

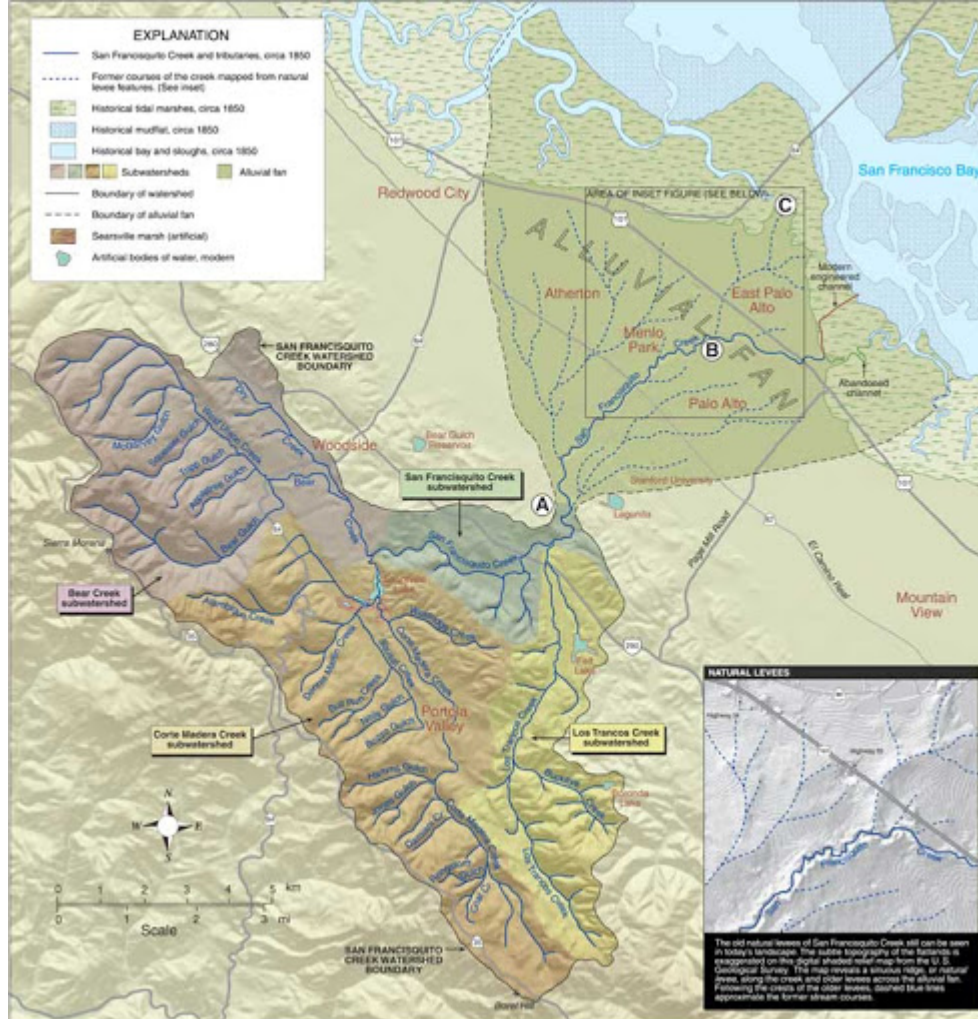


San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority

SFCJPA Fall 2021 Newsletter

Mitigating Flood Risks. Protecting a Shared Natural Treasure.

The San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (SFCJPA) was formed in 1999 after a serious flooding event in 1998. The SFCJPA leads projects that mitigate the risk of flooding along the San Francisquito Creek and the Bay. The SFCJPA is made up of the cities of East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and the San Mateo County Flooding and Sea Level Resiliency District and the Santa Clara Valley Water District



Map of the San Francisco Creek Watershed

Project Updates

Reach 2 Project Update

Save the date! October 25, 2021 Project Update Public Meeting -

The SFCJPA is collaborating with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the Reach 2 channel widening project elements. The USACE is leading on the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review. As part of that review, we will be hosting a joint project update and public meeting on Monday, October 25, to update the community on the Reach 2 project and serve as a scoping meeting for the purposes of NEPA and the USACE process. We will distribute more information about this public meeting as details are confirmed. The meeting recording and materials will be posted to the SFCJPA website after the meeting.

