



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011**

**7:00 P.M. - REGULAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**

Council Chambers, Los Altos City Hall  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

**ROLL CALL**

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1. Commission Minutes  
Approval of minutes – Regular Meeting of November 14, 2011.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. Disposal and Management of Expanded Polystyrene  
Report by Subcommittee on progress made pursuant to August 23, 2011 Council Referral of Letter from Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County (RWRC) to Environmental Commission for study and to make recommendations back to Council.
3. Climate Action Plan
  - a. Activity progress report by Environmental Commission Task Force.
  - b. Status update on Request for Proposal (RFP) approved by Council on Nov. 8, 2011.
4. Environmental Commission Website Revisions  
Activity progress report by Commissioner DeMichiel and staff.
5. Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos  
Presentation by Commissioner Eyre.
6. City of Los Altos 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Report by Commissioner Anderson on Planning Committee meeting progress.

7. Environmental Commission Work Plan Progress Review  
Review and discussion of 2011-2012 Work Plan presented to City Council at the Joint Meeting on April 5.
8. Announcements and Items for Information
  - a. Status update on single-stream waste receptacle labels for downtown – information.
  - b. “Trees of Los Altos” status of account – information.
  - c. Tree planting for Patty Rosewater on December 10, 2011 – information.
  - d. Environmental Commissioner Representative to December 13, 2011 Council Meeting – Linda DeMichiel.
  - e. 2012 Environmental Commission Assignment Schedule for Regular City Council Meetings – information and sign-up.
  - f. Environmental Commission vacancy – information.
  - g. Moment to reflect on Environmental Commission calendar year 2011.

#### COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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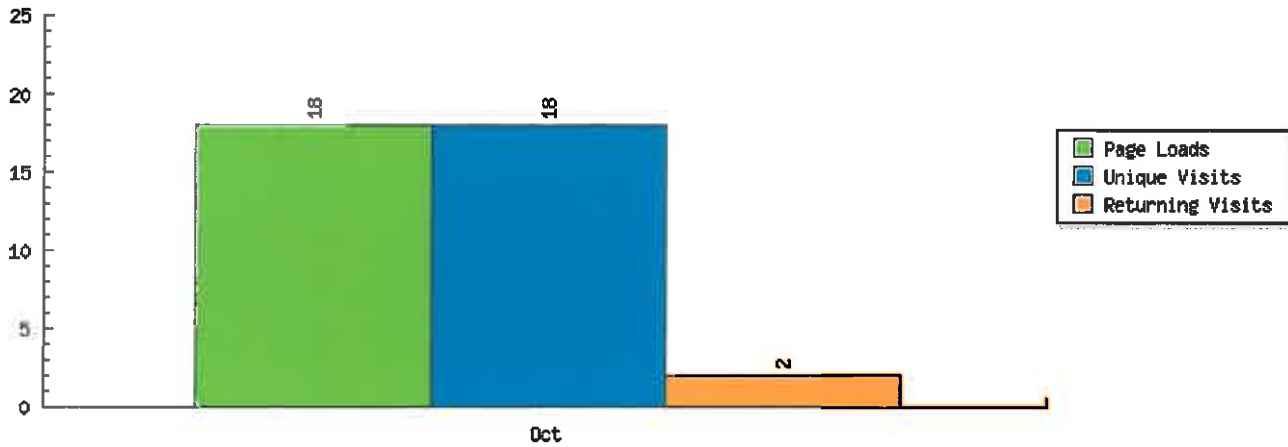
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**Michael Horta**

**From:** Michael Trautman  
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**Cc:** Michael Horta  
**Subject:** Re: hits counter on EC website

For the Month of October:



Date Range:  This Year or  Oct 2011 -  Oct 2011

Data to Show:  Page Loads  Unique Visits  Returning Visits

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Update

	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Total	18	18	16	2
Average	18	18	16	2

Month	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Oct 2011	18	18	16	2



*Returning Visits* - Based purely on a cookie, if this person is returning to your website for another visit an hour or more later

*First Time Visits* - Based purely on a cookie, if this person has no cookie then this is considered their first time at your website.

*Unique Visitor* - Based purely on a cookie, this is the total of the returning visits and first time visits - all your visitors.

*Page Load* - The number of times your page has been visited.

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**Subject:** hits counter on EC website

Hi ALL,

We plan to send you new Environmental Commission website content. Would like to request hit data for Month of Oct. from the current site and then a counter on the new site to get comparison data.

Thanks, jL



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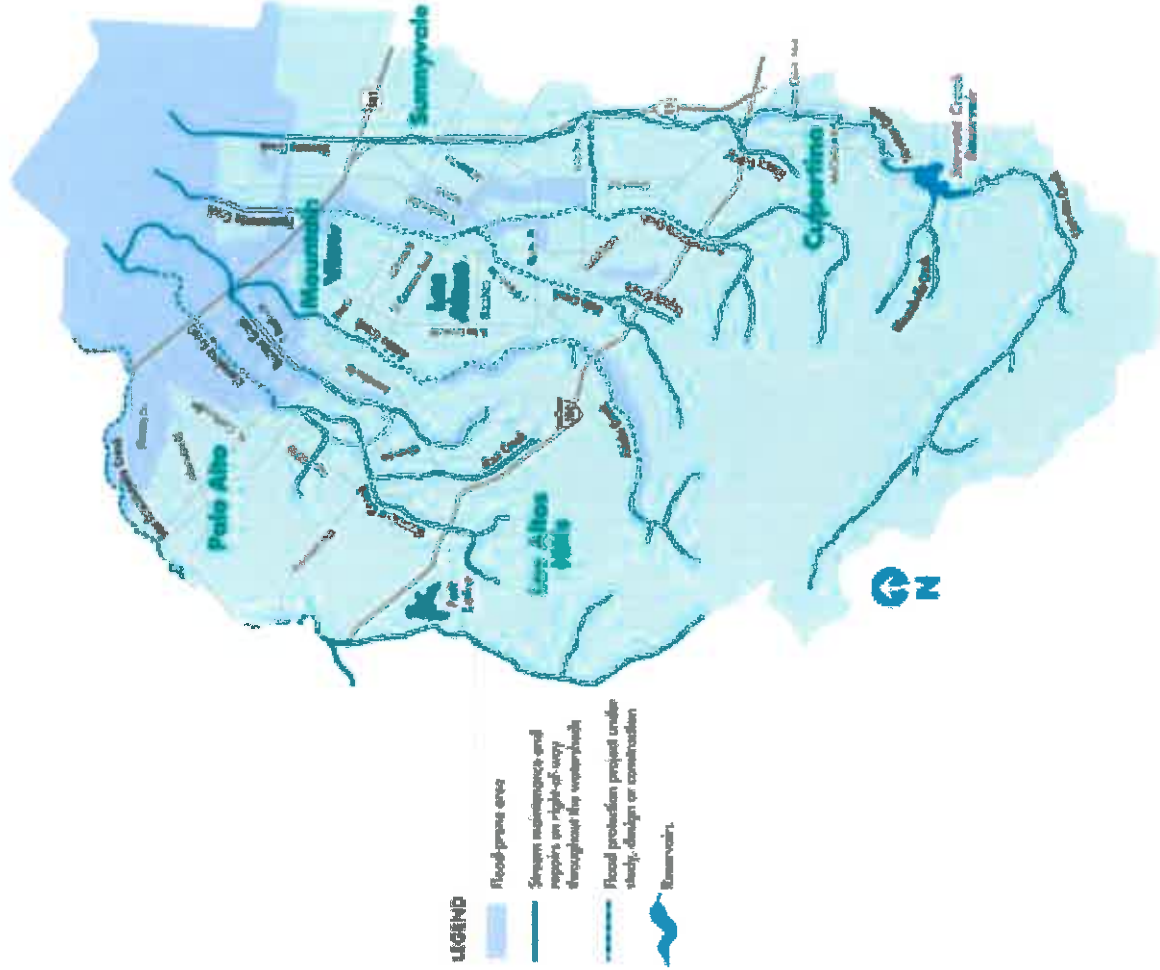
# Increasing Watershed Awareness and Stewardship in Los Altos

