



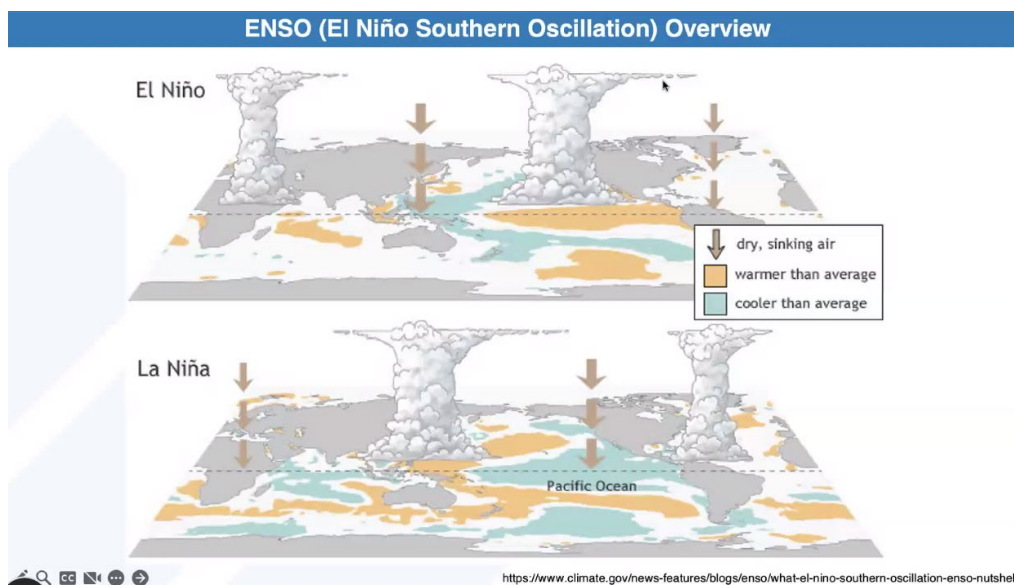
Agenda Item 7. A. Presentation on Winter Storm Preparation and Discussion of Planned and Potential Preparation Efforts in response to potential El Niño conditions

In response to Board requests for a Study Session on this topic, the following is a summary of preparation efforts by the SFCJPA and members to prepare for the predicted El Niño this winter. Preparations are based on the following categories:

1. Pre-storm preparations
2. Storm Monitoring
3. Emergency Response

First, what is El Niño and what are the latest predictions?

This is borrowed, with permission from a presentation by Dr. Mike DeFlorio, Lead Researcher at Scripps Western Weather and Water Extremes titled “Special Update on El Niño” at the 2nd AQPI conference on 9/17/2025 held at Valley Water.

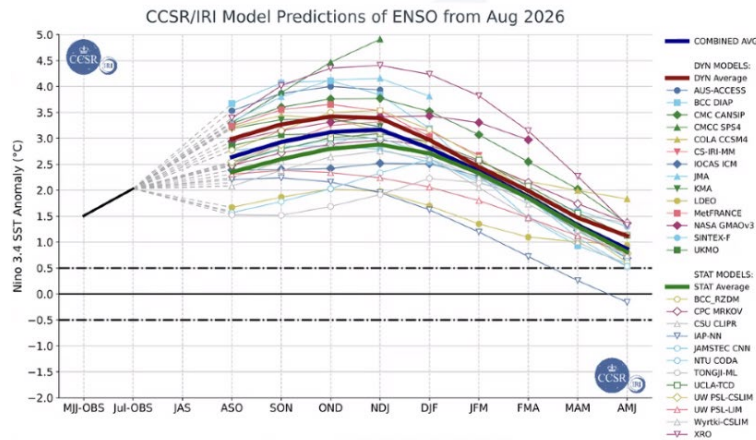


El Niño and La Niña are opposite phases of climate patterns in the Pacific Ocean called the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO). El Niño has warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific. La Niña has cooler-than-average temperatures in the same region. During El Niño, easterly trade winds weaken or reverse. During La Niña, trade winds become even stronger than usual. El Niño pushes warm water



eastward toward the Americas. La Niña pushes warm water westward toward Asia and Indonesia, increasing cold-water upwelling near South America.

