

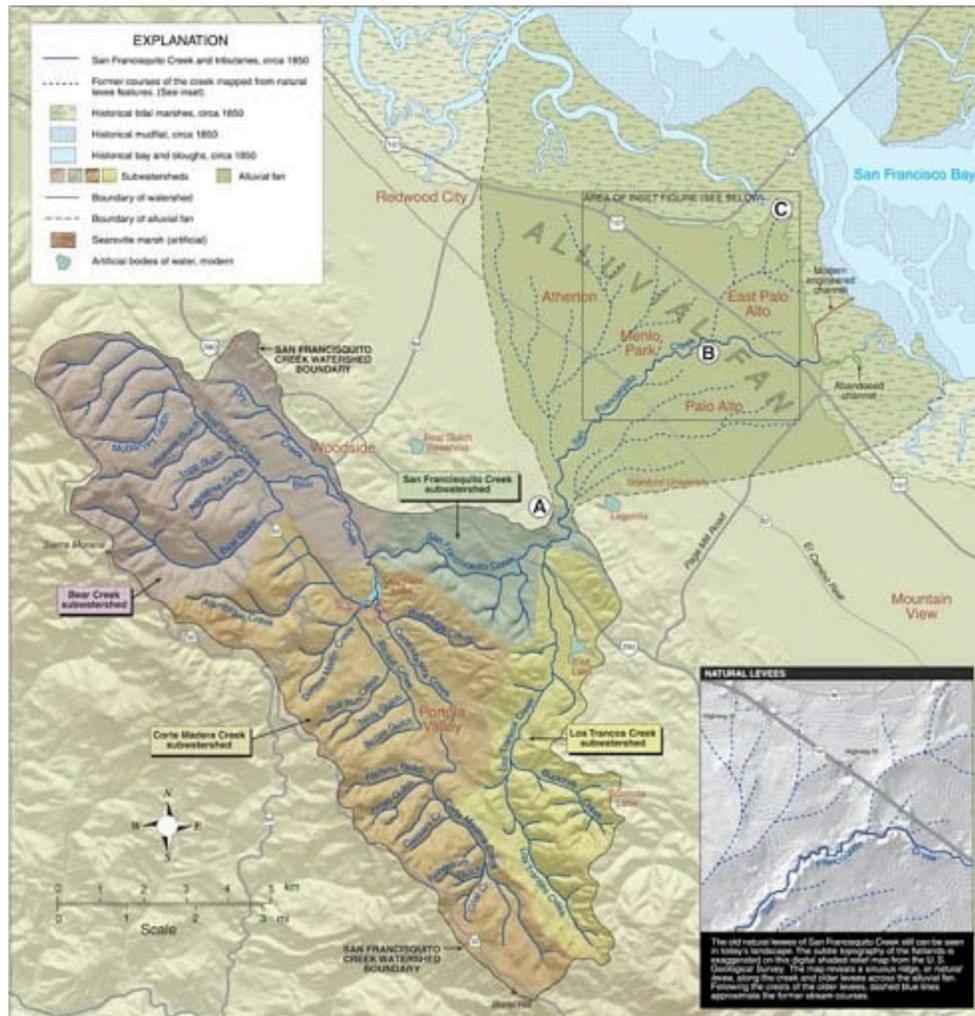


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San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

Mitigating Flood Risks. Protecting a Shared Natural Treasure.

SFCJPA Early Fall 2024 Newsletter



CALL TO ACTION - PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY

If you are a watershed resident or stakeholder, we are interested in your input on the criteria we will use to guide our selection of future, additional San Francisquito Creek flood risk reduction project elements.

You can take the survey at this link:

<https://forms.gle/ichfvNwsFWqnmCWy5>

Please fill out the survey by Friday, October 25, 2024. Please share with others who may be interested.

The SFCJPA board will discuss the results of the survey to-date and provide their input at the October 24 SFCJPA board meeting. The results of the survey will also be shared on the SFCJPA website.

Project Updates

There is a lot of work happening 'behind the scenes' for the Reach 2 creek project and the SAFER Bay project.

SAFER Bay - Geotechnical investigations are underway in various locations around Menlo Park, around the PG&E substation, Meta campus, and Bayfront Expressway. Some portions of the Bay Trail will be closed briefly for this work. Learn more about the project: [SAFER Bay Project](#).

Reach 2 - Our consultant, WRA Environmental, has updated the HEC-RAS model to better reflect the actual topography of the creek. The hydrology using the new terrain has now been certified by the Army Corps of Engineers, and they are now following their process to certify the hydraulics. Modeling the hydrology gives us a better understanding of how much water enters the creek system due to precipitation, while modelling the hydraulics helps us understand how the water flows through the creek.

The Army Corps certification process is anticipated to be complete by early November. Learn more about the project: [Reach 2 - Upstream Project](#).

Upcoming Events

SAFER Bay Project Tour

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM

We will meet at the Vista Point, just before the Dumbarton Bridge off Highway 84, at the end of the parking lot.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/dyzWjhAXLCP1TQwB7>

The SFCJPA team is glad to provide project tours or presentations about the watershed and our projects to interested groups or community members. Please contact us if you are interested in arranging a creek project or shoreline project tour at mbruce@sfcjpa.org

Climate Summit for San Mateo County

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, All day

South San Francisco Conference Center: 255 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco <https://www.climatesummitmc.org/>

Flyway Trail Opening Celebration

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10 AM - 1 PM

Join us for an exciting Flyway Trail Opening Celebration at the Ravenswood portion of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. It will be a fun-filled day of exploring nature, meeting new friends, and enjoying delicious food. <https://www.fws.gov/event/new-flyway-trail-opening-celebration>



Emergency Preparedness and Planning

September was National Emergency Preparedness Month and October marks the anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake. This fall, before the rainy season starts, is a good time to review your emergency preparedness plans and supplies.

- * Discuss what you will do in an emergency (like a fire, a flood, or an earthquake) with your family - have a plan of action.
- * Make sure your basic emergency supplies are up-to-date and accessible: a 'go bag' with a change of clothes and basic personal care supplies, a phone charger, a first aid kit, a flashlight, three days of food and medications for yourself and any pets. More tips and helpful information about emergency preparedness and planning can be found here: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html>

SFCJPA Member Agency Coordination

Each year, the members of the SFCJPA (Palo Alto, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, OneShoreline, and Valley Water), together with public safety professionals from the region, meet to discuss potential storm and flooding emergencies. All SFCJPA members share information and emergency resources, and coordinate communications to be better prepared for winter emergencies.

"September 21st was the 35th annual coastal cleanup since the first cleanup in 1989. About 100 volunteers collected 6 dumpsters worth of trash and recyclables from three locations on the San Francisquito Creek. Everybody had a great time."

- Jerry Hearn

We have included you in our distribution because you have participated in one or more of our community meetings, your organization or community members may be impacted by the work of the SFCJPA, or you are directly involved in the SFCJPA's projects.

We do not share your contact information with anyone!

Please feel welcome to forward to anyone we may have missed.

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