About the project

Dedicated to protecting our communities from flooding, the Santa Clara Valley Water District works to reduce this risk through the Stream Maintenance Program. Among these efforts is the planned work in your neighborhood to repair an eroded streambank on San Tomas Aquino Creek from Williams Road to just south of Starbird Park.

The concrete streambed will be strengthened with a new layer of fiber-reinforced concrete to prevent future erosion and improve water quality in the stream. The repairs will also minimize sediment build-up and maintain the creek’s capacity to carry floodwaters, while sustaining a stable and healthy ecosystem.

What to expect

Work is planned to begin in late July and will take approximately two months to complete.* Work hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. From 7 to 8 a.m. the contractor is limited to preparation work with minimal noise impacts to the surrounding community. 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. Starting at approximately 8 a.m, expect typical construction noise and dust from operating heavy equipment. Water trucks will be used to control dust while working along the creek.

Trucks, construction equipment and crews will access the creek from Williams Road and Payne Avenue. Although no trail or road closures are anticipated, expect traffic control when warranted for safety purposes.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is working with the City of San José 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

The Santa Clara Valley Water District, with a history dating back to 1929, manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County’s 2 million residents. The district effectively manages 10 dams and surface water reservoirs, three water treatment plants, an advanced recycled water purification center, and a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory. We operate nearly 400 acres of groundwater recharge ponds. We provide wholesale water and groundwater management services to local municipalities and private water retailers who deliver drinking water to homes and businesses. The water district is the flood control agency for Santa Clara County, annually preparing creeks for winter rains through levee maintenance, sediment removal, bank repair and vegetation management. We have invested more than $1 billion in flood protection efforts to protect nearly 100,000 parcels with many more projects planned.

You’re in a watershed

A watershed is the area of land that drains to 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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