Latest ENSO Forecasts: August 2026

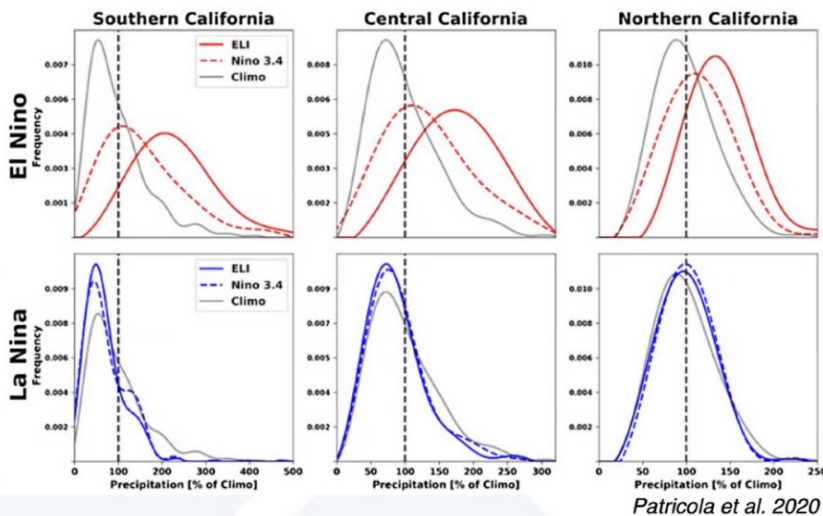


Weak: 0.5 to 0.9°C
Moderate: 1.0 to 1.4°C
Strong: >1.5°C
Very Strong: >2.0°C

→ All dynamical and statistical models are predicting a strong/very strong El Niño to peak in intensity in autumn/early winter

→ Ensemble mean prediction favors slightly stronger peak El Niño intensity in late autumn/early winter compared to July 2026 forecasts

How do strong El Niños skew the probability of DJF precipitation across California?



Strong El Niño years tend to shift the odds toward wetter Southern California winters, but the relationship weakens farther north and does not guarantee specific outcomes.

Wet El Niño response is stronger and more consistent than dry La Niña response, likely due to the disruptive role of atmospheric rivers (Luna-Niño et al. 2025, CW3E).

Patricola et al. 2020

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Both can bring rain, and the strong El Niño is predicted to peak in early winter from October, November and December. It may or may not bring more rain than average but is expected



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to bring higher tides. However, we can still feel effects strongly in February and March, so we need to be vigilant and watch the weather forecasts.

1. Pre-storm Preparations

All SFCJPA members are preparing for winter storms. A list of known activities is described below:

- Annual creek maintenance – inspections completed August 25 and 27
- Trash and debris removal – City of East Palo Alto is hiring a contractor to remove trash in the creek and recently removed several encampments that were a health and safety risk.
- Coordinated Public outreach meeting – a joint meeting is planned with cities to prepare for rainy season
- Cities will be inspecting and clearing storm drains
- Sandbags will be available for use as temporary flood barriers; cities plan to have sandbags out earlier than usual
- Staging excavators at Pope Chaucer and University Avenue bridges to remove debris from creek

The San Francisquito Creek Multi-Agency Coordination (SFC MAC) holds an annual exercise in early December and is currently coordinating on evacuation routes. The MAC allows shared resources so that workers can cross jurisdictional boundaries during an emergency.

