

Your flood protection project

After years of planning and design, the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project is nearing construction. Once completed, the project will provide natural flood protection for at least 1,664 properties and prevent potential damages in excess of \$48 million (1999 value).

In developing the project designs, the Santa Clara Valley Water District worked with the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos and their residents through community and project task force meetings. Public comments and feedback helped the project team develop sustainable designs that are economically viable, technically feasible, environmentally compatible and publicly acceptable.

The project stretches along 10.6 miles of Permanente Creek, from San Francisco Bay's southwest shoreline through Mountain View to Foothill Expressway in Los Altos. It includes five design features, four of which are slated to begin construction in summer of 2014. These include floodwalls, channel widening, a new diversion structure, and a flood detention basin at Rancho San Antonio Park.

Join us for an open house

This month, water district staff will be holding two open house events on **Saturday, October 26**. Over the last few years our outreach has been specific to the various design features. Our goal for these open houses is to provide a comprehensive project overview to the community as a whole. For your convenience, the open houses will be held at two different locations on a drop-in basis.

9 a.m. – noon

Covington Elementary School
Multi-purpose Room
201 Covington Road
Los Altos, 94024

2 - 5 p.m.

Mariano Castro Elementary School
Multi-purpose Room
505 Escuela Avenue
Mountain View, 94040



The Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project extends 10.6 miles through the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos.

A history of flooding



Permanente Creek, flood of 1983

Each winter, thousands of households, schools and businesses in Mountain View and Los Altos are susceptible to flooding from Permanente Creek during a major storm.

Permanente Creek has a history of flooding, having experienced major flooding in 1862, 1911, 1940, 1950, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1995 and 1998.

Flooding can result in millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and schools. In addition, disruption to businesses and transportation networks can result in significant loss of productivity and revenue.

Your tax dollars at work

The project is funded by the countywide Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection parcel tax passed by voters in November 2000.

The 15-year plan makes it possible to protect homes, schools and businesses from flooding, while improving the health of creek and bay ecosystems and creating trails and parks for recreational enjoyment.

You're in a watershed

No matter where you are, you're in a watershed.

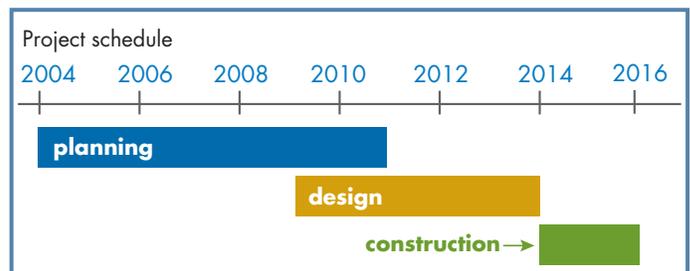
A watershed is the area of land that drains a common waterway. In Santa Clara County, our creeks catch rain and runoff from storm drains and carry the water north to San Francisco Bay or south to Monterey Bay. Along the way, some of the water is used to fill reservoirs for drinking water, replenish the underground aquifer and create better habitat for fish and wildlife.



This project is in the **Lower Peninsula Watershed**, a 98-square-mile area whose many small-creek watersheds feed the tidal wetlands along the San Francisco Bay's southwest shoreline. Its San Francisquito and Stevens creeks are among the last remaining viable steelhead trout runs in the county.

Next Steps

The project team is working to finalize design on certain project elements and will be reaching out to communities neighboring those projects in the coming months. In addition, the district will hold pre-construction meetings before work begins.



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For more information, contact **Afshin Rouhani** at **(408) 630-2616**, or visit our website at valleywater.org and use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system. With three easy steps, you can use this service to find out the latest information on district projects or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.

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