

## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Approval Date: September 26, 2019  
State Clearinghouse No. 2013062019  
Project Title: **San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, and Recreation Project Upstream of Highway 101**  
Project Location: Cities of East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto/Unincorporated San Mateo County  
Lead Agency: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority  
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Project Sponsor: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority  
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources (CEQA Guidelines), and Santa Clara County and San Mateo County requirements, this Notice of Determination is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

**Attached fees:**

\$50 processing fee (Santa Clara County) **AND**  \$3,271 EIR Fee (DFW)

\$50 processing fee (San Mateo County)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority's Board of Directors (Board) approved the San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, and Recreation Project Upstream of Highway 101 (Project) by Resolution Number 19-9-26-B on September 26, 2019. The Project as approved by the Board is described as follows.

- Replace the Pope-Chaucer Bridge with a new bridge that restores creek bed and function and increases hydraulic capacity from about 5,800 cubic feet per second (cfs) to about 7,500 cfs. The new creek bed would have pools and riffles, and other refugia for fish.
- Widen the creek at five locations downstream of the Pope-Chaucer Bridge by removing concrete structures, one at West Bayshore Road to align the Palo Alto creek bank with the recently rebuilt Highway 101 and the frontage roads bridge, and at four areas between Newell Road Bridge and Euclid Avenue. Three of the four areas would remove aging sacked concrete on the Palo Alto side of the creek and replace it with a retaining wall and natural channel features, and the final area of widening would remove a large concrete structure on the East Palo Alto side of the creek and replace it with a graded and planted natural creek bank.
- Create a permanent structure to replace an existing 1- to 3-foot wooden extension of the University Avenue Bridge parapet to prevent overtopping in that area.


This project is referred to as the "Channel Widening Alternative" or the "Preferred Project" or "Proposed Project" within the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and is described in greater detail in Section 2.8.2 of the Final EIR.

**DETERMINATION:**

1. The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority decided to carry out or approve the Project on September 26, 2019 (Resolution Number 19-9-26-B).
2. A Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) was prepared and, prior to approval of the Project, was certified on September 26, 2019 pursuant to CEQA (Resolution Number 19-9-26-A).
3. A determination was made that the Project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment and findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of Project approval and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, 615 B Menlo Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Signature (Public Agency):

  
Title: **Executive Director**

Date: **September 26, 2019**

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