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Agenda Date: 6/13/2017
Item No.: 2.6.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing on Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Conduct the public hearing on the Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program;
- B. Adopt the Resolution APPROVING MODIFICATION TO THE COYOTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM; and
- C. Approve a Fiscal Year 2018 budget adjustment of \$600,000 from the Safe Clean Water Fund Operating and Capital Reserve for the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project.

SUMMARY:

Coyote Creek Flood History

Flooding has occurred many times within the Coyote Creek Watershed, including along portions of Coyote Creek in 1911, 1917, 1931, 1958, 1969, 1982, 1983, 1997, 1998, and 2017. The largest flow recorded on Coyote Creek was 25,000 cubic feet per second in 1911, prior to construction of the current two water-supply reservoirs in the upper watershed. Since the construction of Anderson Reservoir in 1950, the worst flooding between Montague Expressway and Tully Road occurred on February 21, 2017. Coyote Creek overtopped its banks at several locations between Montague Expressway and Tully Road. Businesses and hundreds of homes were inundated by creek waters for many hours. Highway 101 near Watson Park, and various local streets, were closed due to flooding and thousands of residents had to be evacuated and sheltered.

Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

The Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (Coyote Creek Project), is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed on the mainstem of Coyote Creek, within the City of San José. The current project reach is approximately 6.1 miles between Montague Expressway and Highway 280. The

proposed modification would extend the project reach approximately 2.9 miles upstream to Tully Road to include the Rock Springs neighborhood and incorporate the areas impacted by the February 21, 2017 flood event.

The Coyote Creek Project was originally part of the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan (Clean, Safe Creeks Plan), a 15-year special parcel tax approved by voters in November 2000. The project purpose was to plan, design, and partially build a project to provide 1-percent flood protection to Coyote Creek from Montague Expressway to Highway 280. At that time, the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan's budget for the project was approximately \$38.6 million (\$32 million in 1999 dollars). Over the next few years, approximately \$10 million was expended on a significant amount of work to develop information regarding the creek's historical ecology, hydrology, hydraulics, sediment transport, water quality, vegetation, wildlife, and fisheries.

Numerous community meetings were held during this period to collect public input. Based on this information, alternatives were developed to address the project objectives. Unfortunately, all alternatives significantly exceeded the project's available budget, with project costs ranging between \$500 million to \$1 billion. The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) attempted on several occasions to secure U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) financial support for the project, but was not successful. With the limited available funding, the District proceeded with a design for only the downstream reaches of the project (Montague Expressway to Highway 880).

As the sunset date for the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan approached, the District developed the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program), another 15-year special parcel tax, which was approved by voters in November 2012. While the Coyote Creek Project did not receive any additional Safe, Clean Water Program funding, it was one of the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan flood protection projects that was carried forward into the new program, along with its remaining budget.

Potentially feasible project alternatives to provide the 1% level of flood protection depend significantly on additional funding and the outcome of various currently ongoing District projects, such as the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project, and the Ogier Ponds Feasibility Study, which can all impact the flows into Coyote Creek. Due to uncertainty about the results of these projects and their impacts to Coyote Creek Project design and associated permits acquisition, staff recommended putting the project on hold. On April 29, 2016, the Board approved staff's recommendation that the project's planning phase be reinitiated for a refreshed look at the project's alternatives to begin in FY2019.

In addition to extending the project reach upstream to Tully Road, the proposed modifications to the preferred project, a federal-state-local partnership, will change the target protection from 1%, or 100-year, level flood event, to protection from a flood event equivalent to the February 21, 2017 flood (approximately a 20 to 25 year event). This will allow the District to address the flood threat to the community without depending on the progress of other projects and their impacts to creek flows. It will also allow the District to move forward with planning and design now during FY 2018, rather than waiting until FY 2019.

The local funding only option includes identifying short-term flood relief solutions and beginning implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season. Also, under the local funding only option, the District will complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project, and identify prioritized elements of the project for construction with the remaining local funds. The FY 2018 - 2022 Capital Improvement Program has \$25.8 million remaining for the project.

