



Kirk Diversion Dam and Fish Screen Project

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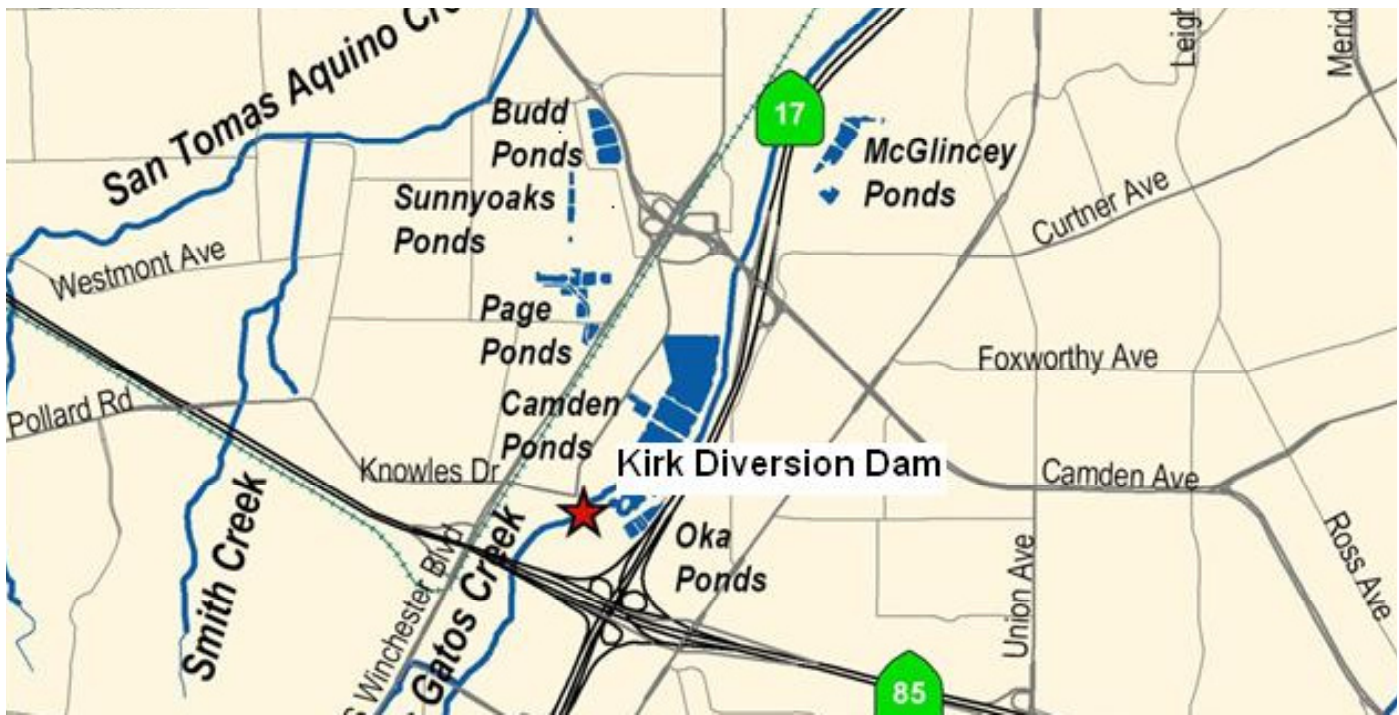
The Santa Clara Valley Water District plans to improve the Kirk Diversion Dam and diversion structure on Los Gatos Creek, located about 650-feet downstream of West Mozart Avenue at Knowles Drive and Dell Avenue.

The existing steel-flashboard dam holds back water in the creek to maximize recharge into the groundwater basin. The dam also helps divert water to the Kirk and Page recharge ponds year-round except when Lexington Reservoir is expected to spill, at which time we remove the diversion dam to ease high flow conveyance.

The project would replace the steel-paneled flashboard dam with a more efficient inflatable dam system to maintain operational capabilities and install two fish screens at the Kirk-Page turnout to protect aquatic species such as fish, frogs and turtles from being trapped into the Kirk and Page groundwater recharge systems.

We anticipate beginning construction in June 2011. Attached is a notice for public review. For more information, please contact me at 408-265-2607, ext. 2632 or by e-mail at nnguyen@valleywater.org.

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