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Developed for the Los Altos Environmental Commission  
Joe Eyre  
12/12/11

# The Santa Clara Valley Water District places Los Altos in the Lower Peninsula Watershed

San Francisco Bay

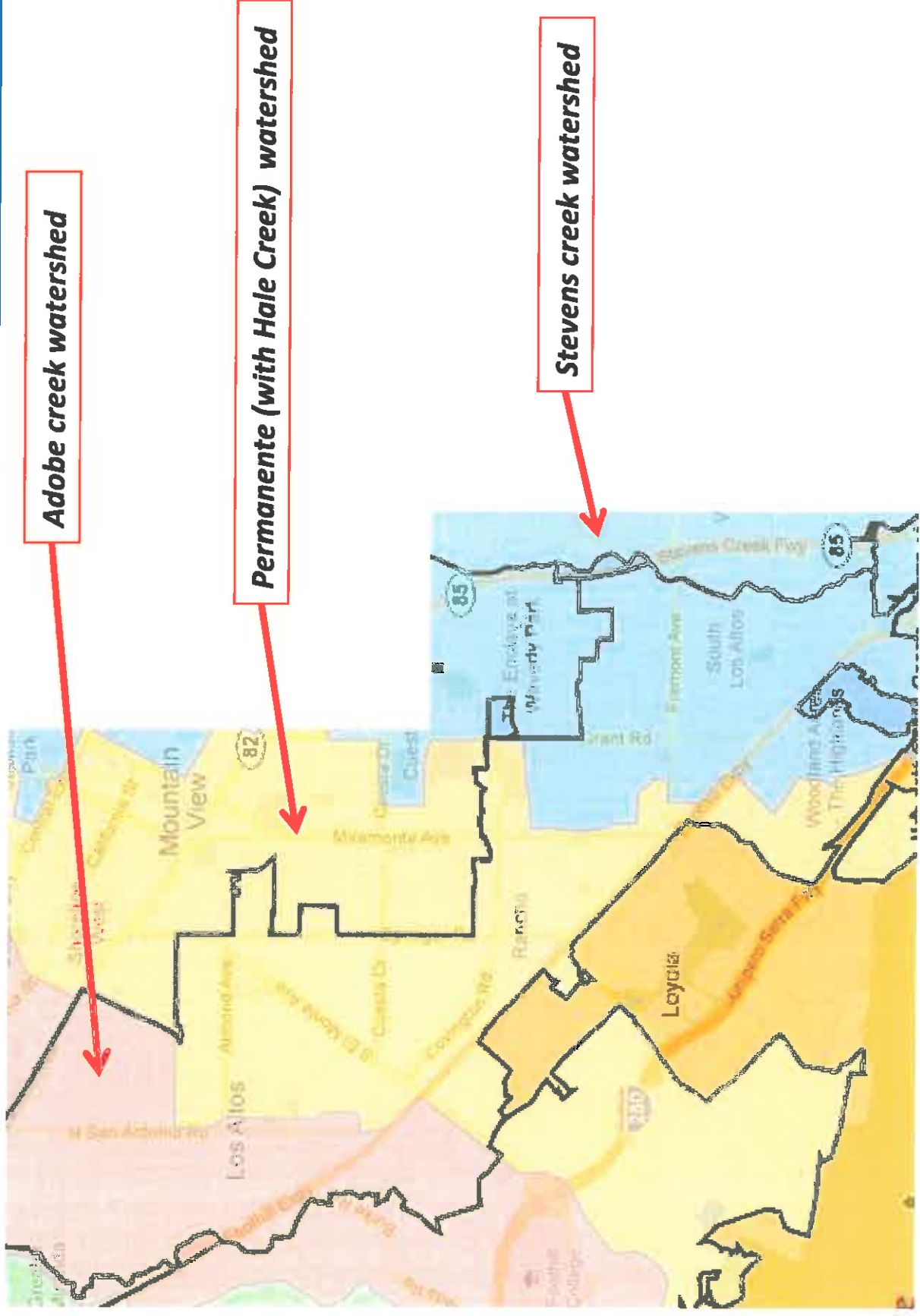


*Definition of a Watershed: The land area from which surface runoff drains into a stream channel, lake, reservoir or the ocean.*