The original project text from the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan is included as Attachment 1: Original Project Description. The strikethrough version, showing all recommended revisions to the text, is included as Attachment 2: Proposed Modifications to Project Description. The clean copy version showing the proposed modifications is included as Attachment 3: Modified Project Descriptions. Staff recommends that the Board adopt a resolution approving the proposed modifications, which is included as Attachment 4: Resolution Approving Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

Public Hearing Notice Requirements

On July 24, 2012, the Board adopted Resolution No. 12-62, which specified the limits and conditions by which the District is authorized to institute a special parcel tax for the Safe, Clean Water Program. As set forth in that Resolution, the Board of Directors may direct that proposed projects in the Safe, Clean Water program be modified or not implemented depending upon a number of factors, including federal and state funding limitations. To modify a proposed project, the Board must hold a formal, public hearing on the matter, which will be noticed by publication and notification to interested parties, before adoption of any such decision to modify or not implement a project. At its regular meeting on May 23, 2017, the Board set the time and place for a formal public hearing on this matter to take place on June 13, 2017.

Staff prepared and published an advertisement in Santa Clara County consistent with the two-week notice requirements stated in California Government Code section 6066. Staff also emailed the ad to provide notice to interested parties. The list of newspapers that published the ad and a copy of the Public Notice Ad is attached to this memo (Attachment 5: Public Notice Ad and Newspaper Run Dates).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The proposed budget adjustment will allow the District to begin incurring project costs in FY 2018, which is earlier than the anticipated timeframe of FY 2019 as stated in the Board approved FY 2018-22 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). There are adequate funds in the Safe Clean Water Fund Operating and Capital Reserves to support the requested transfer of \$600,000. The transfer will not impact the Coyote Creek Project's (26174043) 15-year funding allocation under the Safe, Clean Water Program, as reflected in the CIP. Further, the transfer will not impact the allocated funding in the Measure for other projects.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Original Project Description

Attachment 2: Proposed Modifications to Project Description (strike-through)

Attachment 3: Modified Project Description (final version)

Attachment 4: Resolution

Attachment 5: Notice of Public Hearing

*Handout 2.6-A, K. Irvin

*Handout 2.6-B, G. Hinze

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Ngoc Nguyen, 408-630-2632



Coyote Creek Flood Protection

Montague Expressway to Interstate 280 – San José

The project is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed and extends approximately 6.1 miles between Montague Expressway and Interstate 280 in San José. The primary project objective is to enhance the creek's conveyance to protect homes, schools, businesses, and highways from the 1% or greater flood frequency events and includes the planning, design, and partial construction. Alternative funding sources will need to be identified for the remaining construction work.

Benefits

- Planning and design for flood protection of 1,400 businesses and homes from a 1% flood when the entire project from Montague Expressway to Interstate 280 is constructed
- Improves water quality, enhances stream habitat and recreational opportunities
- Incorporates revegetation and aesthetic elements of the Coyote Creek park chain in the project

Key Performance Indicator

1. Complete construction of downstream project elements.

Geographic Area of Benefit: Milpitas, San José and Morgan Hill

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Coyote Creek Flood Protection

Montague Expressway to Tully Road Interstate 280 – San José

The project is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed and extends approximately 9.6 miles between Montague Expressway and Tully Road Interstate 280 in San José.

Preferred project: A federal-state-local partnership

The primary project objective is to reduce the risk of flooding enhance the creek's conveyance to protect homes, schools, businesses, and highways in the Coyote Creek floodplain for floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, from the 1% or greater flood frequency events and includes the planning, design, and project partial construction. Alternative funding sources, including federal funding, state grants, and additional local funding sources, are being explored and will need to be secured identified for full construction of the project. the remaining construction work.

Local funding only project:

The local funding only option includes identifying short-term flood relief solutions that are permissible and do not exacerbate flooding elsewhere, with implementation to begin prior to the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition, under the local funding only option, the District will complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project, and identify prioritized elements of the project for construction with the remaining local funds.

Flooding history and project background

Flooding has occurred many times within the Coyote Creek Watershed, including along portions of Coyote Creek in 1911, 1917, 1931, 1958, 1969, 1982, 1983, 1997, 1998, and 2017. The largest flow recorded on Coyote Creek was 25,000 cubic feet per second in 1911, prior to construction of the current two water-supply reservoirs in the upper watershed. The worst flooding in the project reach since Anderson Reservoir was constructed in 1950, occurred in February 2017. Coyote Creek overtopped its banks at several locations between Montague Expressway and Tully Road. Businesses and hundreds of homes were inundated by creek waters for many hours. Highway 101 near Watson Park and various local streets were closed due to flooding, and thousands of residents had to be evacuated and sheltered.

