Uvas Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project

PRIORITY D  Restore wildlife habitat and provide open space

We’re working in your neighborhood creek!

Valley Water is committed to protecting our environment and is working to restore habitat along creeks and the bay. One such effort is the Uvas Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project.

This project will improve habitat for steelhead trout and other native fish by strategically placing logs and gravel in the creek. These specially engineered features will increase habitat for juvenile and adult fish. This project will take place along Uvas Creek between Santa Teresa Boulevard and Miller Avenue in the City of Gilroy.

Crews will install anchored logs into Uvas Creek, as strategically placed logs can give fish places to rest and evade predators.
What to Expect

Construction is expected to begin this summer and take a few months to complete. Work will occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturdays, when necessary.

Residents can expect typical construction noise, dust from operating heavy equipment, and a slight increase of traffic volume near the project site. Construction crews and equipment will access Uvas Creek from two staging areas: at the intersection of Grenache Way and Club Drive by Solorsano Middle School and at the intersection of Miller Avenue and Uvas Park Drive.

While all construction activities will take place within the creek, trucks and equipment will need to cross the trail to access and exit the project location. This will result in temporary and occasional trail disruption near the project location, but no trail closures are anticipated. Flaggers will be on site near access points to direct traffic, equipment and trail users. Signs will be placed on the trail to alert trail users of potential upcoming stops.

The creek work is part of the annual Stream Maintenance Program, funded by the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

For more information on the Stream Maintenance Program, please visit our website: [https://delivr.com/2gpuq](https://delivr.com/2gpuq).

For more information about this project, contact: Judy Nam at (408) 728-0451 or by email at jnam@valleywater.org.
About Valley Water

Valley Water manages an integrated water resources system that includes the supply of clean, safe water, flood protection and stewardship of streams on behalf of Santa Clara County’s 2 million residents. Valley Water is the flood protection authority for Santa Clara County, annually preparing creeks for winter rains through levee maintenance, sediment removal, bank repair and vegetation management. We have invested more than $1 billion in flood protection efforts to protect nearly 100,000 parcels with many more projects planned. Valley Water performs work annually under its Stream Maintenance Program to repair damages to creeks to reduce the risk of flooding and keep our communities safe.

Keep debris and trash out of our streams.

If you see a substance polluting a creek, pond or reservoir, call 1-888-510-5151 at any time.

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