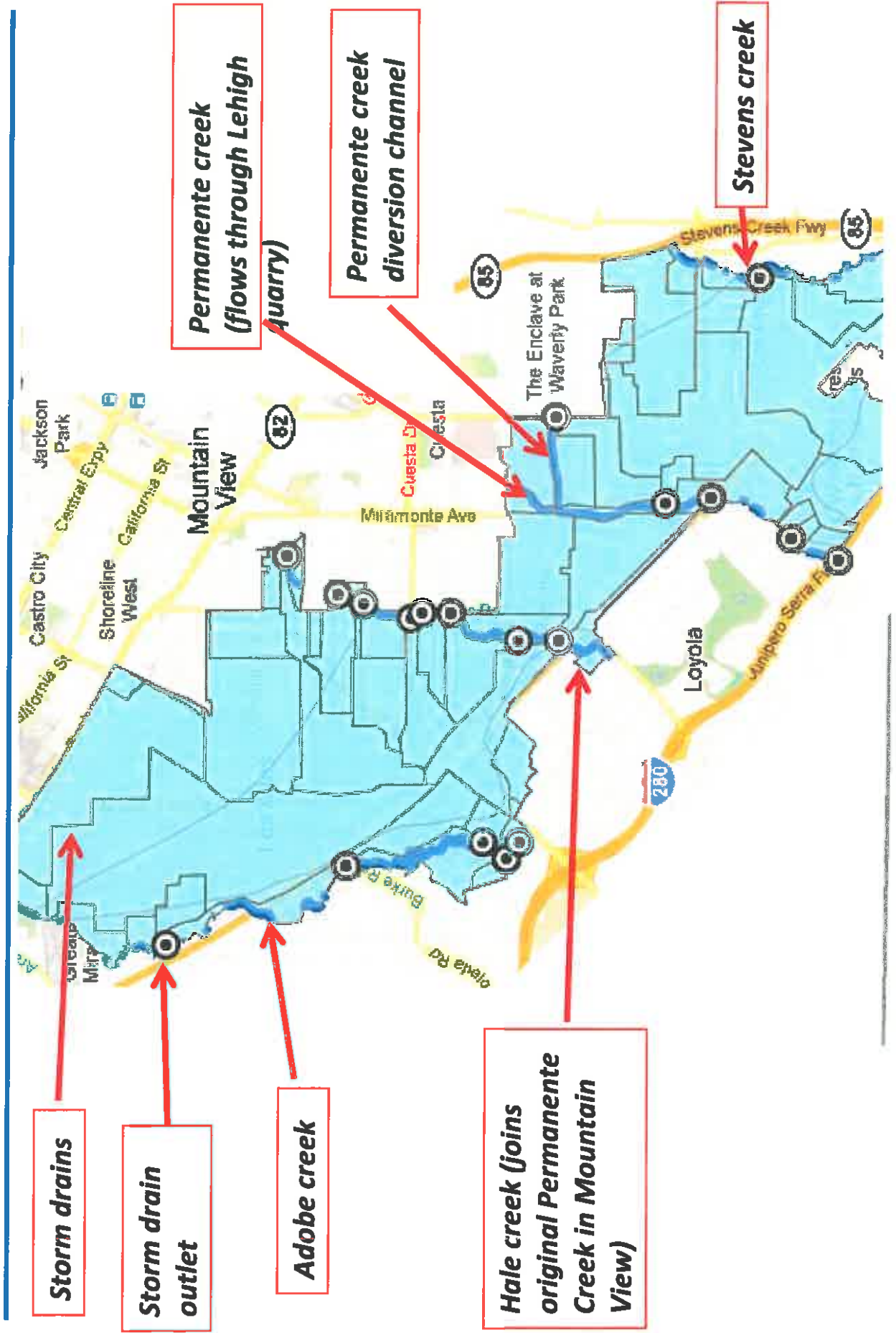
## Lower Peninsula Watershed

- Size: 98 square miles
- Cities: Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Cupertino, Sunnyvale
- Creeks: San Francisquito, Matadero, Deer, Barron, Adobe, Permanente, Stevens
- Reservoirs: Stevens Creek, Felt Lake (not operated by SCVWD)