The Coyote Creek Project is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed on the mainstem of Coyote Creek, within the City of San José. The original project reach extended approximately 6.1 miles between Montague Expressway and Hwy 280; however, the project reach was extended approximately 2.9 miles upstream to Tully Road in 2017 to include the Rock Springs neighborhood and incorporate the areas impacted by the February 21, 2017 flood event. In addition to the primary objective of reducing the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and highways from Coyote

Creek flood events, the project may evaluate opportunities to improve fisheries, stream habitat values, and public access.

Benefits

- Implements short-term flood relief solutions
- Provides flood risk reduction for approximately 1,000 parcels Planning and design for flood protection of 1,400 businesses and homes from the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, a 1% flood when the entire project from Montague Expressway to Tully Road Interstate 280 is constructed
- Improves water quality, enhances stream habitat and recreational opportunities
- Incorporates revegetation and aesthetic elements of the Coyote Creek park chain in the project

Key Performance Indicators

1. Preferred project with federal, state, and local funding: Secure alternative funding sources to construct a flood protection project that provides flood risk reduction from floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, between Montague Expressway and Tully Road. Complete construction of downstream project elements.
2. With local funding only: (a) Identify short-term flood relief solutions and begin implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season; (b) Complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project; and (c) With any remaining funds, identify and construct prioritized elements of the preferred project.

Geographic Area of Benefit: Milpitas, San José and Morgan Hill



Coyote Creek Flood Protection

Montague Expressway to Tully Road – San José

The project is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed and extends approximately 9 miles between Montague Expressway and Tully Road in San José.

Preferred project: A federal-state-local partnership

The primary project objective is to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and highways in the Coyote Creek floodplain for floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, and includes planning, design, and project construction. Alternative funding sources, including federal funding, state grants, and additional local funding sources, are being explored and will need to be secured for full construction of the project.

Local funding only project:

The local funding only option includes identifying short-term flood relief solutions that are permissible and do not exacerbate flooding elsewhere, with implementation to begin prior to the 2017-2018 winter season. In addition, under the local funding only option, the District will complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project, and identify prioritized elements of the project for construction with the remaining local funds.

Flooding history and project background

Flooding has occurred many times within the Coyote Creek Watershed, including along portions of Coyote Creek in 1911, 1917, 1931, 1958, 1969, 1982, 1983, 1997, 1998, and 2017. The largest flow recorded on Coyote Creek was 25,000 cubic feet per second in 1911, prior to construction of the current two water-supply reservoirs in the upper watershed. The worst flooding in the project reach since Anderson Reservoir was constructed in 1950, occurred in February 2017. Coyote Creek overtopped its banks at several locations between Montague Expressway and Tully Road. Businesses and hundreds of homes were inundated by creek waters for many hours. Highway 101 near Watson Park and various local streets were closed due to flooding, and thousands of residents had to be evacuated and sheltered.

The Coyote Creek Project is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed on the mainstem of Coyote Creek, within the City of San José. The original project reach extended approximately 6.1 miles between Montague Expressway and Hwy 280; however, the project reach was extended approximately 2.9 miles upstream to Tully Road in 2017 to include the Rock Springs neighborhood and incorporate the areas impacted by the February 21, 2017 flood event. In addition to the primary objective of reducing the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and highways from Coyote Creek flood events, the project may evaluate opportunities to improve fisheries, stream habitat values, and public access.

Benefits

- Implements short-term flood relief solutions
- Provides flood risk reduction for approximately 1,000 parcels from the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, when the entire project from Montague Expressway to Tully Road is constructed
- Improves water quality, enhances stream habitat and recreational opportunities
- Incorporates revegetation and aesthetic elements of the Coyote Creek park chain in the project

Key Performance Indicators

1. Preferred project with federal, state, and local funding: Secure alternative funding sources to construct a flood protection project that provides flood risk reduction from floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, between Montague Expressway and Tully Road.
2. With local funding only: (a) Identify short-term flood relief solutions and begin implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season; (b) Complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project; and (c) With any remaining funds, identify and construct prioritized elements of the preferred project.

