



NOTICE OF COMPLETION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

Project: Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project

Project Description: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its local partner Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) are proposing to construct the Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project. The project would modify 2.2 miles of Upper Berryessa Creek within the cities of Milpitas and San Jose for the purpose of reducing flood risks. These modifications would occur between I-680 and Calaveras Boulevard, and would include:

- Constructing an enlarged earthen trapezoidal:
- Constructing concrete floodwalls at two areas;
- Excavating sediment and vegetation from the channel bed;
- Removing concrete bed and bank lining at selected areas:
- Placing rock riprap on the bed and lower banks of the channel to prevent erosion:
- Replacing the existing wooden Union Pacific Railroad Trestle with a concrete box culvert:
- Installing transition structures composed of rock riprap and concrete wing walls to protect existing bridge piers and abutments; and
- Building improved channel access roads along the banks; and
- Re-vegetating disturbed areas to mitigate for project impacts, , and promote long-term channel and bank stability.

Under current conditions, this section of Upper Berryessa Creek overflows the channel banks on average of once every 10-20 years, resulting in significant damage to homes, businesses, automobiles, and infrastructure. The proposed project would provide flood protection and flood damage reduction benefits along Upper Berryessa Creek by incorporating channel, bridge, and top of bank improvements designed to convey 100-year flood flows within its banks, in accordance with certification standards set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The proposed project would remove about 500 land parcels from the special flood hazard area. Construction of the proposed project would occur primarily during the dry season in 2016 and 2017.

Public Review Period and Comments on the Draft EIR: The Draft EIR is available for review by accessing the District's website at www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Upper Berryessa Creek Flood Risk Management Project, and attachments are also available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Headquarters Building
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Milpitas City Hall
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, California 95035

Milpitas Public Library
40 N. Milpitas Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

San Jose Berryessa Branch Library
3355 Noble Avenue
San Jose, CA 95132


The District is the lead agency for CEQA and has prepared a Draft EIR for the project described above. The District will make the Draft EIR available for public review and comment during a 45-day period starting on September 25, 2015, and ending November 12, 2015. All comments must be received by the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2015.

Please provide written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2015 to:

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5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Comments may also be submitted electronically by accessing the District's website at www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx.

Approved by:


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Chief Executive Officer
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Date 9/23/15