# Los Altos has three watersheds: Adobe, Permanente (with Hale Creek), and Stevens

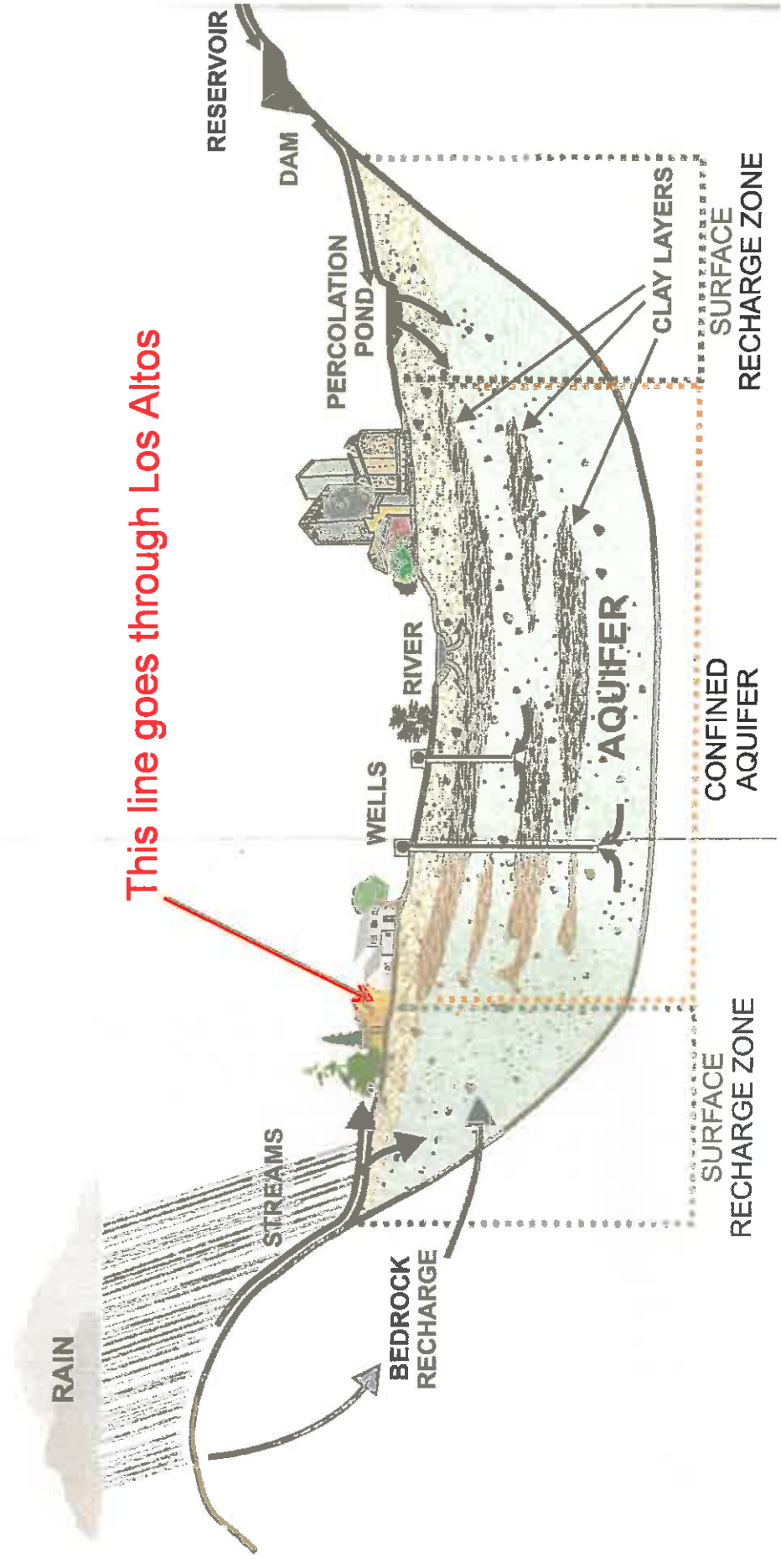


# Storm drains empty into all of the Los Altos creeks





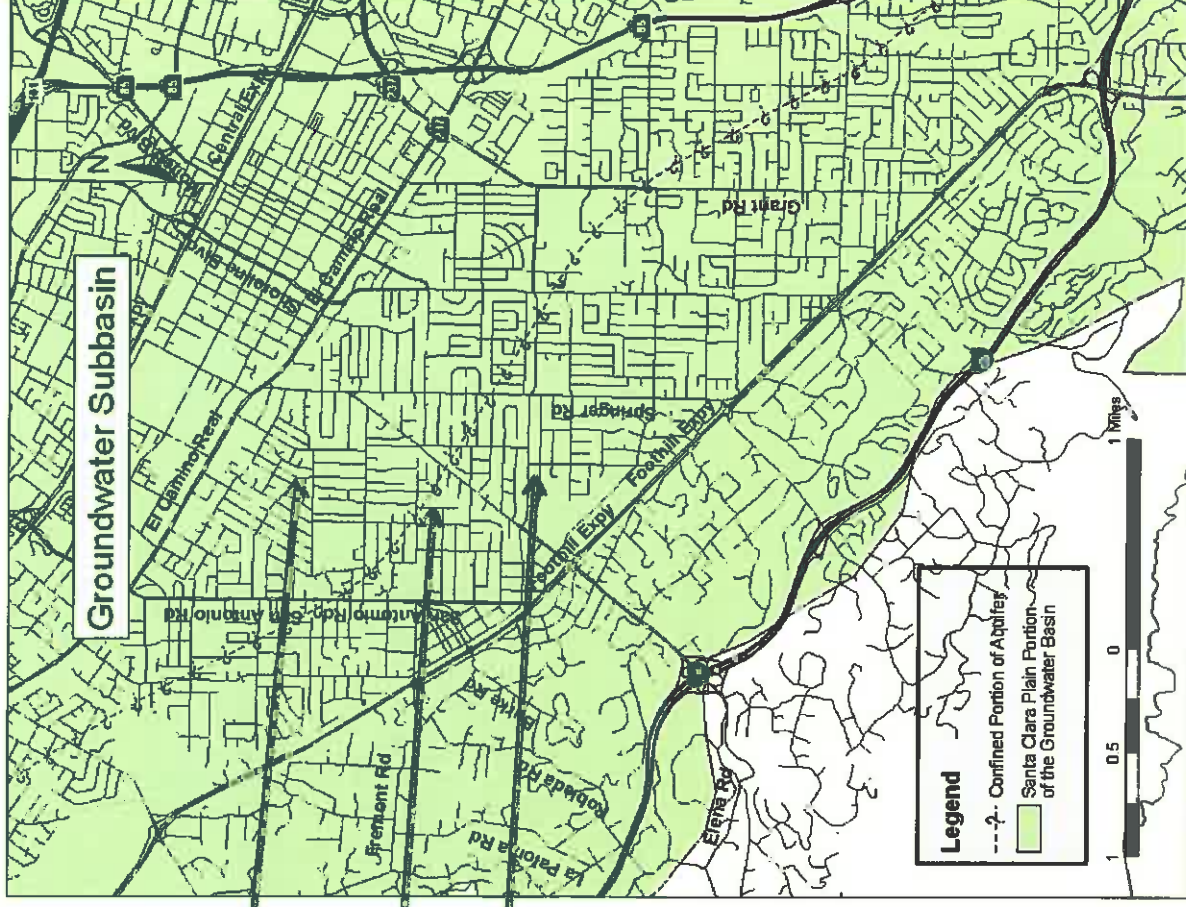
# Cross section model of the Santa Clara County groundwater system



# Much of Los Altos is over the drinking water aquifer recharge zone

- o Confined aquifer – no recharge from the surface
- o Approximate delineation line between recharge zone and confined zone
- o Surface recharge zone

**Note:** The delineation line is approximate and could vary by ¼ mile or more. Therefore, all Los Altos citizens and vendors should operate as if they are over the recharge zone.



# Why should our citizens care about the Los Altos creeks?

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- o The creeks flowing through Los Altos are the last “wild” corridors through our suburban city. They:
  - o Support wildlife, such as aquatic insects, fish, small mammals
  - o Enable people to connect with nature in our parks – Shoup, Redwood Grove, Heritage, etc.
  - o Provide a historical, ecological, and cultural connection to the land
- o Trash in the creeks (such as plastic bags and take out containers) is unsightly and physically and chemically harmful to wildlife
- o Chemical pollution from runoff and the quarry:
  - o Affects wildlife, especially the lower levels of the food chain.
  - o Urban runoff now biggest source of bay pollution
  - o Leads to excessive algae growth, depleting oxygen
  - o Percolates into the aquifer (the source of 30% of Los Altos’ drinking water)
- o Erosion and silt from excessive runoff chokes creeks and remove oxygen
- o Invasive plant and animal species also upset the native ecosystem



*“Nature is not just to be found in the national parks”*

# Many residents and vendors have incorrect and/or incomplete creek stewardship knowledge

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- They think storm drains flow into sewer system or that they directly “Flow to Bay”.
- Don’t understand impact of landscape overwatering, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on the creeks.
- Don’t know that we get 30% of our water from the aquifer which is recharged from much of Los Altos
- Don’t realize that urban runoff (e.g. roofs and non-permeable hardscape) provides unnaturally high flows, causing flooding, pollution, erosion, and silt
- Do not know the benefits of native plants (drought tolerant, less maintenance/GHG emissions, disease/pest resistant, support pollinators and wildlife) vs. the destructiveness of invasive species.
- Do not realize that physical creek barriers prohibit fish