Geographic Area of Benefit: San José

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

**APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE COYOTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT
OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) adopted Resolution No. 12-62 Providing for the Continuation and Levy of a Special Tax to Pay the Cost of a Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program in the Combined Flood Control Zone of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Subject, Nevertheless, to Specified Limits and Conditions (Resolution No. 12-62); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the special tax is to supplement other available but limited revenues to keep the District's flood protection system of levees, channels, drains, debris basins and other improvements in a safe and effective condition; to enable the District to respond to emergencies; to perform maintenance and repair; to acquire, restore, and preserve habitat; to provide recreation; to conduct environmental education; to protect and improve water quality; and, to construct and operate flood protection storm drainage facilities; including in each case the cost of financing such activities; and

WHEREAS, in November 2012, the District's Measure B was overwhelmingly approved by more than a two-thirds majority vote of the electorate of the District, implementing a special tax, the proceeds of which are used solely for the purpose of supporting the five funding priorities of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program), which are as follows: Priority A: Ensure a safe, reliable water supply; Priority B: Reduce toxins, hazards, and contaminants in our waterways; Priority C: Protect our water supply from earthquakes and natural disasters; priority D: Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space; and Priority E: Provide flood protection to homes, businesses, schools, and highways; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Clean Water Program has an additional category, Other Capital Flood Protection Projects and Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Projects (Clean, Safe Creeks Plan), which includes the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (Coyote Creek Project); and

WHEREAS, the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan describes the primary project objective of the Coyote Creek Project as follows: "The primary project objective is to enhance the creek's conveyance to protect homes, schools, businesses, and highways from the 1% or greater flood frequency events and includes the planning, design, and partial construction. Alternative funding sources will need to be identified for the remaining construction work."; and

WHEREAS, the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan defines Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Coyote Creek Project as: "Complete construction of downstream project elements"; and

WHEREAS, the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan's budget for the Coyote Creek Project was approximately \$32 million; and

WHEREAS, the District expended approximately \$10 million on a significant amount of work to develop information regarding the creek's historical ecology, hydrology, hydraulics, sediment transport, water quality, vegetation, wildlife, and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, Coyote Creek Project alternatives that were developed to address the Project objectives significantly exceeded the Project's available budget, with Project costs ranging between \$500 million to \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, the District attempted on several occasions to secure U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) financial support for the Project, but was not successful; and

WHEREAS, potentially feasible Project alternatives to provide the 1% level of flood protection depend significantly on the outcome of various currently ongoing District projects, which can impact the flows into Coyote Creek; and

WHEREAS, due to uncertainty about the results of these other projects and their impacts to Coyote Creek Project design and associated permits acquisition, staff recommended putting the Project on hold; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2016, the Board approved staff's recommendation that the project's planning phase be reinitiated for a refreshed look at the project's alternatives to begin in FY2019.; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, the worst flooding in the Project reach occurred since Anderson Reservoir was constructed in 1950, and resulted in Coyote Creek overtopping its banks at several locations between Montague Expressway and Tully Road; and

WHEREAS, businesses and hundreds of homes were inundated by creek waters for many hours and Highway 101 near Watson Park, and various local streets, were closed due to flooding and thousands of residents had to be evacuated and sheltered; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to modify the Coyote Creek Project's primary Project objective to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and highways in the Coyote Creek floodplain for floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event; and

WHEREAS, the District's Resolution No. 12-62 (Resolution No. 12-62) authorizes modifications to proposed projects. Paragraph J. reads as follows: "The Board of Directors may direct that proposed projects in the Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program be modified or not implemented depending upon a number of factors, including federal and state funding limitations and the analysis and results of CEQA environmental review. The Board of Directors must hold a formal, public hearing on the matter, which will be noticed by publication and

notification to interested parties, before adoption of any such decision to modify or not implement a project.”; and

WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting conducted on May 23, 2017, the District’s Board of Directors set a time and place for a formal public hearing to occur on June 13, 2017, at which time the Board will consider Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, staff prepared and published an advertisement in Santa Clara County consistent with the two-week notice requirements stated in California Government Code section 6066.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

