



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Stream maintenance work along Lower Penitencia Creek.

Dear Neighbors,

Earlier this summer, you may have received Valley Water's annual Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) informational mailer. As part of that effort, Valley Water would like to highlight the work occurring along Lower Penitencia Creek downstream of Great Mall Parkway in Milpitas. Crews will be repairing the creek bank damaged from burrowing animals. Burrowing animals create extensive networks of burrows that can cause a creek bank to fail and erode during a heavy storm. These repairs will help restore the creek bank and help protect neighboring homes and property from damage.

Work is expected to continue into the fall and will occur Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Residents can expect minor traffic delays and typical construction impacts, such as noise and dust. Flaggers will be present to help safely direct residents around construction activity as appropriate.

As a reminder for the safety of Valley Water staff and other trail users during the COVID-19 pandemic, please continue observing all public health recommendations, including the use of social distancing and face coverings.

Under our Stream Maintenance Program (SMP), Valley Water performs work annually from mid-June through mid-October to improve the environment and help ensure our streams with completed flood protection projects continue to reduce the risk of flooding for nearby homes and businesses. Each year, portions of these streams are inspected and prioritized for maintenance projects like this one. Valley Water owns and manages about 275 miles of stream out of the total 800 miles countywide. To learn more about the SMP program and other work planned throughout Santa Clara County, please visit <https://delivr.com/2gpug>.

The SMP is funded in part by the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program), which is a countywide special parcel tax approved by the voters of Santa Clara County in November 2012. Detailed information about the Safe, Clean Water Program, including project and program descriptions, finances, implementation plans, and provisions for external oversight can be found at: www.valleywater.org/safecleanwater.

Sincerely,

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