

# Neighborhood Work | 2019

## Goat Grazing



### About the work

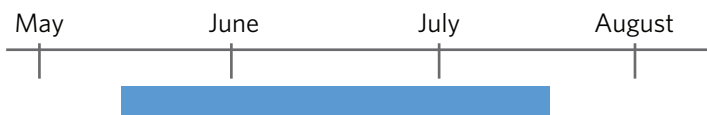
Valley Water is dedicated to keeping residents and businesses safe from fire hazards. We will be using goats to remove vegetation at select areas near your neighborhood in the coming weeks to reduce fire risk. Valley Water is targeting work to be done from mid-May through mid-July.

These goats will eliminate dry grasses, weeds and woody growth - all potential fire hazards. As a component of Valley Water's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices, using goats to perform weed abatement is an alternative to herbicide application and mowing. As stewards of streams and reservoirs, Valley Water manages stream side land to preserve existing riparian vegetation, which provides habitat for wildlife, filters run-off to preserve water quality, and stabilizes banks against erosion.

The goats will graze along areas beyond the top of the high-water mark (creeks and reservoir) or along the borders of parcels. A contractor will install fencing along the work area to protect the goats from any poisonous plants and to keep them off nearby properties.

Goats are very quiet while they are at work. They are active during the day and typically asleep at night. Neighbors may notice a small amount of noise and dust as the goats are moved from one section of property to another. A shepherd and a trained Great Pyrenees dog will oversee the herd at all times. The goat herder will provide 24-hour care of the livestock and routine assessments.

### Goat Grazing Schedule 2019



Valley Water will use goats to consume potential fire hazards like dry grasses and weeds.

### Why remove vegetation?

This work is part of the voter-approved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. The estimated removal of vegetation at all planned sites is approximately 23.5 acres. This is all a part of our effort to reduce fire risk along creeks and on Valley Water-owned parcels.



City	Site	Location	Acreage*
Gilroy	Lions Creek	Between Cougar Court and Rancho Hills Drive	1.6
Gilroy	Watsonville Road parcel	Between Watsonville Road and West Middle Avenue	8.7
West San Jose	Southeast Santa Teresa Creek/ Schillingsburg Parcel	Between San Vicente Avenue and Schillingsburg Avenue	1.1
East San Jose	Ruby Debris Parcel	Between Murillo Avenue and Klein Road	1.3
East San Jose	Pleasant Acres Parcel	Between Pleasant Acres Road and Klein Road	1.3
East San Jose	Flint Debris Basin	Between Mount Pleasant Road, Flint Creek Drive and Pleasant Knoll Drive	1.9
South San Jose	Guadalupe Percolation Pond #4	Almaden Expressway and Highway 85	6

\*approximate grazing area

## Your Safe, Clean Water vote at work

This project is funded by the voter-approved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection parcel tax passed in November 2012. Detailed information on the Safe, Clean Water Program, including projects and program descriptions, finances, implementation plans, and provisions for external oversight can be found at [www.valleywater.org/safecleanwater](http://www.valleywater.org/safecleanwater).

## About Valley Water

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), with a history dating back to 1929, manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County's 2 million residents.

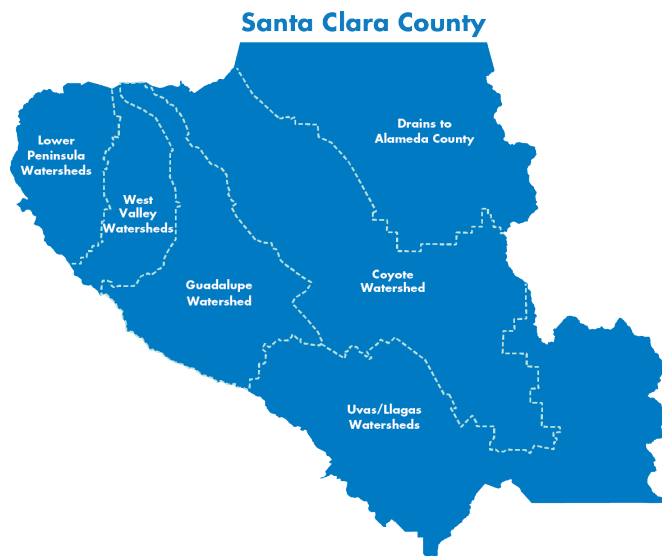
Valley Water effectively manages 10 dams and surface water reservoirs, three water treatment plants, an advanced recycled water purification center, and a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory. We operate nearly 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds. We provide wholesale water and groundwater management services to local municipalities and private water retailers who deliver drinking water to home and businesses.

Valley Water is the flood control agency for Santa Clara County, annually preparing creeks for winter rains through levee maintenance, sediment removal, bank repair and vegetation management. We have invested more than \$1 billion in flood protection efforts to protect nearly 100,000 parcels; with many more projects planned.



## You're in a watershed

A watershed is the area of land that drains to a common waterway. In Santa Clara County, our creeks and rivers 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.



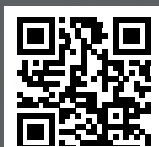
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