1. Pursuant to the requirements stated in California Government Code section 6066, staff prepared and published advertisements in Santa Clara County newspapers of general circulation.
2. Pursuant to the requirements stated in the District’s Resolution No. 12-62, paragraph J., a noticed public hearing has been held.
3. Currently, and for the foreseeable future, neither federal funding nor sufficient state and local funding will be available for construction of the 1% flood protection project as described by the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan as the Coyote Creek Project’s primary objective, which alternatives have identified a cost of between \$500 million to \$1 billion.
4. To address the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, which was the worst flooding in the Project reach since Anderson Reservoir was constructed in 1950, the target level of protection will change from the 1%, or 100-year, level to protection from a flood event equivalent to the February 21, 2017 flood (approximately a 20 to 25 year event).
5. The Project reach will be extended approximately 2.9 miles upstream to Tully Road to include the Rock Springs neighborhood and incorporate the areas impacted by the February 21, 2017 flood event.
6. The Key Performance Indicator for the Coyote Creek Project, as set forth in the Clean, Safe Creeks Plan, is modified to state as follows:
 1. “Preferred project with federal, state, and local funding: Secure alternative funding sources to construct a flood protection project that provides flood risk reduction from floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a

Approving Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

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20 to 25 year flood event, for homes and businesses between Montague Expressway and Tully Road.

2. With local funding only: (a) Identify short-term flood relief solutions and begin implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season; (b) Complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project; and (c) With any remaining funds, identify and construct prioritized elements of the preferred project.”

7. The District’s Safe, Clean Water and Flood Protection Program category of Other Capital Flood Protection Projects and Clean, Safe Creeks Grants Project Coyote Creek Project is hereby modified as stated in Attachment A hereto, Modified Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project, Montague Expressway to Tully Road — San José.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on June 13, 2017:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
JOHN L. VARELA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

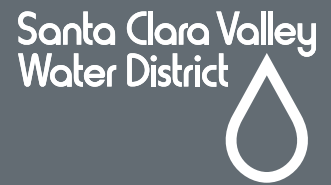
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Safe, Clean Water
and Natural Flood Protection

Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project



What: Public Hearing on Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

When: June 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

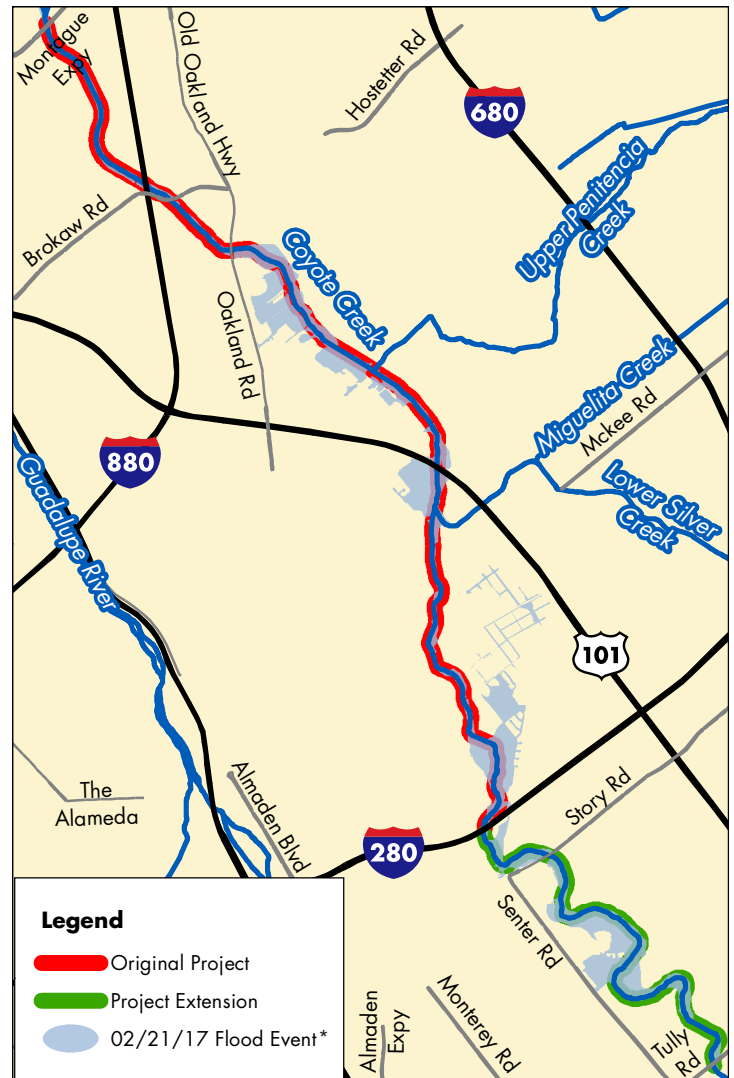
Where: District Headquarters — Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway,
San Jose, CA 95118

The Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project (Coyote Creek Project), is located in the central portion of the Coyote Watershed on the mainstem of Coyote Creek, within the City of San José. The primary objective of the project is to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and highways in the Coyote Creek floodplain.