SAFER Bay Project Update

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant -

FEMA has identified the City of Menlo Park for a potential award of \$50M, which will fund a significant portion of the Menlo Park reaches of SAFER Bay Project. The City of Menlo Park plans to host a study session on this grant in October.

SAFER Bay Project CEQA Notice of Preparation -

We want your input! This fall, the SFCJPA will publish a Notice of Preparation (NOP) alerting agencies and community members that the SFCJPA plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the SAFER Bay project. It will be a programmatic EIR for SAFER Bay in East Palo Alto with project level evaluations for specific reaches. There will be many opportunities for community input and participation in the coming months.



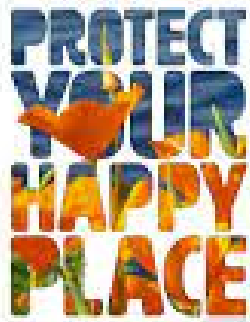
SFCJPA Board Meetings and Study Sessions

September 23, 3:30 P.M. Study session to discuss shoreline projects roles and responsibilities.

October 28, 3:30 P.M. Study session to discuss Reach 2 inter-agency funding agreement frameworks.

Events

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP 2021



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18TH
AND
SELF-GUIDED
CLEANUPS
ALL MONTH LONG



California Coastal clean-up day Saturday September 18

Our partners at [Grass Roots Ecology](#) are planning two Coastal Cleanup sites in the SFCJPA jurisdiction this year. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity- not only to meet new friends but provide visible improvement to our land! Please sign up for the event of your choice below:

[San Francisquito](#)

[Cooley Landing](#)

A friendly reminder – it is never appropriate to dispose of trash or yard waste in or near the creek channel. If you or your Menlo Park or East Palo Alto neighbors need assistance getting rid of bulky items (such as sofas, mattresses, shelves, appliances) please contact **Recology at 650-595-3900** or learn more at <https://www.recology.com/recology-san-mateo-county/bulky-items/>

If you need or your neighbors need bulky item assistance in Palo Alto, please contact - **GreenWaste of Palo Alto at 650-493-4894** or learn more at <https://www.greenwasteofpaloalto.com/>

Thank you for keeping your San Francisquito Creek watershed and Bay shoreline clean.

FEMA Risk Rating 2.0 Webinar

On August 24, the SFCJPA, its member agencies and community partners hosted a webinar on FEMA's new Risk Rating 2.0. FEMA is updating the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) risk rating methodology based on industry best practices. These best practices will be used to update flood insurance rates to better reflect real risks and be easier to understand. Materials from the webinar are now posted on the SFCJPA's website:












<https://www.sfcjpa.org/events>. FEMA is translating their slides into additional languages. Those materials will be posted when we receive them.

September is National Preparedness

Month

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE PREPARED. HERE ARE THINGS TO HAVE AND DO:

- | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Food and Water | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Extra Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Hazard Awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Cash | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Sign-Up for Local Emergency Alerts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Fuel | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Have an Emergency/ Evacuation Plan Ready |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Charge Phones | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Have an Emergency / First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Battery-Operated Radio | | | |

For more preparedness resources, visit the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) website at www.caloes.ca.gov.



Take this opportunity to review your family and business emergency preparedness and response plans. We are in fire season now, and floods may happen in the winter, but earthquakes can happen any time. Planning and preparing ahead protects your well-being and your property. Good resources for emergency planning and preparedness are available here:

Overall Planning: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/ICES...>

Earthquake: <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/contactus/menlo/prepare/>

Flood: <http://floodwarning.sfcjpa.org/>

Fire: <https://sf-fire.org/nert/disaster-preparedness-information-resources>

We have included you in our distribution because you have participated in one or more of our community meetings, your organization or community members may be impacted by the work of the SFCJPA, or you are directly involved in the SFCJPA's projects.

We do not share your contact information with anyone!

Please feel welcome to forward to anyone we may have missed.

You can unsubscribe at the link below.

San Francisco Creek Joint Powers Authority

2100 Geng Road, Suite 210, Palo Alto
CA 94303 United States

www.sfcjpa.org

You received this email because you signed up on our website or made a purchase from us.



[Unsubscribe](#)

mailer lite