A Los Altos Storm Drain

No labeling



Screening from street project that finished 3 months ago

# The good news: Many sources of creek stewardship information

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- **Santa Clara Valley Water District**
  - Extensive educational, best practices, and regulations info on [valleywater.org](http://valleywater.org)
  - School education programs
  - Grants to local communities and non-profits for educational materials and programs
  - Water conservation rebates
- **Watershed Watch** – Provides education and outreach for Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program. Funded 30% by SCVWD, 30% by San Jose, 40% by remaining northern Santa Clara County cities
- **CalWater** web site and sponsored classes; incented by SBx7-7 to reduce water usage by 20% by 2020
- **Classes by BAWSCA and local communities**
- **Los Altos Environmental Commission** website
- **Los Altos History Museum** exhibit and programs
- **Local non-profits provide education, creek cleanups, monitoring, and restoration:**
  - GreenTown Los Altos
  - Acterra
  - Friends of Adobe Creek
  - Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition
  - Stevens & Permanente Creek Watershed Council



# Los Altos Resolution 2009-22: focused on conservation; also helps the watersheds (6/23/09)

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City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby encourages the Los Altos community to reduce water consumption by 15% a year based on 2004 water usage.... The Council ... recommends that City of Los Altos residents, businesses, and water users adopt the following voluntary water conservation measures:

1. Landscape Watering Time Restrictions
  - Irrigating of landscape with potable water discouraged between of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m
  - During June – October, users are encouraged to provide only minimal water to sustain plant growth without water run-off
  - During November through May, irrigating to be minimal, reduced or discontinued
2. Recommendations for Obligation to Fix Leaks,
3. No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces
4. Avoid Excess Water Usage
5. Encourage Water Conservation in the Business Community –
  - Use table signs stating that drinking water is served upon request only in eating establishments.
  - Commercial lodging encouraged to provide guests the option to decline daily linen service.
  - Avoid installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems in buildings requesting new water service;
  - avoid installation of non-re-circulating water systems in commercial car wash and laundry systems.
  - Restaurants are encouraged to use water conserving dish wash spray valves
  - Use of recirculating water in non-drinking water fountains and decorative water features is encouraged.
6. Recommendation that Parties Review and Comply with the City of Los Altos Water Efficient Landscape Regulations

# Los Altos use of SCVWD conservation offers could improve

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- o **Water Wise House Calls (Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2011)**
  - o Los Altos: 95 (4% of Santa Clara County WWHC's; we have 3.2% of the households in the county)
  - o Los Altos Hills: 1
  - o Santa Clara County total: 2,450
- o 18 customers heard about the WWHC program through Town Crier, 1 heard about it through GreenTown (GreenTown also ran a TC ad). Most of the other customers heard about it through a water bill insert, post card, customer service, or friend/neighbor.
- o **Turf Replacement Rebate (2008-Dec 6, 2011)**
  - o Los Altos
    - o 22 Single Family customers have received a rebate (2.5% of Santa Clara County WWHC's; we have 3.2% of the households in the county)
    - o 2 Institutional customers have received a rebate
  - o Los Altos Hills
    - o 15 Single Family customers have received a rebate
  - o Santa Clara County total: 896
- o Above numbers do not include sites that are in process.

# There are numerous opportunities for our City to improve creek awareness and quality

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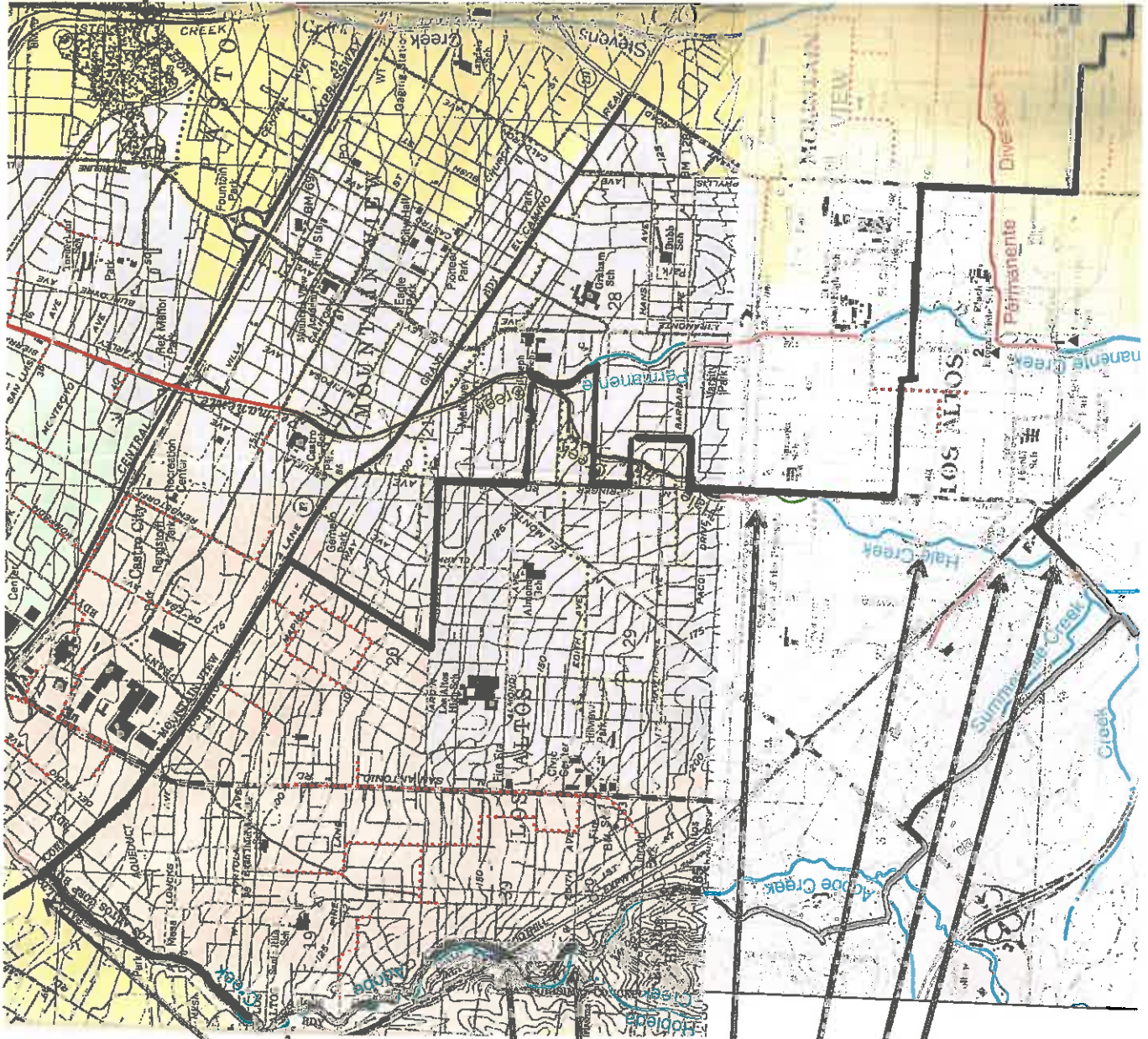
1. Provide a local “direct connection” to the creeks
  - Signs on bridges over creeks
  - Signs on all storm drains pointing out that they are for rainwater only and that the drain flows to local creeks, the bay, and your drinking water aquifer, not the sewer system
2. Consider banning Expanded Polystyrene containers and single-use plastic bags
3. City implements green landscaping policies:
  - Organic fertilizers/herbicides/pesticides
  - Use at least 50% native plants in city-property plantings
  - Weather-based irrigation controllers
4. Review city’s implementation of the model water ordinance (AB1881) and water-related policies in the General Plan to see if they are effective and adequate.
5. Review city’s implementation of SCVWD Guidelines and Standards for land use near streams. Do they effectively regulate creek-side landscaping?
6. Co-sponsor more classes such as Nov, 2011 Calwater class
7. Continue to support creek restoration in our parks to replace invasive plants and minimize erosion
8. Continue to monitor findings of quarry-related water discharges
9. Continue to enhance water stewardship information on the Environmental Commission’s website

