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Project Title: Coyote Creek Flood Protection Form

Lead Agency: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

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Project Location: San Jose Santa Clara
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project involves constructing and maintaining a series of flood risk reduction improvements to reduce the risk of flooding in urban areas along approximately 9 miles of Coyote Creek in the City of San José (City), Santa Clara County, California. The improvements would be implemented along Reaches 4 through 8 of Coyote Creek from the Montague Expressway to Tully Road in the City.

Flood risk reduction improvements identified for the project primarily consist of floodwalls, passive barriers, and berms that would be constructed along and adjacent to Coyote Creek. The project also includes construction of headwalls and wingwalls along the Charcot Avenue Bridge crossing and reinforcement of the bridge structure, and installation of flap gates within the City's stormwater conveyance system to prevent backflows during flooding events.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR identified significant environmental impacts for the following resource topics: air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; geology, soils, and seismicity; hazards and hazardous materials; noise and vibration; transportation and traffic; tribal cultural resources; and utilities and service systems. Many of these impacts were determined to be less than significant after implementing proposed mitigation measures. However, significant impacts would remain significant and unavoidable for noise and vibration. Mitigation would include BAAQMD construction BMPs, minimizing impacts on special-status bats, preconstruction cultural resource awareness trainings, monitoring and unanticipated discoveries plan, data recovery and treatment plan for historical resources that cannot be avoided, paleontological mitigation and monitoring plan, ensuring work safety in areas with elevated concentrations of lead, developing and implementing a hazardous materials management plan, developing and implementing a construction noise control plan, using alternative impact equipment for pile driving, use of temporary sound barriers, establishing a construction noise coordinator, implementing alternative construction methods to reduce vibration, developing and implementing a vibration control plan, implementing a traffic control plan and coordinating with local emergency service providers.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of communicated controversy related to the EIR identified in the EIR scoping process include, but are not limited to, the following:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife commented that the project, along with FERC Ordered Compliance Project Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project (CCFMMP) and other future larger-scale projects such as further flood protection projects, maintenance projects, other capital projects etc. could further impact a variety of habitat types and species.

Concerns were raised about holding annual events in William Street Park during project construction and how Valley Water would mitigate for tree removals.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2
California Department of Transportation, District 4
State Office of Historic Preservation
State Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency
City of San Jose