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**This past year,
the Santa Clara Valley
Water District worked to...**

ensure reliable water supplies now and into the future, provide flood protection, safeguard the environment and preserve, maintain and build the water infrastructure needed to move safe, clean water throughout Silicon Valley.

Chesbro Reservoir



Planning and building flood protection projects

We have all seen what flooding can do to a neighborhood. That's why the Santa Clara Valley Water District works hard to protect the residents and businesses of Santa Clara County from flooding. Through our flood protection projects and our efforts to spread the word about being flood-ready, we have protected more than 100,000 parcels and have helped many of those still in flood-prone areas reduce the amount they pay on their flood insurance premiums. Investing in flood protection now is our community's insurance policy for the future. Read more about the water district's flood protection efforts in our Annual Report at valleywater.org.

Background Photo: Lower Berryessa Creek Flood Protection Project, May 2018



Committed to environmental protection

Protecting the environment is a key driver behind much of the water district's work. From cleaning creeks and removing fish barriers to helping gardeners learn how to protect the environment through their work, from encouraging and assisting conservation to offering grants to restore wildlife habitat and provide access to trails and open space, the water district's efforts speak to our commitment to restoring and enhancing habitat and the environment in Santa Clara County. Read more about the environmental work we do in our Annual Report at valleywater.org.

Background Photo: Arroyo Aguague Creek



Butterfly on Indian Teasel



National River Cleanup Day



Making smart investments in infrastructure

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is making smart investments in new technology and working to keep our older infrastructure up and running to ensure our water supply meets future needs. Over the last fiscal year, from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, the water district has worked on existing dams and pipelines, continued the modernization of our oldest water treatment plant, constructed flood protection projects and planned future projects. Learn more about the infrastructure investments the water district has made in our Annual Report at valleywater.org.

Background Photo: *Rinconada Water Treatment Plant modernization*



Wolfe Road recycled water pipeline installation



Providing clean, reliable water

One of the tasks we accomplish that's most important to us and to our customers is providing clean, safe water to our community. Our state-of-the-art water quality lab monitors the water we produce, and our water treatment facilities ensure we're providing high-quality, safe water to the people and businesses of Santa Clara County. To maintain a reliable supply of water, we operate 10 reservoirs and carefully manage our groundwater aquifers, as well as work with the community to promote conservation as a way of life. Read more about our efforts to provide safe, clean water in a reliable fashion in our Annual Report at valleywater.org.

Background Photo: *Anderson Dam*



Quality control testing



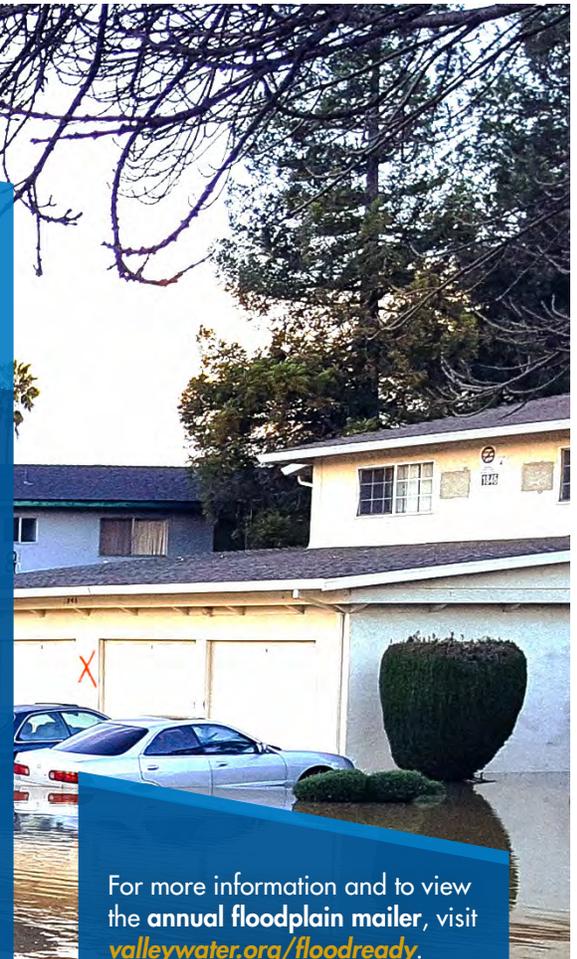


Be flood ready

As the flood protection agency for Santa Clara County, the water district helps the community become aware of their risk and prepare in case of flooding.

- Check whether your house is in a **Federal Emergency Management Agency designated flood zone** at valleywater.org/floodready. If you need help deciphering the maps, the water district's Community Projects Review Unit can provide additional assistance. Contact the unit at **408-630-2650**.
- If you live in a designated flood zone and have a federally insured mortgage, you are required to have flood insurance. It can take up to 30 days to begin, so don't wait! To find a local agent call **1-800-427-4661** or visit valleywater.org/floodready for more information.
- If disaster does strike, it helps to be prepared. Make a **family emergency plan** ahead of time. Visit valleywater.org/floodready for tips on preparing your plan and putting together a 3-day emergency kit with tools, medicines and supplies, including non-perishable food and water.
- Santa Clara County's emergency preparedness app "**Ready SCC**" can help you prepare. Download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- **Sandbags** can offer protection against a foot of floodwater or less. The water district offers free filled sandbags for residents of Santa Clara County. Loose sand and empty bags for self-filling are also available. For a list of locations and tips on proper sandbag usage, including additional safety tips for your home, visit valleywater.org/floodready.

Background Photo: *Flooding in Rock Springs neighborhood, February 2017*



For more information and to view the **annual floodplain mailer**, visit valleywater.org/floodready.



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