



- Topic:** Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road
- What:** Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Why:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), as the lead agency for the proposed Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road, has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate environmental impacts of the Project.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15000 et seq.), an Initial Study of the Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road was prepared to evaluate environmental impacts. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of review. This is a Notice of Intent to adopt an MND for this project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072.

Project Description: The Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road is intended to provide bank stabilization at two locations along the Guadalupe River upstream of Malone Road and Almaden Road and at Blossom Hill Road between Sanchez Drive and Blossom River Drive. Along these sections of the Guadalupe River, in-stream structures have significant erosion, and restoration of those embankments are needed to avoid risk of impacting neighboring properties.

Project activities at the Guadalupe River and Malone Road Project site include tree removal, creating an active water bypass system throughout the length of the Project site, and installation of a concrete slope paving with compacted earth backfill utilizing concrete slope protection and footing with embedded rock riprap in the eroded cavity and along the concrete footing.

Project activities at Guadalupe River and Blossom Hill Road Project site would include installation of an active dewatering system, debris removal, and replacing the failed gabion basket structure through the rock slope protection method.

Construction activities are anticipated to occur between summer 2026 to fall 2026.

Public Review: Valley Water will release the Draft IS/MND on the Project for public review beginning on **Thursday, June 26, 2025**, and ending on **Monday, July 28, 2025**. The Draft IS/MND may be reviewed at valleywater.org/public-review-documents.

The Draft IS/MND is also available for in-person review during normal business hours at:

- Valley Water HQ Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San José, CA 95118
- City of San José, Pearl Avenue Branch Library, located at 4270 Pearl Ave. San José, CA 95136

The public comment period on the Draft MND will run for 30 days upon Valley Water's electronic posting of the document beginning **Thursday, June 26, 2025**. The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. on **Monday, July 28, 2025**.

Comments: Written comments can be emailed to GuadatmaloneMND@valleywater.org. Please include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and add "Guadalupe River Bank Stabilization Project: Malone Road and Blossom Hill Road" in the subject line.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be submitted electronically via email or by hard copy via US mail by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025.

Comments by US Mail should be sent to:

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