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Fish habitat improvement project – Valley Water

Dear neighbors,

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is committed to protecting our environment by restoring habitat along creeks and the bay. One such effort is our Los Gatos Creek Gravel Augmentation and Large Woody Debris Project that will improve fish habitat.

This is a project that will enhance spawning and rearing opportunities for adult steelhead trout and salmon. As part of this project, crews will improve stream conditions for fish by placing spawning-sized gravels into the stream and anchoring large woody debris at strategic locations in the creek. These engineered log jams will provide fish places to rest and evade predators.

The project is in the City of Campbell on Los Gatos Creek downstream of the Highway 17 bridge and upstream of the Creekside Way bridge. The Los Gatos Creek Trail runs adjacent to the project area.

Construction is slated to begin in late June 2019 with a planned completion by the end of August 2019. Work will occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and when warranted, construction activities could occur on Saturdays.

Construction crews will use heavy machinery, trucks and tools such as excavators, loaders and dump trucks. Water trucks will be used to control dust on an as-needed basis. 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 the Los Gatos Creek from Campisi Way, through a private parking lot and a gate along the Los Gatos Creek Trail. Trucks are expected to drive to the site from Highway 17 and through Creekside Way toward Campisi Way.

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 trail disruption near the project location of up to 15 minute increments, 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.

This project is one of many being done between now and October 15 as part of Valley Water's Stream Maintenance Program. Projects types also include bank protection, sediment removal, vegetation management and invasive plant removal.

You can learn more about the program, view 2019 project statuses, and download or view a copy of a brochure by visiting <https://delivr.com/2gpuq>.

We thank you in advance for your patience during work hours. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact Judy Nam at (408) 630-2747 or by email at jnam@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,

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