About the project

The Santa Clara Valley Water District will work in your neighborhood to repair eroded banks in the El Camino storm drain channel, behind several homes along Agate Drive, between French Street and Calabazas Creek in Santa Clara.

The channel will be reshaped to repair eroded banks and prevent future erosion which improves water quality in the channel. The repairs will also minimize sediment build-up and maintain the channel’s capacity to carry floodwaters, while sustaining a stable and healthy ecosystem.

What to expect

Work is planned to begin in early August and will take approximately 3 months to complete.* Work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. In the unlikely event of delays, work hours may include Saturday.

A crew will work at the project site using excavators, loaders, dump trucks and water trucks. Expect typical construction noise and dust during work hours from operating heavy equipment.

Trucks, construction equipment and crews will access the creek from Agate Drive, as well as French Street and Willow Avenue on their route to Lawrence Expressway. Expect no road closures, but traffic control or flaggers may be needed at times during work for safety.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is working with the city of Santa Clara to minimize construction impacts as much as practical and in accordance with city ordinances. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we embark on this channel repair project.

*Project start dates and duration may vary due to site conditions and equipment availability.
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 local water providers like the San Jose Water Company that resell it to individual homes and businesses. The water supply in some areas in northern Santa Clara County includes Sierra Nevada water imported through San Francisco’s Hetch Hetchy system.

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.

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 West Valley Watershed, an 85-square-mile area of multiple small-creek watersheds.

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