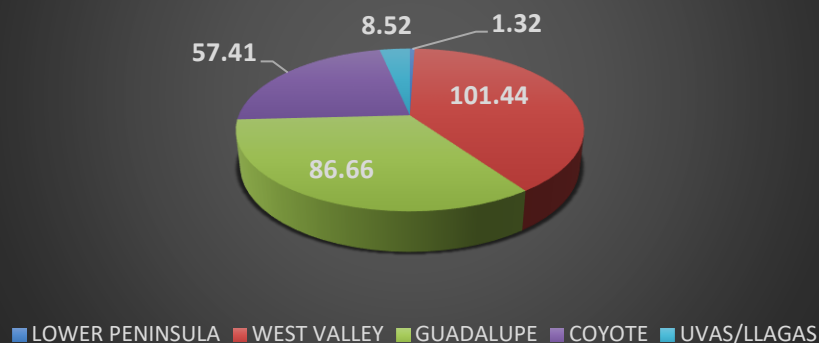


Maintain completed flood protection projects for flow conveyance.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F4: Vegetation Management for Access and Fire Safety

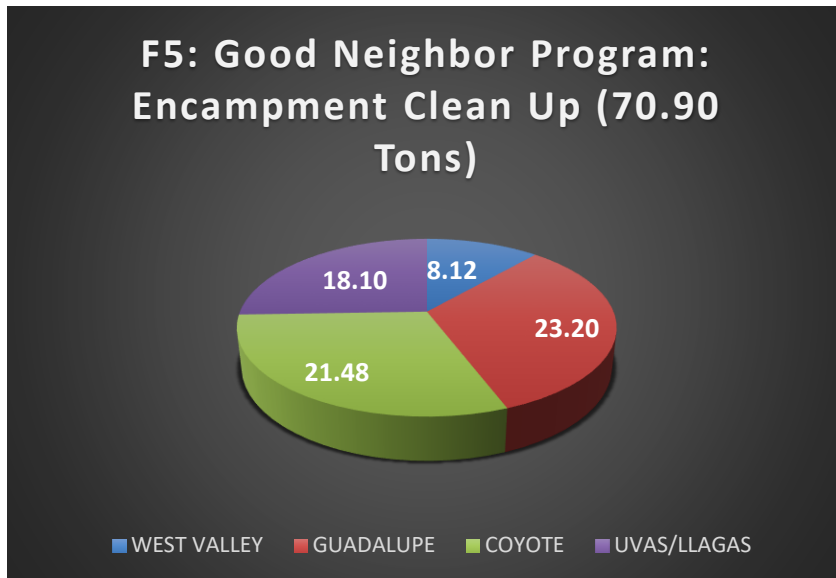
### F4: Vegetation Management for Access and Fire Safety (255.35 ACRES)



Provide vegetation management for access and fire risk reduction along levee, property lines and maintenance roads, over a 15-year period.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F5: Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Clean Up

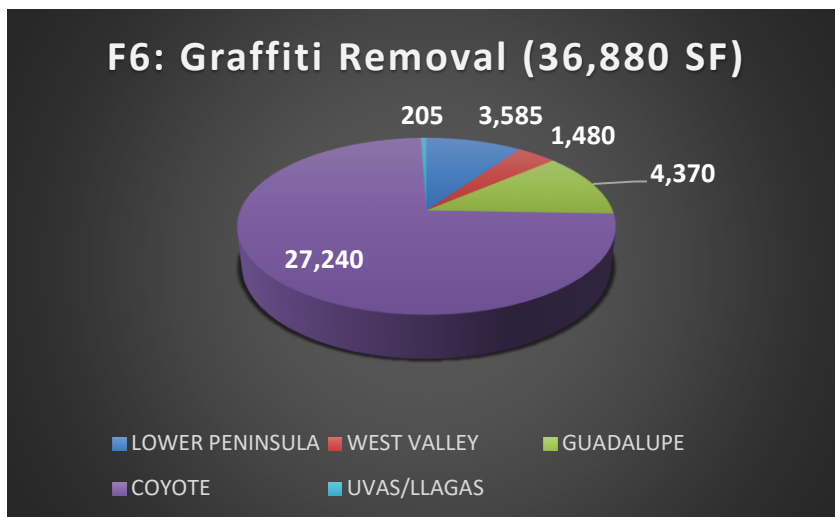


1. Perform 300 annual cleanups to reduce the amount of trash and pollutants entering streams.

2. Provide up to \$500,000 per year in cost-share with local agencies for services related to encampment cleanups, including services supporting staff safety, discouraging re-encampments along waterways, or addressing the homelessness crisis with the goal of reducing the need for encampment cleanups.

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## Safe Clean Water Priority F6: Graffiti and Litter Removal and Public Art



1. Cleanup identified trash and graffiti hotspots at approximately 80 sites four (4) times per year.

2. Respond to requests on litter or graffiti cleanup within five (5) working days.

3. Provide up to \$1.5 million over 15 years to implement public art projects on Valley Water property and infrastructure.

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It does not include encampment generated trash and debris.

The information in this report has been provided by Valley Water staff for Watersheds O&M work between June 15 and July 15, 2022. As information is gathered, some of the data reported here may change.

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