

Notice of intent to adopt a **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**



Topic: Tularcitos Creek Downstream North Hillview Drive Levee Repair Project

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 Tularcitos Creek Downstream North Hillview Drive Levee Repair Project, 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 Tularcitos Creek Downstream North Hillview Drive Levee Repair Project 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 Tularcitos Creek Downstream North Hillview Drive Levee Repair Project is intended to address damage to the west bank levee caused by rodent burrowing and associated erosion and to protect property and public safety by reducing the risk of continued erosion. The project would repair approximately 2,932 LF of the existing levee, and the total area of temporary disturbance would be approximately 2.7 acres. The west bank levee would be reconstructed using SMP-2 Method 1A, which involves installation of a buried rock structure (rock buttress) to protect against erosion scour, stabilize the channel embankment, and provide a stable foundation for the repair, which is currently compromised by saturated soils.

Construction activities are anticipated to occur between summer 2027 to fall 2027.

Public Review: Valley Water will release the Draft IS/MND on the project for public review beginning on **Monday, August 10, 2026**, and ending on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**. 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 Milpitas, Milpitas Library, located at 160 N Main St, Milpitas, CA 95035

The public comment period on the Draft MND will run for 30 days upon Valley Water's electronic posting of the document beginning **Monday, August 10, 2026**. The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026**.

Comments: Written comments can be emailed to ltruong@valleywater.org.

Please include the name and mailing address of the commenter in the body of the email and add "Tularcitos Creek Downstream North Hillview Drive Levee Repair Project" 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 Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Comments by US Mail should be sent to:

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