2. Storm Monitoring

The SFC MAC has appointed Subject Matter Experts (SME) from member agencies that monitor weather conditions. SMEs consult the latest forecast from NOAA, including, as available Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) methodology and models. The following four types of actions are part of the holistic response system for San Francisquito Creek:

- Preparedness
- Monitoring
- Watch
- Warning



The types of personnel that are coordinating include emergency response include police/fire, maintenance , SMEs, and Public Information Officers. Tabletop exercises are led by the SFC MAC each year to simulate responses to flood scenarios.

The SMEs coordinate and can activate the MAC after evaluating a variety of factors, including but not limited to stream gage and past rainfall data, rain predictions, soil saturation and tide level. The SMEs will be closely monitoring conditions and will typically convene via email and calls to discuss what the patterns are looking like. They know every storm is different, and that San Francisquito Creek can change from watch to flooding rapidly, with less than 45 minutes from the USGS gage at Stanford's golf course to creek outbreaks downstream in the constrained Urban reach.

3. Emergency Response

If the SMEs activate the SFC MAC, public information messaging is sent out to the target area in Santa Clara County and San Mateo County emergency alert systems. Emergency response personnel are activated for downed trees, power lines, flooded roads or other emergency situations.

Maintenance personnel will be on hand to remove debris from the creek using staged excavators to address downed trees or branches at both Pope Chaucer Bridge and University Ave Bridge.

Response activities continue until the threat has subsided. Following that, a post-mortem is held to determine what went well and what could be improved.

San Francisquito Creek Multi-Agency Coordination

The 2019 San Francisquito Creek Multi-Agency Coordination (SFC MAC) Operational Plan is the Standard Operating Procedure used by the SMEs. The MAC was created in 2015 via an agreement between cities and counties to allow a coordinated response to emergencies in San Francisquito Creek. The SMEs understand that no storm is the same and a variety of conditions can influence creek overbanking. The final decision to activate flood watch and warnings is based on human decision-making by SMEs and the SFC MAC.

Triggers for action are based on this approach that considers a variety of factors- past rainfall, soil saturation, continued rain predictions tidal levels. One change since 2022-2023 is that NOAA now provides probability curves for storm amounts so that a lower probability, but high impact storm can be better assessed.



The USGS monitoring data at the Stanford rain gage is found at this link:

[https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/USGS-11164500/#dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&period=P7D&showFieldMeasurements=true)

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Table 4: SFC MAC Progression Triggers

#	Progression Level	Potential Trigger	Notify	Authority and Activity	Location
0	Preparedness Non-threatening conditions exist	Non-emergency	Agency Coordinators (AC)	Information monitoring and information exchange; training	Remotely in meetings or with virtual tools
1	Monitoring Conditions exist from predicted storms that could cause flooding	Weather forecast and gauge readings	Subject Matter Experts (SME)	SMEs conduct formal monitoring, based on conditions and/or guidance SMEs confer with ACs to determine need to activate Watch Level	Remotely in meetings or with virtual tools
			Public Information Officers (PIO)	Provide public information as needed	Remotely with virtual tools
2	Watch Conditions exist from storms that indicate flooding may occur	Determined by Palo Alto AC; while consulting the SMEs	Agency Coordinators (AC)	ACs confer with each other to determine response coordination needs and resource requests; ACs confer need to activate Warning Level	Remotely with virtual tools
			PIO	Provide information to the public; consider use of a Joint Information System or Center (JIS or JIC)	Remotely with virtual tools
3	Warning Conditions exist that flooding is imminent or has occurred	Determined by Palo Alto AC, especially if the creek is nearing capacity at known flood points	Agency Representative * (AR)	ARs meet and confer. Among issues listed on page 2 of this plan and the requirements of their jurisdictions' EOC, ARs discuss common priorities and actions, address limited or scarce resources, and collaborate on addressing public safety.	Prefer at a MAC Facility; if needed, remotely with virtual tools
			PIO	Provide information to the public; consider use of a JIS or JIC; coordinate w.r.t. NWS messaging	Prefer at a MAC Facility; if needed, remotely with virtual tools

Other San Francisquito Creek notifications are summarized below:

1. NOAA categories using USGS at San Francisquito Gage at Stanford University

<https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/sfcc1>

CATEGORY	STAGE
> Major Flooding	13.5 ft
> Moderate Flooding	12.8 ft
> Minor Flooding	12 ft
> Action	11 ft



2. 2025 Valley Water San Francisquito Creek Emergency Action Plan

<https://fta.valleywater.org/dl/KvtDfM47MyXQ>

PREPAREDNESS	This is the base stage of readiness that will be the typical condition throughout most of the year. An Emergency Management Organization (EMO) is not active at this level. It is defined as: • Flood stage (Minor Flooding or greater) is not estimated within the next 72 hours or • Measured stream depth is below 50% of flood stage.
MONITORING	This condition is variable and requires more intense monitoring and a heightened level of alertness. An EMO, which includes an SFC MAC, may be minimally active to monitor for any developing flood concern. This condition is defined as: • Flood stage may occur in 48 to 72 hours, or • Measured stream depth is at 50% to 70% of flood stage, or • For areas that are controlled purely by storm drain runoff (flashy systems), the stream depth is estimated to reach flood stage within 24 hours.
WATCH	Flood level or a serious flood threat is expected to occur. An EMO, which includes the SFC MAC, may be activated at an appropriate level. This is generally defined as: • Stream depth is estimated to reach flood stage or greater within 24 to 48 hours, or • Measured stream depths are at 70% to 100% of flood stage, or • For areas that are controlled purely by storm drain runoff (flashy systems), the stream depth is estimated to reach flood stage within 6-12 hours.
WARNING	This is a more urgent situation with flooding imminent or occurring. The EMO, including an SFC MAC, are generally active. This level is generally defined as: • Flood stage or greater is occurring or is estimated to occur within 24 hours, or • For areas that are controlled purely by storm drain runoff (flashy systems), the stream depth is estimated to reach flood stage or greater within minutes/hours or is occurring.
<u>Note:</u> Flood stage is the depth of water at which a stream or facility begins flooding (see link above for Glossary of Terms).	

What are other agencies doing in the Bay Area?

Here is a snapshot of a few:

Contra Costa County: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4923/Flood-Forecast-Tool>



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When to Consider Taking Action

Contra Costa County is susceptible to flash flooding. If you live in a flood-prone area, you should have a [personal evacuation plan](#) and keep an eye on weather and antecedent conditions.

As a storm progresses, the following approximate trigger intensities have historically produced local flooding:

In West or Central County

1.00" in a 2-hour period, or 0.70" or more in a 1-hour period.

In East County

0.60" to 0.70" in a 2-hour period, or 0.40" or more in a 1-hour period.

Marin County: <https://flooddistrict.marincounty.gov/flood-protection/> also considers tide level, atmospheric rivers and compounding effects.

For more information, see "Marin agencies prepare for El Niño flooding threat," *Marin Independent Journal*: <https://www.marinij.com/2026/08/22/marin-agencies-prepare-for-el-nino-flooding-threat/>

Conclusions

San Francisquito Creek has a solid plan and resources to address flooding. However, the most important individual for keeping you safe is YOU.

Make sure that you have an emergency plan, are trained on how to floodproof your home, and know safe driving practices. Do not drive into waterlogged streets. Depths may be misleading and there may be hidden potholes or debris or downed power lines.