*The forthcoming Climate Action Plan will raise awareness on the importance of conserving water, and as a byproduct, encourage reduction of irrigation runoff.*



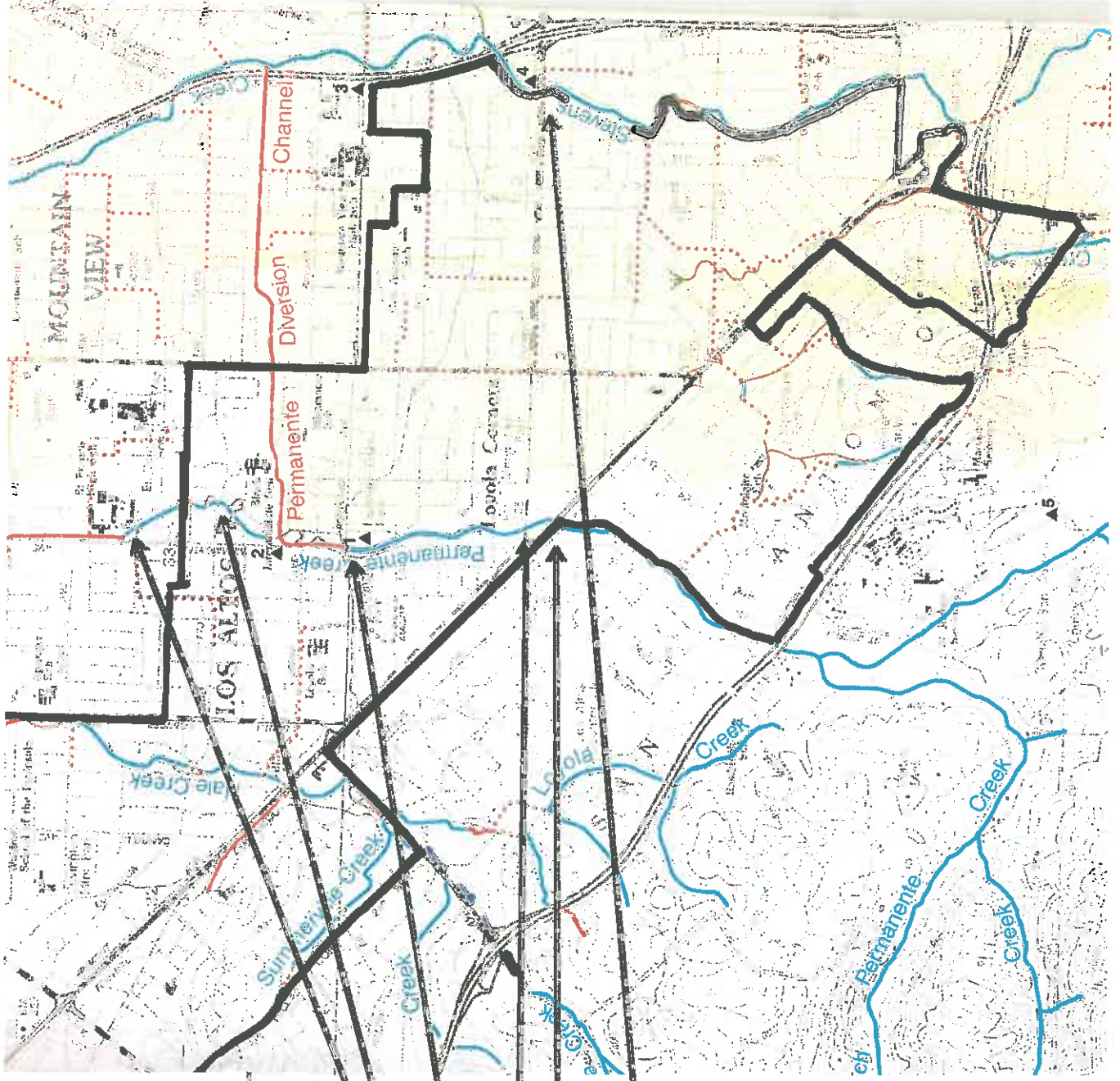
# Possible bridge signs in North Los Altos

- Adobe Creek
- El Camino
- Foothill
- W. Edith
- Foothill College (LAH)
- Hale Creek
- Cuesta (channel)
- Covington
- Foothill
- Magdalena



# Possible bridge signs in South Los Altos

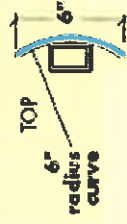
- Permanente Creek
- St. Francis School bridge (private)
- Covington
- Portland
- Fremont
- Foothill
- Stevens Creek
- Fremont Blvd.



