

McKelvey Park project update

Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project

You are invited

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012

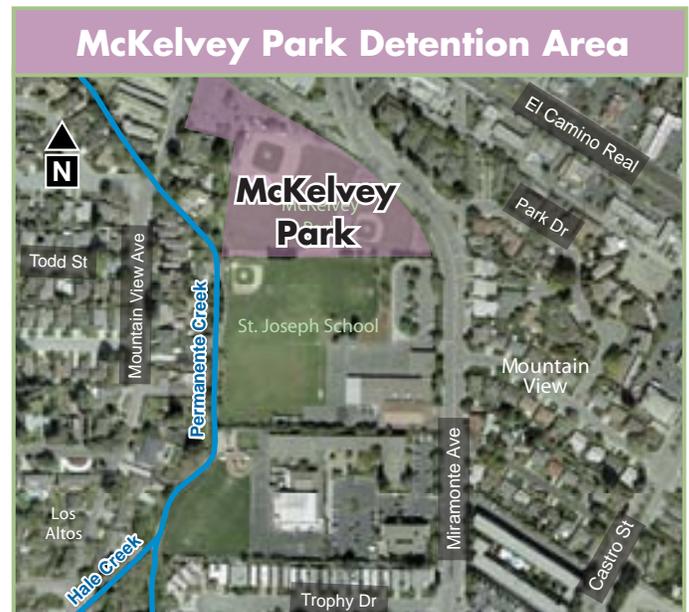
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: City of Mountain View Senior Center
Social Hall
266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View, CA
(see map on reverse)

Please join the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the City of Mountain View for an update regarding the design of the park and flood detention facility at McKelvey Park. Staff from the water district design team will review conceptual park designs from initial feedback gathered in 2010 and 2012. The meeting will solicit further input to work toward a final conceptual park design.

After this meeting, water district staff will review all new input received, incorporate changes and produce a final conceptual design for the park and detention area at McKelvey Park. This plan will be brought to the city Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration in October 2012.

The proposed flood detention area at McKelvey Park is one of several planned for this project. The northwestern portion of the current McKelvey Park (0.7 acres) would be used to build a new mini park for general neighborhood use. The baseball field and flood detention area in the rest of the park would capture peak flood flows that would currently overtop the creek banks during extreme rainstorms. The flood waters captured at the height of the storm runoff would be later released back into the creek and the baseball fields would be restored once waters have receded.



Purple highlight shows project area.

Project background

The Permanente Creek Flood Protection project area includes nearly 11 miles of Permanente Creek starting in the foothills above Cupertino and continuing through the cities of Los Altos and Mountain View. The project goals are to protect at least 1,664 properties from a major flood, improve riparian habitat and provide opportunities for trails or other recreational uses.

Project elements include:

- Flood detention at the Cuesta Park Annex, McKelvey Park and Rancho San Antonio County Park.
- Channel widening and floodwall construction.

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Meeting location



Meeting location at Senior Center highlighted above.

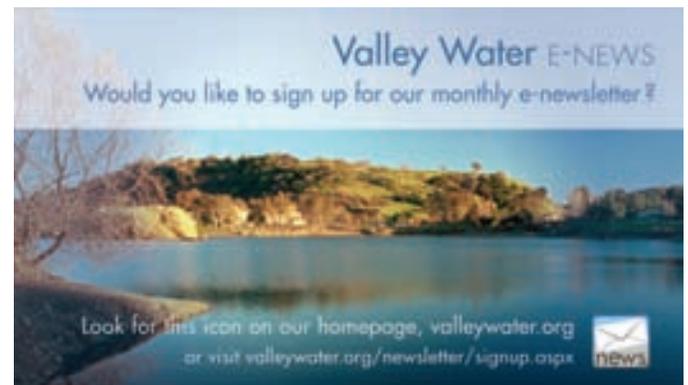
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This project is funded by the voter-approved Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection parcel tax passed in November 2000. The 15-year plan makes it possible to protect homes, schools and businesses from flooding, while improving the health of creek and bay ecosystems, and creating trails and parks for recreational enjoyment.

More about us

As the county's primary drinking water provider, the Santa Clara Valley Water District ensures the safety and abundance of drinking water. We operate 10 reservoirs which catch local rainfall and we import water from the Sierra Nevada snowmelt through the Delta. Some of that water replenishes the underground aquifer for later pumping from wells and some goes to one of our three drinking water treatment plants. Once we treat and test the water to meet all state and federal drinking water standards, we sell it to water retailers like the San Jose Water Company that resell it to individual homes and businesses.

The water district also has a major role in the stewardship of local water resources. We care for hundreds of miles of streams by removing invasive vegetation, repairing creek bank erosion, planting native vegetation and removing sediment that can impact the creek's ability to carry floodwaters during rainy months. We also have many programs to reduce pollution and contamination in these waterways. Where the flood threat is significant, we undertake large construction projects such as building levees or replacing undersized bridges. Often, the water district can partner with a city or the county to open a trail or park alongside the creek, providing a recreational amenity for all to enjoy.



Contact us

For more information, contact **Afshin Rouhani** at **(408) 630-2616**, or visit our website at www.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 the project or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.