Partial List of Resources (many others are linked within these two):

<https://www.sfcjpa.org/rain-and-streamflow-gages-winter-readiness>

[Creek Monitor & Camera – City of Palo Alto, CA](#)



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To report creek or tidal flooding, blocked storm drains, fallen trees, or other storm-related hazards in your city:

East Palo Alto: 650-321-1112

ci.east-palo-alto.ca.us/publicworks/page/flood-protection-disaster-preparation

Menlo Park: 650-330-6300 menlopark.gov/storms
menlopark.gov/Services/ACT-Menlo-Park

Palo Alto: PaloAlto.gov/StormUpdate

SFCJPA: 650-643-1450
sfcjpa.org/report-a-problem

Agenda Item 7. B. – Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-09-24-B) Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a no-cost Amendment Number 4 to add to the scope of Task Order 4 of HDR Engineering Inc.'s Master Service Agreement for the SAFER Bay Project

Background

On October 24, 2013, SFCJPA entered into a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) for Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems and Recreation along the Bay (SAFER Bay) Project, Evaluation, Design and Environmental Services. HDR agreed to perform services in accordance with Task Orders issued by SFCJPA.

Four Task Orders have been issued under the MSA. Task Orders 1 and 2 were closed by 2019, and Task Order 3 was closed by January 26, 2023. All work on various task orders remains under the MSA not-to-exceed cap of \$7,600,000. With the execution of all work under the MSA, the total is estimated not to be below this cap and should not exceed \$7,460,000.

HDR has been working on Task Order 4 of the Master Services Agreement in accordance with two grants: one from the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in the amount of \$1,045,625, and one from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) in the amount of \$4,980,000.

The SFCJPA has periodically modified the Task Orders to fully utilize grant funding without exceeding grant limits. This is expected to be the final amendment to Task Order 4.

The purpose of this amendment is to use underspent funding in the engineering task of the SFBRA grant, which has approximately \$400,000 in remaining funding (including estimated work in progress through September 8, 2026). The SFBRA grant manager has agreed that geotechnical drilling in the SF2 pond area is an acceptable use of underspent engineering grant funds.

This amendment is a no-cost scope change to add geotechnical engineering work to Task Order 4. This complicated work requires an amphibious rig; permitting is nearing completion for the work planned to occur October 19, 2026.

A summary of Task Order 4 is provided below:

Amendment Nos.	Date executed	Amount	Summary Scope
Original	1/26/2023	\$1,320,210	Planning and design work funded by SFBRA and DWR. Note that the DWR grant was used, along with cities' match funding prior to the \$1,000,000 SFBRA grant award.
First Amended	9/7/2023	\$3,286,292	Amended to use augmented funding of \$3,980,000 funding from SFBRA. SOW to complete CEQA and 10- to 30% designs for the entire SAFER Bay Project.
Second Amended	4/21/2025	\$713,977	Amended to support permitting of SAFER Bay project, using funding from Amendment 3 to DWR grant.
Third Amended	12/2/2025	\$347,793	Expanded scope of work for EIR materials preparation, stakeholder engagement and community meeting support, and integration of agency comments and requirements regarding project permits.
Fourth Amended		No-cost	No cost scope change to use underspent tasks for planned geotechnical drilling.
	TOTAL	\$5,668,272	

Recommendation –

Approve the resolution authorizing the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a no-cost Amendment Number 4 to add to the scope of Task Order 4 of HDR Engineering Inc.'s Master Service Agreement for the SAFER Bay Project.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-09-24-B

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A NO-
COST AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO TASK ORDER 4 OF THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HDR
ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE SAFER BAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (“SFCJPA”) entered into a Master Service Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems and Recreation along the Bay (SAFER Bay) Project Evaluation, Design and Environmental Services on October 24, 2013, through which HDR Engineering, Inc. agreed to perform services in accordance with Task Orders issued by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, HDR Engineering, Inc. has been performing this work to the satisfaction of the SFCJPA and member cities, and additional geotechnical drilling work is necessary to be performed beginning on October 19, 2026, in the SF2 Pond area using underspent engineering task funding in SFBRA grant; and

WHEREAS, a no-cost amendment to modify the scope of Task Order 4 will allow HDR Engineering, Inc., to perform such geotechnical drilling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute a no-cost Amendment Number 4 to Task Order 4 of the Master Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc.