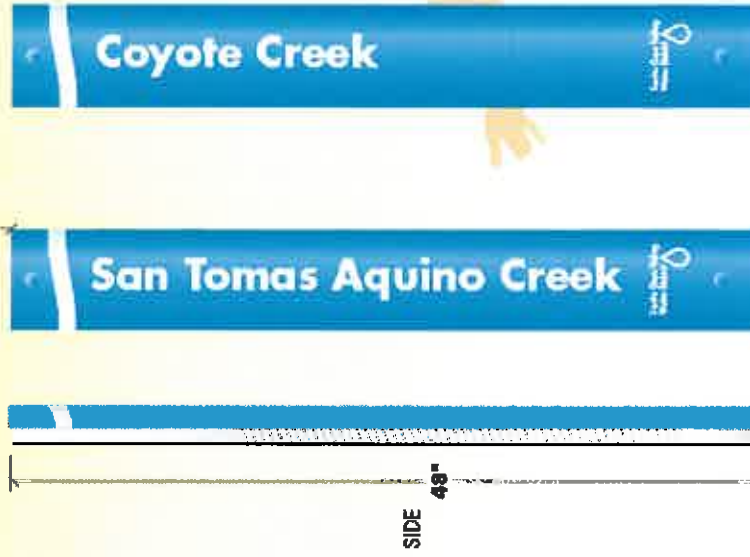
# Example creek and watershed signs



## SCVWD signs



.375" radius corners



Distance to grade based on desired visibility

## Structure vs 8.0 Creek overcross identification

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Maximum visibility, minimum footprint. Minimum disturbance of environment. Minimum cost. Highly vandal resistant. If positioned correctly will not interfere with bridge maintenance. Graphics are easily replaceable reflective white vinyl lettering on curved, PMS 300 reflective sheeting, epoxy- or powder-coated .063 aluminum bolted to 9" galvanized metal post. Signs duplicated for opposite direction of travel.



**Possible Los Altos bridge sign wording:**

Adobe Creek

Protect your watershed, bay, and drinking water aquifer

# Example storm drain signs

## Palo Alto Standard

ONLY RAIN DOWN OUR DRAIN!  
ADOBE CREEK

5.5 in

5.5 in

28.0 in

ONLY RAIN DOWN OUR DRAIN!  
BARRON CREEK

5.5 in

5.5 in



Downtown Los Altos storm drain contest winner (for 70 storm drains)

## Possible Los Altos storm drain wording:

Only Rain Down the Drain!  
Protect your creeks, bay, and drinking water aquifer

## Cleveland



# Conclusion

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- o The creeks in our city are important for many reasons including:
  - o Natural resource for local wildlife and the community
  - o Our creek water influences the quality of the bay and the aquifers
- o The City of Los Altos should continue to build community awareness and foster creek stewardship through complimentary local actions, as outlined in the previous slides

# Los Altos Environmental Commission - Update **November 15, 2011**

## Approved Projects 2010-2011

Goals Approved by City Council Oct 19, 2010	Goals
b. Projects 2010-2011	-- Progress Updates
<p>1</p> <p>Continue to provide approved community education and outreach activities to achieve natural resource conservation for Los Altos. (Steve Anderson, Linda DeMichiel)</p> <p>a. Deliver updated web site that is visually pleasing, navigates well, has relevant, current content, and ties into city look and feel. (Owner: Linda)</p> <p>b. Provide approved public information forums for topics of interest to the public. (e.g Packard Building, Solar) (Owner: Steve)</p>	<p>By Dec 2011: J submitted website package to City's IT function. She will look into having a dedicated 'quick link' set up to access the Environment website directly from the city's homepage. Also, a request has been made to IT to see if a new 'website counter' could be installed, to enable visit statistics from the new site.</p> <p>Nov 2011: Linda has finalized website content. John run a browser check. J and Linda will review graphics for any ownership issues/questions. Content officially turned over to J for submission to City's IT department</p> <p>Sept 2011: Content updates complete and reviewed with sub-committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mar 2011: Update on 3 out of 6 areas completed.</li> <li>- Feb 2011: Update on 2 out of 6 areas completed. Council members committed to complete updates in all areas by Feb 28. Linda will have as many updates as possible done by March 14 EC meeting, with all updates ready for review at Council Meeting in April.</li> <li>- Dec 2010: Each area assigned to an EC member to provide updates to Linda.</li> <li>- Nov 2010: Subcommittee established (Linda, John, Patty). Commission reviewed initial prototype from Linda. Agreed to (a) change title on home page to "Environment, City of Los Altos," (b) add "About the Environmental Commission" as a subcategory, and (c) add "What's New" page.</li> </ul> <p>- Will engage here when there are specific opportunities related to city programs or policies. One opportunity will be for interim review and input to upcoming Climate Action Plan development.</p> <p>- Nov 2011: Successfully co-sponsored with Cal Water a forum on Water Efficient Landscaping. They provided speaker, refreshments, staffing, publicity. We provide venue and publicity.</p>
2	Explore enhancements to further improve waste management in Los Altos. (Don Bray, Steve Anderson, Joe Eyre)

Item # 7

	<p>a. Monitor MTWS waste diversion rate for both regularly scheduled pickups and event waste management. Look for ways to meet and exceed contracted diversion rate. (Owner: Don)</p> <p>b. Make results available to community, along with education on how they can help improve outcomes. (Owner: Steve)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January 2012; invite MTWS in for an update on current diversion statistics, with a special focus on programs for improving commercial uptake of recycling and composting.</li> <li>- July 2011 – MTWS gave update on diversion rates. Residential ahead of target, commercial lagging. Efforts to work with individual vendors necessary.</li> <li>- May 2011 – article published in LATC re diversion rates and customer satisfaction.</li> <li>- April 2011 – contact made with LATC, waiting for response</li> <li>- March 2011: Article drafted from MTWS information from February</li> <li>- Feb 2011: Update from MTWS, showing diversion rate of 73.3% in December, 70.9% YTD since beginning of contract. Customer satisfaction stats very positive as well.</li> </ul>
	<p>c. Work with MTWS to provide recycling and composting services for downtown shoppers. (Owner: Joe)</p> <p>d. Help educate citizens as soon as new services are available. (Owner: Steve)</p>	<p><b>Implementation</b> according to plan.</p> <p>Evaluate other opportunities for waste management downtown. Work with MTWS to identify specific projects. Explore working with LAVA and the Chamber to help educate downtown businesses on how they can increase diversion rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- November 2011 – New receptacle rims and labels in-transit, to be installed over next few weeks.</li> <li>- August 2011 – EC and staff review preliminary design, recommended specific updates to "Recyclables, Organics, Garbage OK, Contents sorted offsite" label around lid of receptacles.</li> <li>- July 2011 – EC recommended specific language for bins to be "Recyclables, Organics, Garbage OK, Contents sorted offsite". Prefer banding of label around receptacles, but on lid is also ok.</li> <li>- June 2011: EC agrees that single bin solution for downtown shoppers is good solution, requested mock-up of signage waste/recycling bins. MTWS sent out mailer re composting in hot weather and downtown waste program.</li> <li>- April 2011: Council verbally supportive in annual EC-CC meeting of ensuring recycling for downtown shoppers. EC sent memo to CC discussing concern with single bin solution and asking for full staff review.</li> <li>- Mar 2011: Commission is disappointed to learn that the new streetscape plans do not include receptacles for composting and recycling for downtown shoppers.</li> </ul>
3	<p>Provide modeling and analysis of ways to reduce environmental impact in the community. (Subcommittee: Don Bray, John Reed, Patty Rosewater)</p> <p>a. Use CAPPa tool to model the impact of various behaviors (i.e. change to florescent bulbs, use energy star appliances, use</p>	<p><b>Implementation</b> according to plan. (Subcommittee: Don Bray, John Reed, Patty Rosewater)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ITEM CLOSED. Moving directly to Climate Action Plan (#4 below).</li> <li>- Apr 2011: Each EC member to gather information on how other cities have addressed this problem.</li> <li>- Mar 2011: Top 20 opportunities from CAPPa modeled identified, however definition of those</li> </ul>

