

Notice of Intent to Adopt a
Mitigated Negative Declaration



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 Calabazas Creek Bank Rehabilitation Project was prepared to evaluate environmental impacts. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) 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 Title: Calabazas Creek Bank Rehabilitation Project

Project Description: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is proposing bank rehabilitation at 10 sites where creek banks have eroded. Bank rehabilitation work totals approximately 1,555 linear feet and 0.54 acre of work across approximately 0.7 mile of Calabazas Creek between Miller Avenue (downstream end) and Bollinger Road (upstream end) within the City of Cupertino. Generally, two bank rehabilitation treatments would be applied: riprap bank protection and sheet pile walls. Riprap bank protection involves the placement of large rocks or boulders along the bank to stabilize the bank, whereas sheet pile walls involve installation of vertical, metal walls to protect the bank from further erosion. Work would generally be conducted in three phases for each site: 1) site preparation, 2) bank protection, and 3) site restoration. Following the bank rehabilitation work, the Project area would be restored to a natural, riparian habitat to the maximum extent practicable.

Project Location: The project is located in Santa Clara County along the reach of Calabazas Creek between Miller Avenue and Bollinger Road within the City of Cupertino.

Public Review: The Draft MND can be accessed online at: <https://www.valleywater.org/CalabazasCreekRP>. Due to the current shelter in place order, hard copies of the Draft MND will not be available for public review. The public comment period on the Draft MND closes at 5 p.m. on October 19, 2020.

Contact: Comments on the Draft MND should be submitted by **5 p.m. on October 19, 2020**, either electronically to ahunt@valleywater.org or via mail to:

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