Approved and adopted on Thursday, September 24, 2026, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Chairperson

Date:

Clerk of the Board as attester



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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Legal Counsel

Date:

Agenda Item 8.A. – Interim Executive Director’s Report – September 24, 2026

Reach 2 Project Updates

Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant No. 4600015417 funding of \$5,955,258:

The SFCJPA sent a letter on 9/15 to close out the Local Project Sponsor Agreement with San Francisco Estuary Partnership. As described last month, funding is being returned because the Department of Water Resources could not extend the schedule due to State budget constraints.

Work Progress:

The engineering design team is preparing 15% design concepts for the following Reach 2 Project Alternatives:

Alternative 1: Pope Chaucer Bridge Replacement and Floodwalls

- New floodwalls from Highway 101 to upstream of the Pope Chaucer Bridge and upstream of the Middlefield Road Bridge.
- Existing permanent and temporary floodwalls to be replaced with permanent structures (University Ave wooden parapet wall, EPA concrete gravity walls, concrete masonry wall along Edgewood around West Bayshore).
- Pope Chaucer Bridge replacement

Alternative 2: Alt 1 Elements plus Creek Widening

- New floodwalls from Highway 101 to upstream of Pope Chaucer Bridge and upstream of Middlefield Road Bridge
- Existing permanent and temporary floodwalls to be replaced with permanent structures (University Ave wooden parapet wall, EPA concrete gravity walls, concrete masonry wall along Edgewood around West Bayshore).
- Pope Chaucer Bridge replacement.
- Widening at Sites 1-4b

Alternative 3: Alt 2 Elements plus New Widening near Palm Street and Removal/Replacement of Two Private Pedestrian Bridges

- New floodwalls from Highway 101 to upstream of Pope Chaucer Bridge and upstream of Middlefield Road Bridge.
- Existing permanent and temporary floodwalls to be replaced with permanent structures. (University Ave wooden parapet wall, EPA concrete gravity walls, concrete masonry wall along Edgewood around West Bayshore).
- Pope Chaucer Bridge replacement
- Widening at Sites 1-4b

- Widening Palm Street area
- Modification/Removal of the two pedestrian bridges between University and Pope Chaucer bridges

The 15% designs will be accompanied by renderings of each alternative to illustrate what the Reach 2 project could look like at several locations within each city.

As discussed last month, the widening locations have been optimized and vary slightly than those presented in the 2025 public draft [Alternatives Evaluation Technical Report](#) based on the updated HEC-RAS model. The SFCJPA and members will rank the alternatives in accordance with the criteria in the public Draft Alternatives Evaluation Report.

Schedule:

January 2027: The three draft 15% design concepts will be preliminarily evaluated by member staff.

February and March 2027: Public outreach to solicit comments and provide input on the three alternatives in February and March 2027.

April 2027: Board selection of a preferred overall Reach 2 alternative.

The preferred Reach 2 alternative will be advanced to 30, 60, and 90% design, with final design and project bid estimated by *October 2030*.

Opportunities for Public Input on overall Reach 2 Project:

Public outreach meetings on the three alternatives are planned for February and March 2027.

Three meetings will be held – one in each member city to obtain community and other stakeholder feedback prior to the Board selection of a preferred alternative.

Alternatives NOT being considered:

- Bypass tunnel: As described last month, the SFCJPA and members have determined that a [bypass tunnel](#) is not feasible for the Reach 2 area.
- Upstream detention is not available as an alternative at this time because the area proposed for upstream detention basin is planned for this same use by Stanford University as part of their Searsville Project.

Stanford plans to provide an update to the SFCJPA Board at the October 2026 meeting.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – CAP205:

The USACE team is working through updates to reconfirm their Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) and draft Feasibility Study in the next few months. USACE is working closely with the WRA design team to ensure consistency with the overall Reach 2 project. USACE scope under the Continuing Authority Program (CAP) is widening at Sites 3 and 4.