	<p>cold water in washing clothes...). (Owner: John)</p> <p>b. Pick a limited number to pursue; with Council approval, develop education and outreach activities to educate community. (Owners: Don, John, Patty)</p>	<p>opportunities very broad. Need to continue to drill down to get to a meaningful discussion on program possibilities.</p> <p>– Feb 2011: John still working on data. Will call meeting of subcommittee (John, Don, Patty) to identify areas of concentration.</p> <p>– Nov 2010: John has identified ~20 elements to examine more closely. Will meet with Don to get data to complete analysis and have specific items to review at Dec meeting.</p>
4	<p>Work with Planning Services Manager to develop Sustainability element to Los Altos General Plan. (Joe Eyre, Don Bray, TBD)</p>	
	<p>a. The 2011 CIP includes funds for this project in July 2011. The EC will serve in an advisory and review role. (Owners: Joe, Don)</p>	<p>Milestones TBD, based on staff and consultant discussions.</p> <p>– November 2011: Proposal for assistance with development of Climate Action Plan approved by City Council. PMC selected as consultant. Joe and Don to meet with James Walgren re next steps, and getting started with the project.</p> <p>– October 2011: Proposals for assistance with development of Climate Action Plan submitted by three prospective consultants, and reviewed by City Staff and EC subcommittee. Decision on consulting firm to be finalized by City Staff and City Council.</p> <p>– August 2011: Gathering proposals from consultants, hope to review by September 2011 meeting. Will work on CAP first, then imbed into sustainability element later.</p> <p>– June 2011 – Met with James Walgren to move forward. Next step is hiring consultant, James will work on RFP.</p> <p>– Apr 2011: After some initial miscommunication, staff confirms that there is funding in this year's CIP for updating the General Plan to address AB32 and SB375 requirements, still planned to begin in July 2011. Staff requests EC involvement in the process, specifics TBD.</p>
5.	<p>Implement approved education program regarding re-useable bags in Los Altos. (Steve Anderson)</p> <p>a. Continue to partner with Chamber of Commerce in visits with CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens to inquire about their re-useable bag programs. (Owner: Steve)</p> <p>b. Publicize results of reusable bag survey as appropriate. (Owner: Steve)</p>	<p>Ongoing: Report on any new legislation/activity regarding reusable bags; Steve to follow up with Julie Rose, and synch up on current activity (if any), and activity going forward.</p> <p>– August 2011: California Supreme Court sided with Manhattan Beach, said EIR was not required for its ban on plastic bags.</p> <p>– July 2011: Contacted Safeway for an update re implementation of bag ban in San Jose, law scheduled for implementation in Jan 2012. They said it took ~5 years of work to get that in place, they don't take a position either pro/con for legislation but did say that banning ALL single-use bags is much better than banning only plastic (as SFO did), because there is no incentive to reduce single use bags and all are environmentally undesirable. Recommended we take a "wait and see"</p>



		<p>approach to see how SJ does before considering anything.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 2011: EC Member and ED of Los Altos Chamber of Commerce <b>visit Drug stores</b> in Los Altos to inquire about re-useable bags program. <b>Report published</b> on web site; <b>article in LATC.</b></li> </ul>
6.	<p>Continue to work to foster <b>water conservation</b> in Los Altos. (Linda DeMichiel, Chris Keller)</p> <p>a. Continue to work with Cal Water to develop Los Altos specific baseline. (Owner: Chris)</p> <p>b. Incorporate water resource plans into broader "Sustainability Element" above. (Owner: Linda)</p>	<p><b>Joe to follow up with Cal Water re data, which was to be made available by end of Q3 2011; have not received any information to date.</b></p> <p>TBD Cal water data + 4 months: Article re water usage in LATC.</p> <p>TBD Cal Water data + 2 months: Updated baseline with most current information published on web site.</p> <p>TBD based on Cal water data: <b>Baseline of trends</b> over 5 years established, and incorporated into dashboard (see Goal #3).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 2011: Cal Water says we can apply to get information at the end of Q3 2011.</li> <li>March 2011: Cal water has agreed to elements, still waiting for data.</li> <li>Feb 2011: Chris to arrange for update from GTLA at next month meeting re Cal Water baseline.</li> <li>Nov 2010: Cal Water agreed to provide baseline data to Los Altos. GTLA leading effort to define exact data collected and timeline.</li> </ul> <p><b>TBD: Program presented to Council as part of Climate Action Plan (to include measures and initiatives related to water).</b></p> <p>TBD Cal Water data + 4 months: <b>One program</b> selected and documented to propose to staff and Council for water conservation.</p>
7.	<p>Other Council goals as directed.</p> <p>a. Investigate state requirements and funding opportunities for creek-clean up. (Owner: j)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Mar 2011: Report from staff that annual creek cleanup is required by state in order to fulfill permits for storm drainage into creek.</li> </ul> <p>General Comment from Council: If any programs require funding, case must be presented in time for annual budget cycle.</p>

**b.** Review recommendations by Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission of Santa Clara County (RWRC) for related to disposal and management of Expanded Polystyrene  
**(Owner: Chris & Steve)**

- By December 2011, EC subcommittee will review RWRC recommendations, and examples of steps taken by other local municipalities. MTWS and Green Town's Co-op have provided additional content and perspective based on their experience. Subcommittee will present initial findings and recommended next steps to the EC. Questions include likely cost to businesses, what businesses have already adopted; experience of 40+ local cities that have already implemented a ban; policing costs/approach; possible involvement of citizens in policing efforts?  
**(Owner: Chris)**