The current project reach is approximately 6.1 miles between Montague Expressway and Hwy 280. The **proposed modification** would extend the project reach approximately 2.9 miles upstream to Tully Road to include the Rock Springs neighborhood and incorporate the areas impacted by the February 21, 2017 flood event on Coyote Creek (see map).

In addition to extending the project reach upstream to Tully Road, the **proposed modification** to the project will change the target protection from 1%, or 100-year, level flood event, to protection from a flood event equivalent to the February 21, 2017 flood (approximately a 20 to 25 year event). The **proposed modification** also includes identifying short-term flood relief solutions, that are permissible and do not exacerbate flooding elsewhere.

For more information on the public hearing, please contact **Afshin Rouhani** at (408) 630-2616, or by email at arouhani@valleywater.org.



*Estimated flood area based upon aerial image of 02/21/17 flood event.

Proposed modifications to Key Performance Indicators:

- 1. Preferred project with federal, state and local funding:**
Secure alternative funding sources to construct a flood protection project that provides flood risk reduction from floods up to the level of flooding that occurred on February 21, 2017, approximately a 20 to 25 year flood event, between Montague Expressway and Tully Road.
- 2. With local funding only:**
 - (a) Identify short-term flood relief solutions and begin implementation prior to the 2017-2018 winter season;
 - (b) Complete the planning and design phases of the preferred project;
 - (c) With any remaining funds, identify and construct prioritized elements of the preferred project.

The board agenda memo regarding this hearing will be posted online on June 2, 2017 at www.valleywater.org.



Rock Springs neighborhood, February 21, 2017 Coyote Creek flood event

Sample Public Notice Ad and Placement Schedule

Newspaper:	Dates:
Campbell Express	5/31, 6/7
Almanac (Portola Valley and Menlo Park)	5/31, 6/7
El Observador	6/2, 6/9
Gilroy/Morgan Hill	6/2, 6/9
Los Altos Town Crier	5/31, 6/7
Mercury News/San Mateo Times	6/2, 6/9
Metro	5/31, 6/7
Milpitas Post	6/2, 6/9
Mt. View/Palo Alto	6/2, 6/9
Santa Clara Weekly	5/31, 6/7
Vietnam Daily News	6/2, 6/9
SVCN Weeklies*	6/2, 6/9
San Jose Post	6/2, 6/9

***SVCN community papers include:** Almaden, Cambrian, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Rose Garden, Saratoga, Sunnyvale and Willow Glen.

Michele King

From: Gary Hinze <dgbj@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 4:30 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Coyote Creek Project

From Nextdoor:

"...the proposed modification to the project will change the target protection from 1%, or 100-year, level flood event, to protection from a flood event equivalent to the Presidents' Day weekend flood (approximately a 20 to 25-year rain event)."

This would reduce the level of protection, since a 20-25 year storm is smaller and more frequent than a 100 year storm. What is the advantage of that?

Improving the capacity of one section of channel can reduce the risk to immediately upstream sections, but it can increase the risk to all downstream sections. What is the impact of this project on downstream sections of the drainage?

There is a trade off between risk and cost. Increasing the service area increases the risk.

Gary Hinze

Michele King

From: Katja Irvin <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Ngoc Nguyen
Cc: PublicRecords; Board of Directors
Subject: Public Hearing on Proposed Modification to the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

Hello Ngoc,

I have three questions/requests about the staff report for item 2.4 on the Board agenda for June 13, 2017. These both relate to the 4th paragraph of the report.

1. Please send me details about the “Numerous community meetings [that] were held during this period to collect public input”. What were the dates of the meetings and where were they held? Also, please clarify the dates of “this period.” It must have been over a few years if numerous meetings were held.
2. Please send me all documents about the “alternatives [that] were developed to address the project objectives.”
3. Please send information about each time “The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) attempted ... to secure U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) financial support for the project.” I’m interested to see all District applications and all USACE responses.

Thank you for your prompt assistance given this topic is on tomorrow’s agenda, AND the Board will be making a decision tomorrow. It seems unreasonably soon for them to be making a decision, only 4 days after staff report was posted.

Best regards,
Katja Irvin
Olinder Neighborhood Resident
San Jose