Annual Stream Maintenance

Annual Maintenance Walk Actions: The annual creek maintenance walk occurred on August 25 and 27 from Sand Hill Road/Oak Creek Apartments in the upper watershed to Highway 101. The following was observed:

- Sediment that was observed under the Pope Chaucer Bridge last year has mobilized downstream.
- Some sediment underneath Caltrans Highway 101 has also mobilized downstream.

The SFCJPA has a contract with Grassroots Ecology who will be removing vegetation on the sediment mound upstream of Highway 101 and invasive ivy that can clog the creek in anticipation of the El Niño winter.

The maintenance teams evaluated trees that are in danger of falling into the creek with exposed roots and other potential blockages. All the trees that had exposed roots have been observed in previous years. Because the trees are all native oaks, the locations will be monitored. We are determining if preemptive trimming to reduce crown may be considered emergency action. We observed some landscaping debris dumped in the creek that will be removed and are monitoring areas where aging sacked concrete has been undercut or has been undermined by trees.

Creek Maintenance Permitting: We are on track to submit creek maintenance permit applications and complete CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration in time for the SFCJPA members to conduct maintenance work in 2027. This month's progress included member review of the Project Description and review of several chapters of the draft Creek Maintenance Plan.

Newell Road Bridge Replacement

The Newell Road Bridge Replacement project is moving forward with construction; the completion date is March 2027. See updates at:

<https://www.paloalto.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/public-works/engineering-services/webpages/pe-12011-newell-road-san-francisquito-creek-bridge/newell-road/monthly-report-3-aug-2026.pdf>

As the permit holders, the SFCJPA and the City are responsible for ensuring permit compliance. In addition, the SFCJPA is leading on Newell Road Bridge mitigation, which involves five to 10 years of monitoring and reporting for the project after the new bridge construction is complete.

SAFER Bay Project Updates

The team is moving forward with completing work under the current grants with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and the Department of Water Resources.

Member cities are working to meet their grant funding deadlines, with 100% design of the East Palo Alto reach submitted by October 2026 and 90% design of the Menlo Park reaches submitted by December 2026.

The SFCJPA is drafting on the Work Program for the awarded SFBRA Round 8 funding and plans to submit to the SFBRA for review in late September.

Caltrain Projects

The Caltrain *Bank Stabilization project* is nearing completion. All work on the Menlo Park side of the creek, including the new storm drain, has been completed. The layered stabilization wall on the Palo Alto side has been planted with willows and is expected to be complete by October 2026, ahead of schedule.

With the *Bank Stabilization project* nearing completion, the *Bridge Replacement Project* has begun. The Board may recall that the 124-year-old steel trestle bridge is structurally deficient. A design consultant was brought on board in July 2026. Initial planning for bridge replacement will begin with alternative design concepts and public outreach in 2027. Caltrain is estimating that construction will be completed in 2033.

Project Status Summary and Tracking (previously completed items have been deleted from this table)

Reach 1	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting	Review O&M recommendations, obtain needed approvals/permits, oversee field work, and annual reporting.	Annual Report due 12/31/2026 to Water Board and CDFW	Integral Consulting (formerly H.T. Harvey) contract that was on the 8/27 Board Agenda was executed September 15, 2026.
Reach 2	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	Arborist Survey of updated project area		Complete.	This task is complete. As planned, there is a small amount remaining in contract (\$13,000) for arborist consultation during design development.
	USACE CAP 205	Future Without Project (FWOP) evaluation, Future With Project (FWP) evaluation, Confirm Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP)		Continued progress with model and design coordination so that USACE component of the overall Reach 2 Project is integrated.
	Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for necessary project elements.	Existing contract in place with EMC Planning has been terminated. WRA will add SEIR task to their scope of work.	9-12 months from start to finish (or longer if more complex)	Contract closed and CEQA work will proceed under WRA's MSA.
	Mitigation for Newell Road Bridge Replacement Project	Final Mitigation Monitoring Plan	Completed Baseline Monitoring May 14, 2026 in accordance with approved MMP dated 1/16/2026	Mitigation plantings are growing in Grassroots Ecology's Native Plant Nursery in the Upper San

