



Design Workshop

Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project

You are invited

Date: Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010

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

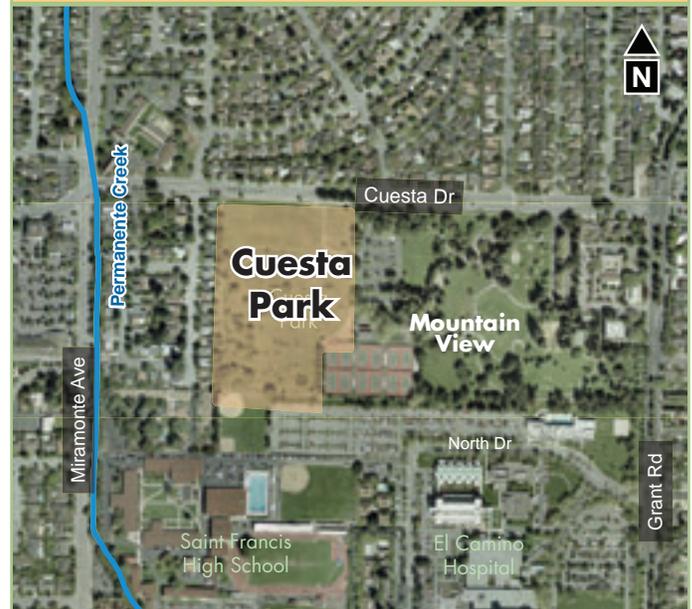
Place: City of Mountain View
Council Chambers
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94039

Please join Santa Clara Valley Water District for an initial design workshop regarding a flood detention area at Cuesta Park Annex. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the current design and seek your input on potential design alternatives. Staff from the water district design team will provide a project overview and solicit public input.

The flood detention area at Cuesta Park is one of several detention area improvements for this project. There will be separate design workshops scheduled for McKelvey Park, Blach School and Rancho San Antonio County Park this fall. The excavated park area would capture peak flood flows that would currently overtop the creek banks during heavy rainstorms. The flood waters captured at the height of the storm runoff would be later released back into the creek and the park features would be restored once waters have receded.

This project is part of the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan, which was approved by voters in 2000. This 15-year plan makes it possible to protect homes, schools and businesses from flooding, while improving the health of creek and bay ecosystems.

Cuesta Park Annex Detention Area



Highlight shows project area.

Design process

After the initial workshop on Sept. 16, water district staff will consider all input received, make necessary changes, and produce more developed conceptual designs of the detention area at Cuesta Park Annex. These will be brought back to the community for another round of review and input this Fall.

After the second round of workshops, the design team of engineers and landscape architects will present the conceptual designs to the Mountain View City Park Commission and the City Council for consideration.

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Meeting location



Meeting location at the Mountain View City Council Chambers highlighted above.

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, Rancho San Antonio County Park and Blach School.
- Channel widening and floodwall construction.

You're in a watershed

No matter where you are, you're in a watershed. A watershed is the area of land that drains a common waterway. In Santa Clara County, our creeks 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.



This project is in the [Lower Peninsula Watershed](#), a 98-square-mile area whose many small-creek watersheds feed the tidal wetlands along the San Francisco Bay's southwest shoreline. Its San Francisquito and Stevens creeks are among the last remaining viable steelhead trout runs in the county.

What we do

The Santa Clara Valley Water District manages water resources and provides stewardship for the county's five watersheds, including 10 reservoirs, hundreds of miles of streams and groundwater basins. The water district also provides flood protection throughout Santa Clara County.

Visit our website, www.valleywater.org.

Contact us

For more information, contact **Afshin Rouhani** at **(408) 265-2607, ext. 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.

