

Sunnyvale East and West Channels Flood Protection Project

You are invited

Date: Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Place: Fairwood Elementary School
1110 Fairwood Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94089

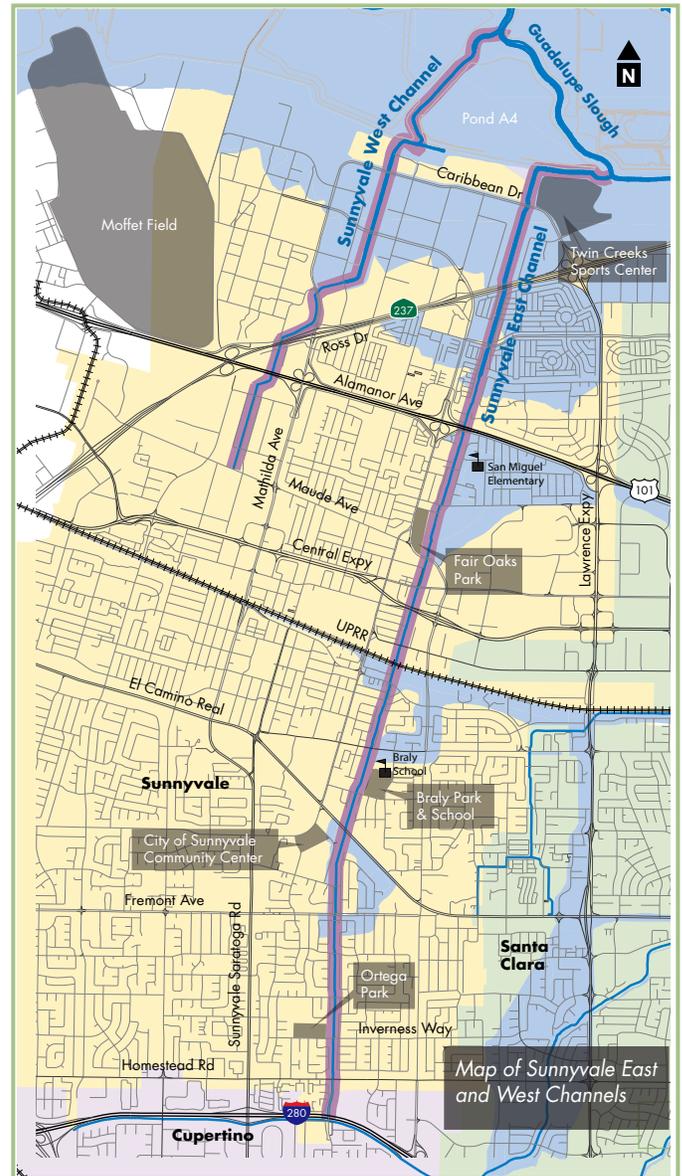
Please join the Santa Clara Valley Water District to learn about and comment on potential project elements of the Sunnyvale East and Sunnyvale West Channels Flood Protection Project.

The water district has been working with many stakeholders, including the City of Sunnyvale, community members, resource and government agencies throughout the design process.

Scoping meetings, such as this one, are part of a required process to describe the proposed project to the public and help define environmental issues to be studied in an environmental review of the project.

The project will provide 100-year (see explanation on back page) flood protection to homes, business and schools within the City of Sunnyvale. In addition, the project will provide channel-stabilization measures to reduce erosion and improve water quality.

The project design phase is scheduled for completion in December 2013. Upon approval, the project plans and specifications will go to bid, with construction slated to begin in the spring of 2014. The water district will continue to work with cities and the community throughout the project design and construction phases.



About the project

The Sunnyvale West Channel extends approximately three miles from just south of US Hwy 101 to the Guadalupe Slough. The Sunnyvale East Channel extends approximately six miles from Interstate 280 to the Guadalupe Slough.

This project is funded by the voter-approved Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection parcel tax passed in November 2000. The 15-year plan makes it possible to protect homes, schools and businesses from flooding, while improving the health of creek and bay ecosystems.

The overall Project goals are to:

- Provide levee flood protection for 1, 618 properties and 47 acres (11 properties) of industrial land
- Prevent potential damages caused by flooding
- Provide erosion reduction measures to improve stream water quality
- Revise FEMA flood hazard map to reflect 100-year protection
- Identify recreational and environmental enhancement opportunities



The 1% annual chance standard a.k.a. 1% flood or 100-year flood

The 1-percent annual chance standard measures the statistical chance of major flooding in any given year. The standard and the flood insurance rate maps which are based on it are designed for the National Flood Insurance Program to rate properties and to provide information on areas most likely to experience a major flood. This designated area is carefully considered in planning flood protection projects, issuing building permits and developing environmental regulations.

What is a scoping meeting?

A scoping is part of the environmental review process for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, commonly known as CEQA. The scoping process allows the public and other public agencies to communicate issues about the project so they are considered in the environmental review process.

Following project scoping, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared which describes the project and evaluates the potential project impacts.

If there are important environmental issues that the public wants considered, the time to identify those issues is at the scoping meeting.

In this way, an EIR can be structured to better address public and agency concerns, and help lead to better decision-making.

Contact us

For more information, contact **Stephen Ferranti** at **(408) 630-2677**, or visit our website at www.valleywater.org and use our **Access Valley Water** customer request and information system. With three easy steps, you can use this service to find out the latest information on the project or to submit questions, complaints or compliments directly to a district staff person.