				Francisquito Creek Watershed. Contract executed 9/9 for ESA to complete 100% landscape design and bid support.
	Define project funding agreement principles and basic framework characteristics. Investigate Reach 2 financing options	Work with JPA members to lay the groundwork for a funding framework.		Early stages.
Stream Maintenance Permitting	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	CEQA	Project Description Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)	Certification of IS/MND planned February 2027	In progress. Draft Project Description completed.
	Technical Studies	Biological, wetland, cultural and other studies to support CEQA and permitting		Cultural report is complete. Biological studies are nearing completion.
	Creek Maintenance Plan (CMP)		Draft – Sept 2026 Final – Dec 2026	In progress. Staff are currently reviewing CMP chapters.
	Mitigation Monitoring Plan	Draft and final	Draft – March 2027 Final – May 2027	Not started
	Invasive Species Removal Plan	Draft and Final	TBD	Not started
	Draft Permit Applications		February 2027	Not started
SAFER Bay	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	SFBRA and DWR grants management		Quarterly reports and invoicing	Invoice #5 sent to DWR on 9/8

(Green = Completed/on track. Red = Not started, progress paused)

Running report of all active contracts less than \$50,000 (closed projects are greyed)

Contracted Entity	Purpose	Amount	Date
Nuestra Casa	Amendment to contract for SAFER Bay community outreach	\$10,500	May 11, 2026
Climate Resilient Communities	Amendment to contract for SAFER Bay community outreach	\$10,500	May 11, 2026
H.T. Harvey & Associates	Newell Road Bridge Mitigation, existing conditions survey	\$13,851	May 1, 2026
Black and Veatch	Finalize Bypass Tunnel Feasibility Study	\$24,605	April 24, 2026
Schaaf & Wheeler	ICM modeling for creek spill and flood map reconciliation with storm drain system capacities	\$49,400	April 16, 2026
Silicon Valley Environmental	Phase 1 Site Environmental Assessment of Reach 2, Widening Site 2 property	\$2,147	April 1, 2026
Schaaf & Wheeler	HEC-RAS Model Maintenance and Support	\$8,000 per year	March 19, 2026
Woodard & Curran	SAFER Bay grant administration support	\$28,750	March 3, 2026
Grassroots Ecology	Provision of native plants for Newell Road Bridge Project mitigation	\$23,250.17	January 8, 2026
Grassroots Ecology	Reach 1 and Reach 2 restoration support	\$17,500	October 28, 2025
Good Stuff Partners	Creation of document templates and agency branding support.	\$13,000	October 21, 2025
WRA, Inc.	Task Order 2.1 for review of USACE Agency Technical Review hydraulic model.	\$48,600	September 12, 2025
Hanford ARG	Second Amendment to the contract for Reach 1 maintenance. Includes two four-day weeding events in accordance with H.T. Harvey staff recommendations.	\$39,360	August 28, 2025
Black & Veatch	Preliminary feasibility assessment of bypass tunnel(s) to meet all or some of the necessary capacity increases in the Reach 2 project area.	\$49,730	August 11, 2025
Streamline, Inc.	Website development, technical support, assistance in transition from .org to .gov, ADA and multiple language support. Three-year contract.	\$10,080	August 2025

Future Board Meetings

Meetings are held at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month (Nov & Dec on 3rd Thursday due to holidays).

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are hosted at the City of Menlo Park's City Council Chambers: 751 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Date	Planned Agenda Topics
October 22, 2026	Presentation by Stanford University on Searsville Project
November 19, 2026	Reach 2 Update
December 17, 2026	Board Approval of 2027/2028 Board Meeting Schedule
January 28, 2027 (draft)	Board Chair and Vice Chair elections and committee assignments
February 25, 2027 (draft)	Reach 2 Update